



## Padworth College - Summer 2020 Newsletter

### Students Celebrate A Level and GCSE Exam Success

We are delighted to report that students achieved excellent results in this year's A Level and GCSE examinations, demonstrating a high level of maturity and resilience, against the backdrop of the challenging Covid-19 pandemic.

At A Level, there was a significant increase in students attaining the highest grades, with 35% securing an A\* or A Grade. Meanwhile, at GCSE (including IGCSEs), there was also an improved set of results, with 38% of the GCSE results being Grades 9 to 7,



Reporting on the results, Lorraine Atkins, Principal commented:

*"Against the background of this extraordinarily challenging time, we are thrilled that the hard work of our Year 11 and Year 13 students has been recognised. During the last academic year, the new management team at Padworth College has supported students with a range of new learning strategies, which have paid dividends in the form of focused target setting by the academic staff. We are delighted that these methods have resulted in a significantly improved set of results."*

Special congratulations must go to Aidan, the College's Head Boy, who achieved 3 A\* Grades at A Level in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. Aidan is now planning to continue his studies at Medical School.

Similarly, congratulations to local student, Jessica, for an outstanding individual performance, achieving 10 GCSE passes, eight at the top Grade 9 and two at Grade 8.

We wish our Year 13 cohort every success at their chosen universities and our Year 11 students, continued success as they commence their sixth form education.

### Readiness for Re-opening



There remains a lot of uncertainty about how coronavirus will affect many aspects of normal life in the long-term, but in the short-term everyone at Padworth is now well prepared for managing the requirements of social distancing, careful hygiene and everything that contributes to the "new normal" for schools. Much of this preparation was conducted before lockdown took place at the end of March, as we were initially evaluating what needed to be done to keep students safe when it looked like everyone would be locked into the College rather than locked out of it!

What was clear then remains a huge advantage to us now, which is that Padworth is predominantly a full boarding school, with only a small number of day students. For the Autumn Term, we have invited day students to consider being boarders. This means that we can provide a very Covid-secure setting for all our students, with the minimum chance of transmission of the virus into the school.

We are taking the most careful approach to quarantine, to support both quarantined and non-quarantined students, with risk profiling, testing, and a rigorous approach to hygiene, so that we can do our very best to reduce the likelihood of coronavirus disturbing the educational routines that support Padworth students so well.

We have taken advice from the national and local health authorities, and have also taken advantage of having personal contacts in virology laboratories in Cambridge to seek their advice and make sure that the things that we are doing are the most sensible and practical steps possible.

Inevitably parents are going to be nervous because there is uncertainty around quarantine regulations, but what seems clear is that there are very few places that are going to be as Covid-secure as a boarding school in the UK that is taking careful measures to take advantage of its almost full boarding status. Padworth is doing just that, and parents can be fully confident that in choosing Padworth they are making as good a choice for their children's health and welfare as they are for their educational welfare.

### Study Options for the Autumn Term

In light of the ongoing challenges associated with the coronavirus, with many flight restrictions still in place and visa processing delayed, we are offering returning and new students 4 Study Options with different on-campus start dates for the Autumn Term:

- Option A: Students arrive on campus on Arrivals Day, Wednesday 2 September.
- Option B: Students arrive on campus in early October.
- Option C: Students arrive on campus in early November.
- Option D: Students arrive on campus in January 2021 for the start of the Spring Term.

Those students pursuing Options B, C and D will commence their studies online, sharing their virtual classroom with the real classroom of those students enrolled on campus. Similarly, those students enrolling on campus who are required to complete a 14 day period of quarantine upon arrival at Padworth, will initially study online until they are able to join their peers in the classroom.

For further details regarding these Study Options, please contact Clare McNally, Registrar at [admissions@padworth.com](mailto:admissions@padworth.com)

### Padworth Online for the 2020/21 Academic Year

Padworth Online was launched in March 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic, with all schools in the UK required to close.

For the 2020/21 academic year, we will continue to offer Padworth Online in hybrid delivery form, with those students taking online lessons, sharing their virtual classroom with the real classroom of those students enrolled on campus.

Padworth Online offers much more than a remote learning experience. The Programme covers academic, cultural, social and university preparation, as well as wellbeing and fitness. Face-to-face lessons are delivered in live, interactive classrooms by Padworth's professionally qualified teachers. Students are able to interact with their teacher and other students - both those online and those in the physical classroom - raising questions, sharing comments or making contributions.

Padworth Online (hybrid delivery) delivers a fully interactive Padworth education to students around the world. Our unique online school offers the best of Padworth's academic programmes, preparing students for onward progression to top universities, both in the UK and around the world.

Fees for Padworth Online are competitively priced at £5,000 per term, for students enrolling for 2 or 3 terms.

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