

Haggerston Recorder

Exam Special 2019



Celebrations as students excel in exam results

THE school is celebrating success in both GCSEs and A-Levels as Haggerston students' long, anxious wait over the summer to discover their results came to an end.

At GCSE, the school saw a huge spike in grades across the board, including in the core subjects of English and Maths.

There were significant improvements in many subjects, in some cases up to ten percent, with Performing Arts subjects such as Art and Drama doing particularly well.

There were also big jumps in History, Geography, Spanish, PE and Computer Science.

Meanwhile, at A-Level, a remarkable one in five students left for the country's best universities – double the average for London.

These include the very cream of the crop,

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Congratulations to all the students and well done to Haggerston School and staff.

including Cambridge, with students studying subjects as varied as Literature and Marine Biology.

Headteacher Ciara Emmerson said: "We have seen strong improvements across our subjects at both A-Level and GCSE.

"We are excited that the changes we have implemented are having a positive effect and that Haggerston as a school is going from strength to strength."

Paul reaching for the skies at Cambridge

THE sky's the limit for budding meteorologist Paul Shuker after an outstanding set of A-Level results helped him on his way to Cambridge University.

Paul will hopefully be the first of many Haggerston Sixth Form students to achieve an Oxbridge place after scoring a phenomenal three A* and one A across maths and science subjects.

Paul said that hard work and the outstanding support of teaching staff ensured he succeeded in realising his dream – even down to his selection of college.

Paul (pictured) will follow in the footsteps of his science teacher Mr Woods as well as famous faces such as Lord Richard Attenborough, when he takes up a place at Emmanuel College in September.

He said: "I first thought about Cambridge in Year 12. My teacher Mr Woods attended Emmanuel College to read Physics, so that's why I chose to apply there."

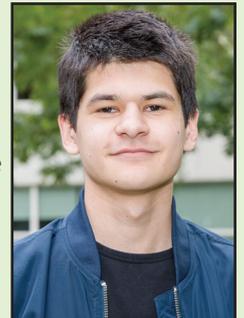
"I chose my A-Levels around Physics and in Year 13 I really focused because once I got the Cambridge interview, it really set my mind on working hard."

Paul says he is proud of the east London community where he grew up and is especially pleased to put Haggerston on the map. He said: "I am really pleased. This is the best school with the best staff and there are lots of kind people in the community."

He added: "Cambridge will offer lots of experiences and I am looking forward to joining the various societies and clubs, including debating and squash."

Headteacher Ms Emmerson said: "We are all proud of Paul's achievements it's a testament of his incredible hard work and aspiration."

"I am also really proud of the teachers and support staff who have worked with him on an individual basis to help him realise his ambition of going to Cambridge."



Leslie grateful for help



Madeline ready for sixth form challenge

DREAMING of a career in paediatrics, student Madeline Lallaway is celebrating a brilliant set of GCSE results and looking forward to starting sixth form.

The teenager, who was shocked and delighted to receive a 9 in English Literature, is hoping to become the first person in her family to go to university.

She said: "I will be the first person in my whole family to go to university and it is definitely what I want to do. I was born in London and so were my parents."

"My mum is a nursery nurse and my dad works as a building site manager. They are very proud and have been so supportive."

Choosing Haggerston to study A-Levels was also a no-brainer for the 16-year-old, who has thrived at the school.

She added: "I really love the way they celebrate all achievements. Some schools will post something about a student receiving lots of 9s but exceeding expectation is equally celebrated at Haggerston."

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Michelle Lallaway
Our amazing girl 🌸💖 Patrick Lallaway
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AFTER a sleepless night at home in Hackney, student Leslie Nguah nervously opened her exam results before screaming with delight.

She had achieved a remarkable set of results that will ensure the exuberant 16-year-old will stay on to take A-Levels at Haggerston's sixth form this September.

Leslie, who wants to become a pharmacist, says the effort teaching staff

make is the difference between "smashing it" and struggling.

She said: "The teachers are really great. They will give up their time to help you study, sometimes on a Saturday to help you smash your grades. I want to take Biology, Chemistry and Sociology at sixth form. I am so happy."

Leslie (right) added: "I really did not sleep the night before because I was so nervous and I was absolutely

shaking when I opened my results. "When I saw what I had achieved, I screamed. I have to thank Mrs Jones for helping me."



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Congratulations Leslie! X
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Trey has moved on after island terror

LIKE most teenagers across the country, Haggerston School student Trevaunshae Carty was looking forward to celebrating his GCSE results.

But for Trey, opening the envelope was made especially poignant after a terrifying experience two years before saw the 16-year-old survive a violent hurricane at his former home of Anguilla in the Eastern Caribbean.

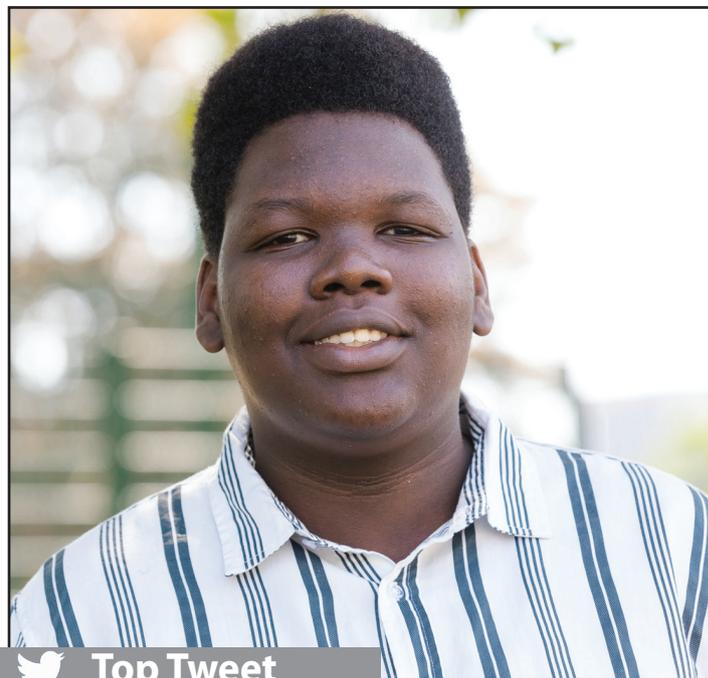
In September 2017, hurricane Irma ripped through the region with winds of up to 180mph and destroyed the island's buildings, flattening homes and the surrounding infrastructure.

He said: "It was so scary; my home was damaged and all the windows were smashed. Several months after the hurricane we moved to England."

The hardworking teenager started at the school just 12 months ago, where he initially struggled with his subjects but thanks to the unwavering support of excellent teachers his grades rapidly improved.

Tracy was especially delighted to receive a 6 in English literature – his favourite subject.

He said: "I was getting very bad grades when I first arrived and found it very hard. I could not believe how advanced London



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Grace Carty
Congratulations to my son and all the best in sixth form
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was compared with Anguilla and the school is much better.

"When I arrived in Hackney, I felt nervous at first but made friends almost straight away and

the teachers are so nice."

Headteacher Ciara Emmerson said: "Trey has overcome considerable personal challenges: he has managed to come to a new country and taken up subjects that he had not studied before. Trey has a bright future ahead of him and I am proud of all the support staff have given him."

Evelyn's ready to battle against climate change

AS a young girl Evelyn Lancaster stared transfixed as marine life swam and fed at the aquarium on the South Bank.

The life-defining trip set the wheels in motion for a career dedicated to exploring and preserving the world's oceans.

Now, after achieving superb A-Level results, she is set to study at leading Marine Biology centre, University of Southampton.

Evelyn says she is proud to represent women in science and hoped to encourage other female students.

She said: "Whales are giving birth to dead calves because of the toxins in plastic particles they ingest.

"It's so important to understand the effects of climate change on the oceans and our world."

Evelyn (right) added: "There should be no gender bias and we can achieve so much. I have always loved science and have wanted to study it."

Thanking her teachers, she said: "I could not have done it without the teachers here, especially my Biology teacher, Ms McGarry. Also, I have known my Spanish teacher since Year 9 so I am going to miss him very much."

Evelyn will study Marine Biology and Oceanography at Southampton, which attracts the world's leading scientists.



Hands up if you've done well!

The wait is over: Haggerston students celebrate top GCSE grades on results day.

Spanish trip proved key

A-LEVEL student Victoria Jatto has praised sixth form staff for inspiring her degree choice and providing an educational trip to Spain.

She is now set to study Sociology at Surrey University after securing the necessary grades, which included two Bs.

She said: "I'm quite happy with my results. I decided on Sociology because I did quite well in the subject and loved my teachers.

"I am really interested in social interaction and how anything from wages and income affect society as a whole – if it is relevant to everyday life."

A four-day trip to Spain also proved an edifying experience.

She added: "I hadn't left the country for 12 years and we stayed with a host family.

"The mother did not speak any English, which meant we had to use our Spanish, which certainly improved. I really enjoyed it."

Mentoring scheme was ideal for Rose

HAGGERSTON sixth form student Rose Stewart has revealed how a pioneering mentoring project helped her win a place at one of the top universities in the country.

She scored three Bs in English, Sociology and Media A-Levels, and is heading to Queen Mary, University of London to study Comparative Literature.

Rose (right) said working with the Access Project, which sees pupils matched with mentors, transformed her exam skills and boosted her confidence.

The innovative scheme is aimed at helping students from low income backgrounds access top universities.

Students also get support with applications, admissions interviews and admissions tests.

Rose said: "I told my teacher I did not want to be involved with the Access Project but it turned out to be the best thing I have ever done."

"Nobody judges you and it really helped me to knuckle down with my English."

"I was struggling with Hamlet and I went through the play with my mentor and practised papers."

She added: "I am very pleased with my results. I have been a student at Haggerston since Year 7 and I feel sad to leave."



"It's a very close-knit sixth form where everyone helps each other out. Studying here has not only helped me achieve my grades it has helped me grow as a person."



Elaine's keen to stay put

HAPPY Elaine Da Cunha will continue her studies at Haggerston sixth form after scoring top grades in her GCSEs.

Elaine (above) said: "I am over the moon at getting such good grades."

"Big thanks to my teachers for all their help. Haggerston sixth form is the only place for me."

Project's 'remarkable' results

THIS is the first year The Access Project has guided students at Haggerston through the university application process and the results were remarkable.

Students will study at some of the top universities in the country, in subjects that range from Mathematics, Sociology and Economics.

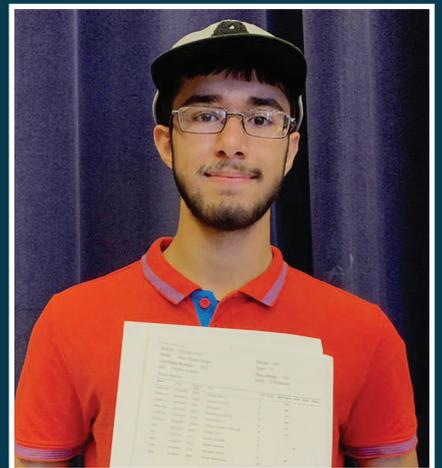
Their success is a culmination of their unwavering determination and the support of their dedicated teachers and Access Project tutors.

This year, Taija Clarke joins Haggerston as

Katherine Miles from the Access Project says support from mentors helped students win places at the country's top universities.



The Access Project's new University Access Officer to support a new cohort of students through their journey to university, providing personalised one-to-one mentoring, study skills support and work experience opportunities to boost students' chances of a bright and successful future.



Maths all adds up for Azam

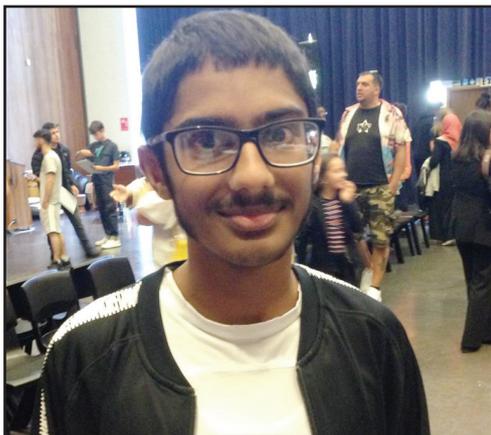
MATHS whizz Azam Bham has aspirations of working in chemical engineering.

Last year teachers recommended he take Further Maths, alongside regular GCSEs.

He said: "I got an A* and I'm so happy. I love Maths! I'm staying here to do my A-Levels".

Azam received 9s in Maths and Science.

Aadam lost for words



STUDENT Aadam Mohammed was left speechless after opening his results achieving 9s in physics and religious studies.

But the biggest surprise was finding out his maths grade. He said: "I got a 7. I had only been getting 5s and 6s in my mocks. I was worried about it. I'm still in shock. I'll probably stay here at Haggerston. I know all the teachers and the way things work."

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Leanda Newlyn
Amazing work Aadam,
congratulations, see you in
September x