



Key Stage 4 Examination Results 2020 Press Release

**Thursday 20 August 2020
The BRIT School, Croydon**

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have received excellent GCSE results today.

After delivering a challenging online curriculum during this pandemic, we are delighted that BRIT School students have achieved so highly in their academic and creative subjects with a good increase on last year. All of our grades have been meticulously Centre Assessed and we have rigorously followed guidelines. We are very proud of what our students have achieved.

The BRIT School is continuing to narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students and their GCSE grades.

28.6% of our students have achieved grades 9-7 across all GCSE subjects. Of those, an astonishing 96% (91% in 2019) achieved a 4 or above in English, whilst 80.8% (77% in 2019) achieved grade 4 or above in Maths.

Principal Stuart Worden said, “As a leader in arts education, the vocational exam results are crucial to us. Last week we celebrated a record number of Distinctions with our UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma and a huge number of students going on to exciting universities and vocational schools. We are however frustrated by the last minute decision by Pearson not to give students their BTEC Level 2 grades today. The confusion and instability this has caused is unacceptable. Our students are the future of the creative and performing arts industries and they have worked hard so quite rightly feel let down. It is very disappointing that today our students cannot celebrate their vocational success because of yesterday's exam board decision.

We have always strived for our students to achieve academic excellence and this is an impressive set of GCSE results proving that students who study here can have it all, regardless of their backgrounds and social circumstances. Through an environment which values originality, responsibility, ambition and kindness, students can progress and go on to great careers and be confident and skilled individuals.”

Covid-19

During lockdown, The BRIT School has continued to deliver a full online timetable of practical and academic classes plus Q&A BRIT Talks with alumni and industry professionals from across the creative industries. In addition,

students' creative work has been showcased on a platform called BRIT Now www.brit.croydon.sch.uk/britnow giving students a voice to respond to live situations including Covid-19, the NHS, Pride and Black Lives Matter. People's Day - a community celebration, the annual Film & Media Production Showcase, Theatre Festival *Strawberry Picking*, an exclusive BRIT Festival with The Other Songs and Graduation Ceremonies were celebrated online using fully the digital arts to keep the spirit of the School alive.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

ABOUT THE BRIT SCHOOL

Original, responsible, ambitious and free

The BRIT School is the UK's first and leading free performing & creative arts school for 1,400 young people aged 14 to 19. The School – an exempt charity based in Croydon – invests in the future of the UK's cultural wealth by nurturing young artistic talent from all backgrounds and teaching the skills needed by the rapidly growing creative industries.

We believe in creativity and that young people of all backgrounds should be able to develop their creative talent and craft and make a powerful contribution to society.

BRIT stands for the British Record Industry Trust. Without the generosity of the record industry and funding from the BRIT Awards, the school would never have been built and its superb facilities would never have been installed.

We have two intakes

Key Stage 4 (aged 14-16) and Post 16 (aged 16-18)

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Next year is the 30th anniversary year and over 9,000 students have been educated at The BRIT School including Adele, Amy Winehouse, Jessie J, Katie Melua, Leona Lewis, Rex Orange County, Jade Bird, Freya Ridings and Kate Nash. In total, students from the School have been responsible for selling over 160m albums, billions of streams, won 12 BRIT Awards, 19 Grammys, 2 BAFTAs, 2 Oscars, a Laurence Olivier Award, a UK Theatre Award and a London Evening Standard Award. Acclaimed band black midi and artists Georgia, King Krule, Kate Tempest and Loyle Carner have all been nominated for the prestigious Mercury Music Prize.

In addition, students including Cush Jumbo (The Good Wife), Cleve September (2018 Olivier Award Nominee for Hamilton), Tarinn Callender (Hamilton), and Tom Holland (Spiderman) are among the many who have achieved enormous acclaim on stage and in film.

Dancers from the School are part of the troupe of many of the world's leading modern dance companies including Akram Khan, Pina Bausch Wuppertal, Richard Alston and Matthew Bourne and have recently performed with the Spice Girls at Wembley and Stormzy at Glastonbury.

We have graduates working at many prestigious organisations including: Apple, BBC, ITV, Warner Music, Sony, Britannia Row, White Light, PRG Video XL, Royal Albert Hall, Facebook, Ralph Lauren, National Theatre and Sky as well as running their own businesses across the globe.

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