

# HIGH STORRIANS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR OUR ALUMNI - AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD CLAIRE TASKER

Dear Alumni,  
Many thanks for your continued support of and interest in High Storrs School. You will see from this newsletter that we are celebrating an exceptional set of results, not just in terms on attainment and high grades but also in terms of progress from all starting points. It has been lovely to start the year with such positive news.



But September always whizzes by; not just in welcoming and settling new Y7s and new Y12s (nearly 500 in total) but also in welcoming new staff and setting up the rhythms and routines of the year. One thing that I get involved in through-out the year that gets VERY busy in September is supporting applicants to Oxford and Cambridge (and medicine, dentistry and veterinary science). This year we have over 20 students applying for a range of subjects. I am aware that some people can become nonplussed at so much talk and celebration of Oxbridge success, but it is something about which I personally am very passionate. I was an undergraduate at Cambridge and a post-graduate at Oxford. I attended a very normal state school in the north of England but was blessed to have teachers who encouraged me to aim for the highest academic standards. I want that opportunity for our most academic students too. And with that in mind I work with colleagues to develop a programme to support applications and the interview process.

And that is where you come in - if there are alumni who have experience of interviewing students for university, are academics or lawyers, doctors, architects, engineers or dentists I would be most eager to bother you for some help! Interviews do not need to be in person and only last about one hour. If you could help, please complete our [form](#) or let Paula know.

Best wishes,

*Claire Tasker*



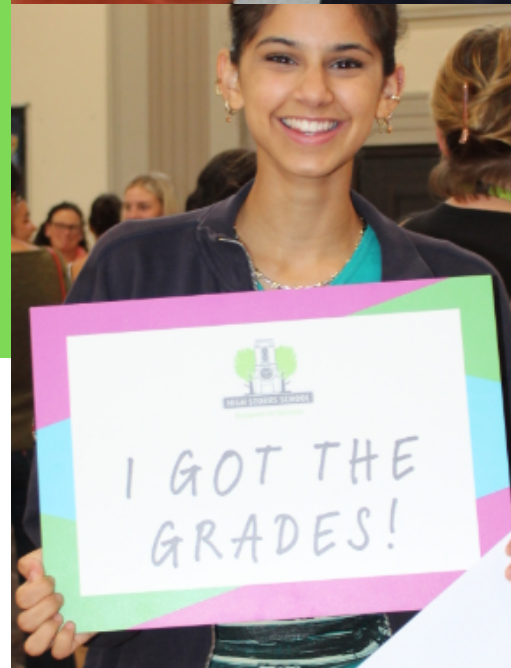
## A LEVEL RESULTS 2023

It is a very happy morning High Storrs school where we are celebrating 67% A\*-B grades and nearly 40% A\*-A grades – both percentages are higher than 2019. Students have achieved great success across the board with strong grades in all subjects and from all starting points. Head of Sixth Form, Laura Newell said *'We are so proud of our broad curriculum and inclusive offer that allows students to succeed in such a wide range of subjects including three languages, a strong science and maths offer and a range of creative subjects. And we are equally proud of the hard work and tenacity of our students and staff to achieve an average grade of a B in 720 exam entries.'*

The overall pass rate was very high at 99.4%. Headteacher Claire Tasker noted *'It has been quite a rocky road to this day for our 234 students who have navigated years of disruption and change but today they achieve wonderful results that will open so many doors for the future. Most students have achieved their choice of university places and others have secured places at prestigious dance, drama, music, and art schools'.*

### At a glance

- 238 students collected an outstanding set of results
- Nearly 40% of all grades are A\* or A
- 54 student achieved 3 or more A\*/A grades
- 67% of all results are at grade B or higher
- Students are off to a vast array of excellent Post 18 destinations, including apprenticeships, further education and university.



## GCSE RESULTS 2023

High Storrs students, staff and families are celebrating excellent GCSE results this year. 246 Y11 students achieved fabulous results across a wide range of subjects and 42% of all grades were the top grades of 7, 8 and 9! In total High Storrs students achieved a whopping total of 240 grade 9s. Over 90% of High Storrs students achieved the all-important grade 4s in English and Maths and over three quarters achieved grade 5s in both English and Maths.

Director of Key Stage 4, Tom Highnett was thrilled. *'We are so proud of our Y11 students. They have worked so hard for these great outcomes and today we celebrate their success and all the different paths they take into their futures. We are grateful for HSS families for working with us tirelessly supporting these wonderful young people'.*

Headteacher Claire Tasker commented *'We are a big school; we are a very full and busy school and staff have worked so hard to ensure all the disruption and challenges of the past few years have not derailed us. This group of Year 11 students have been an absolute joy. I am bursting with happiness to see them all celebrating today'.*

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## High Storrs Alumni - Supporting Oxford & Cambridge Applicants

If you would be happy  
supporting applicants  
to Oxford & Cambridge  
please complete our  
[form](#)  
Thank you



## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING LEAD PAULA LEE



Great News! Our Christmas Fayre is back for 2023 on **Saturday 2 December, 11am-4pm**. With over 70 stalls of gifts and crafts - its the perfect time to start your Christmas shopping - hope to see you there!

*Paula Lee*

## HEAD OF SIXTH FORM LAURA NEWELL

Thank you for your ongoing support of Sixth Form. In a few weeks a number of you are coming in to work with Y12 students for our annual 'Alumni Talks' event. After a keynote speech (this year delivered by the wonderful Kirsty Ayre), students will attend a subject/career specific talk.

We always try to get a good balance to meet the interests of our students, so sometimes can't accept everyone's generous offers to help. Thank you to everyone who responded to Paula about being able to help, and thanks to those of you who are coming in on 7 November.

We're also excited to be working with Sharron Lowe, who will be speaking to our Year 12 and Year 13 students in January.

*Laura Newell*



If you have anything that you think would be useful or other Alumni would be interested in please contact us [here](#) or email [communications@highstorrs-mlt.co.uk](mailto:communications@highstorrs-mlt.co.uk)