



## Bright Stars for a Bright Future in Single Sex Education: GCSE Results Day at Nottingham Girls' High School

Nottingham Girls' High School is today celebrating fantastic GCSE results and more girls than ever opting to stay on in its Sixth Form.

Taking into account the new grading system in some subjects, the school boasts a stunning 47% of grades at A\* or its equivalent, which is up on last year's figure, and the highest achievers are remaining at the school to continue in its Sixth Form. Head, Julie Keller, commented: "I am so very proud of our girls and absolutely delighted at this amazing set of results. The girls have risen to change and challenge, and come out on top."



More girls at the school have gained the top grades this year with 25% awarded the equivalent of 8 A\*s or more, including an amazing 8 girls who actually received 10 A\* or equivalent grades. Overall the pass rate at the school is 100% with 99% at A\* to C grades, and the girls and staff are justifiably thrilled.

Particular successes this year are in Design Technology where 100% of grades are at A/A\* and

also Drama, Food, Geography, History, Latin and Music where 100% of grades are at A\* to B, showing the extent and diversity of the excellent teaching and learning provision at the school.

The new GCSE grading system for Maths and English subjects has caused quite a stir and some concern among pupils and parents, but Nottingham Girls' High School has taken this in its stride and come up trumps with 25% of Maths results and 25% of English Literature results achieving the illusive grade 9 at the top of the numerical system.

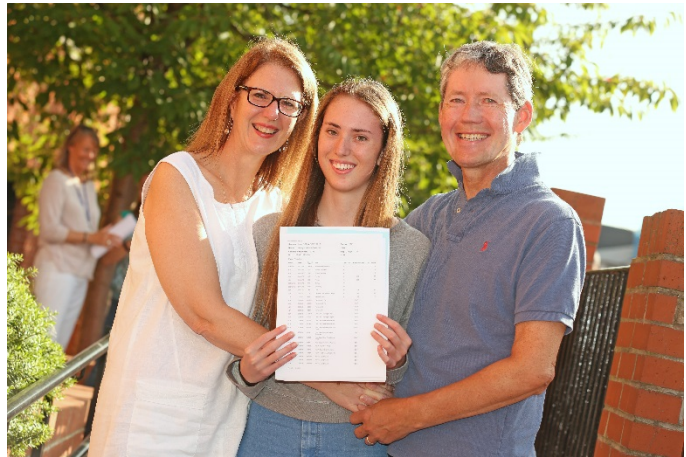


Many of the highest achievers at GCSE are girls who have been at the school since Reception, including Phoebe Turner and Tanisha Rajah who are both awarded 10 A\* grades, Miriam Ali and Georgina Greenhill with 9 A\*s apiece, and Abbie Law with 8 A\*s.

These exceptional results come at the end of the first full year for Julie Keller as Head, and prove that she and her team have done an incredible job in steering these girls towards academic success. Julie is passionate about the school and its provision of an all girls' education, saying: "I still maintain that a single-sex education for girls is totally appropriate and I feel that today's results prove just that." Commenting on the Sixth Form uptake, Julie adds: "Retaining our highest achievers just goes to show that our Sixth Form is the very best place for them to continue their education; they

recognise that, and it's why they've chosen to stay."

Nottingham Girls' High School is the only all girls independent day school in the region for girls aged from 4 – 18 years. The 'whole school' approach is championed by the Head who summarised the day, saying: "Our girls have everything they need here to succeed from start to finish – expert, dedicated teaching and learning in an exciting and supportive environment. I couldn't be more proud of them right now."



## Notes to Editors

### About Nottingham Girls' High School

Nottingham Girls' High School is an independent day school for girls between the ages of 4 – 18. Part of the GDST (Girls' Day School Trust) Nottingham Girls' High School is one of the largest schools within the group with over 800 pupils.

### About the GDST

The Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) is the leading group of independent girls' schools in the UK, with nearly 4,000 staff and 20,000 students between the ages of three and 18. As a charity that owns and runs a family of 24 schools and two academies in England and Wales, it reinvests all its income in its schools. Founded in 1872, the GDST has a long history of pioneering innovation in the education of girls.

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