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Dear Parents

I am delighted to let you know that a record set of A Level results has been achieved by our Sixth Form students. Our exceptional A Level grades are a testament to the hard work of our talented students. I would especially like to thank the staff who create the St Augustine's culture of challenging girls to reach their potential.

Ridhi Thukral and Jasleen Deu achieved 7 straight A*s between them. Ridhi Thukral, Jasleen Deu, Jessica Francois-Davis, Katarina Krneta, Alexia Kirov, Aoife-Jane Moss, Shivali Sharma and Ririko Yoshie, who between them achieved 15 A*s and 8 A grades, also scored full marks in a total of eighteen A Level papers across English, History, Economics, Government and Politics, Mathematics, Russian and Creative Writing.

These, and all the girls' results, are phenomenal achievements of which the school is very proud. Ririko Yoshie, who arrived at St Augustine's Priory in 2014, is an outstanding student who is an example of how relentless hard work and determination can achieve amazing results. She arrived at the school from Japan, determined to study Maths and Physics but with very limited English. She mastered English in two years and leaves the school with A*s in Maths and Japanese, grade As in Further Maths and Physics and a B in Economics - as well as with prodigious musical accomplishments.

Altogether 71% of the total grades achieved in A Levels were A* to B. In a wide range of subjects including Further Maths, Economics, History, Art, French, Drama, Creative Writing, Music and Russian, girls scored only A*, A and B grades.

In addition, the following statistics will give you an idea of the splendid achievements at A Level this year:

- 37% of A Level grades are A* or A,
- 71% of A Level grades are A* to B,
- 100% of EPQ grades were A* or A (Extended Project Qualification),
- Nearly 20% of all A Level candidates achieved at least 2A*s,
- 60% of all our A Level candidates achieved A*to B,
- 67% of History candidates scored A* or A (38% scored A*),
- 66% of Chemistry, Biology and Physics grades were A*- B,
- 66% of Creative Writing candidates scored A* or A (33% scored A*),

- Almost 60% of Economics candidates scored A* or A (28% scored A*),
- 55% of Government and Politics candidates scored A* or A (22% A*),
- 43% of Mathematics candidates scored A* or A (28% scored A*).

Ambitious degree courses at world class universities characterise this year group with girls studying History as well as English at UCL, PPE at LSE, Russian at Edinburgh, Politics and also English at Bristol, Music at the Royal Academy and Mechanical Engineering at Liverpool.

We commence the programme of further exciting enhancements to our Sixth Form (called Priory 6 going forward) in September 2016. With a new Sixth Form centre, multimedia suite, study areas as well as an extensive co-curricular programme and high expectations of its students, St Augustine's Priory is the ideal place for Sixth Formers to not only have the opportunity to become independent and courageous young women, but to enjoy an education which stretches them to achieve their potential.

I know you will join with me in congratulating all our Sixth Form and their teachers on their results and wishing them well as they leave us for pastures new.

Yours sincerely

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