

Improved A-level results in 2017

An increase in overall subject attainment and sparkling performance in vocational subjects headline another successful season for students in Year 13 at Cowes Enterprise College in 2017. The Academy has a broad access policy and students from a wide range of prior attainments have worked tremendously hard to achieve value-added that is broadly in line with similar students from across the country. Even better, those students applying to university have all been successful in gaining a place, nearly all of them at their first-choice



Delighted Year 13 students on results day



Daisy Cody and Lauren West are delighted with their results

institution. There were particularly strong performances from a number of students (grades shown in brackets): Ines Andrade (AAB)

Daisy Cody (AAA)

Joe Barry (AAC)

Georgia Pragnell (A*AC)

Jack Armstrong (ABC)

Darcy Hedley (ABB)

Alys Schirmer (ABB)

Lauren West (A*BB)

In vocational subjects, Nicole Pascual and Gabriel Sison (equivalent of AAA) both excelled in Business Studies. Nicole is going to read Business Management at Southampton and Gabriel is going to do an HND in Computer and Software Development at the Isle of Wight College. Olivia Hygate (A*A*) did exceptionally well in

BTEC Sport and Lucy Bryan (A*A*) in Business. Olivia is going to Brighton to study Sports Development and Lucy is planning to start an apprenticeship. Outgoing Principal, John Peckham, said:

"I am immensely proud of these students, as I know how hard they have worked and, in some cases, the significant obstacles that they have had to overcome. I would also like to thank their teachers for their dedication and commitment to provide the opportunities, teaching and encouragement that have made these wonderful achievements possible."

"These results confirm that Cowes is now firmly on the road to becoming the school of choice for the Island, both at Year 7 and Year 12."

Overall headlines for the academy:

- Average grades up from 2016
- 90% of A-level entries achieved a pass grade.
- 100% of vocational entries achieved a Distinction or Distinction* grade.
- A-level value-added around the national average.
- Vocational value-added further improved on last year's strong performance to be well above the national average
- Four students achieved the equivalent of AAB or better.
- 31 students achieved pass grades in at least 3 subjects at A level or equivalent.
- 6 students achieve places in Russell Group Universities
- 100% of the students applying to university successfully offered a place

Some individual successes



Lauren West achieved an outstanding A in Sociology which, combined with a B in Philosophy and Ethics and a B in English Literature have secured her place to study Law at Plymouth. Lauren's original application and reference was so strong that she was offered an unconditional place at the university.*



Imogen Egerton, who unfortunately had to deal with the death of her grandfather during the examination period, explained how proud he would have been of her achievements. He was an important part of her inspiration to study Adult Nursing at Cardiff.



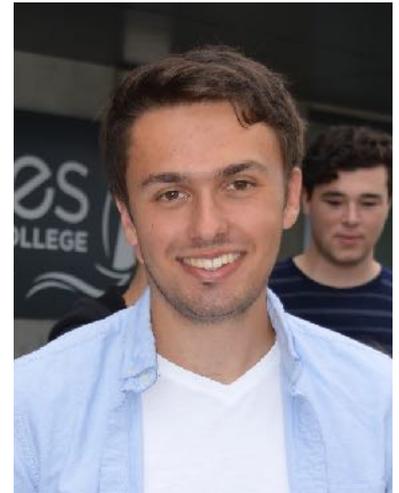
Daisy Cody achieved A grades in Maths, Biology and English Literature. She changed her career plans after rejoining Cowes from the Island Innovation Sixth Form in Newport and plans to study A-level Chemistry next year so that she can go to study Medicine at University.



Ines Andrade joined Cowes from another Island school following some significant bullying issues in Key Stage 3. She is the first person in her family to go to university and has been offered unconditional places at Durham and Southampton to read History and English.

Her results (A English, A Philosophy and Ethics, B History) reflect a great deal of hard work. To receive unconditional offers from top Russell Group universities is a credit to both the quality of her application and the excellent tutoring and support she has received from the Academy to encourage her to aspire to the best.

Her achievements exemplify the ambition of Cowes and the Ormiston Academies Trust to enable students from all backgrounds to access top universities..



Jack Armstrong, former Head Boy was delighted to receive grades good enough to be offered a place at his first choice university, Southampton, to study Geography.

Extended project increasingly influential

A number of students, including Imogen and Jack above, also studied for the Extended Project qualification alongside their A levels. This provides students with the opportunity to pursue their own interests and produce a report, investigation, artefact or event that shows study in depth. It is worth just over half an A-level, and is increasingly being either asked for or taken into account when universities make students an offer.

Growing sixth form welcomes students for 2017-19

Having hit a low point in 2015 (when these students enrolled in 2013, the school was in considerable difficulty), student numbers in the sixth form have risen steadily.

Next year's Year 13 will be the largest year group for many years and recruitment is looking robust for 2017. Places will still be available in most subjects for A level courses and enrolment will take place on 30th and 31st August.