



KEY STAGE 5 PRESS RELEASE

Summer Press Release 2019 Stevenage Schools

There has been much change to qualifications and assessment at Post – 16 level (A levels and BTECs). Students undertaking these courses have had to adjust to new more stringent linear type examinations, with limited guidance from awarding bodies regarding grade boundaries and practice examination materials.

With these national changes, year on year comparisons of attainment are not appropriate and headline progress measures will be unavailable until the official performance tables are released. As Headteachers in Stevenage, we continue to work hard in our own schools and together as a family of schools, to raise achievement and improve the life chances of every single student in our care. This year, rather than publish any attainment and progress figures, we are instead celebrating the individual success of each and every student.

Thomas Alleyne Academy sixth form students are celebrating successful results which will allow them to progress onto their university or apprenticeship of choice.

Congratulations go to Vita Dovydova who secured excellent results and is intending to study Psychology at university. Vita was a senior student who dedicated herself to helping younger students and also found the time to complete the Empathy Project at the Lister Hospital - the project trains young people to be a listening ear to young people who attend the Emergency Department. Also, congratulations to Zander Brown who has secured a place at the University of Hertfordshire to study Computer Science said, 'I am feeling really relieved and am now looking forward to going to university. I feel sad to be leaving Thomas Alleyne's but have enjoyed my time at the school.'

We are delighted that alongside university destinations, our students are continuing to secure prestigious higher apprenticeships places in business, accountancy and finance. These are highly competitive pathways as they offer the opportunity to gain degree qualifications whilst students earn and learn. Congratulations to Connor Ellwood who has secured a Higher Apprenticeship in Accountancy with Price Bailey Chartered Accountants. Our students were able to gain these places by an admission process that tests; communication and problem solving skills as well as the ability to time manage and work successfully as a team. We wish them the very best of luck in the development of their careers.