



THE BRIT SCHOOL CELEBRATES EXCELLENT VOCATIONAL AND A-LEVEL RESULTS AS STUDENTS GET PLACES AT TOP UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

Press Release

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The BRIT School, Croydon

It is a great day for vocational and academic achievement at The BRIT School and once again we are delighted with the students' exam results at Post 16 and feel they reflect hard work and dedication to their studies.

At a time when the educational debate is about how to support students from lower income families, we are particularly proud of the outcomes and destinations of our disadvantaged students; 46% of which have accepted University places which is significantly above the national average.

224 students (48.28% of the cohort) gained a Distinction at UAL which is the highest possible grade and is the equivalent of three As at A-Level.

The BRIT School had 100% pass rate with BTEC Level 3 certificates which we offered in addition to students studying UAL, including 42% Distinction*.

The BRIT School had strong A Level results including 71% A*-C grades and 40% A*-B grades.

Students commit to a rigorous curriculum specialising in a performing or creative arts vocational qualification and some students also undertake additional A Levels or BTEC certificates. It is the School's inaugural year of delivering the **UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to 3 A-Levels.**

Principal Stuart Worden said, *"This has been a rewarding set of results. The UAL curriculum enables us to deliver an innovative contemporary and industry ready qualification which puts us at the cutting edge of creative education. It's an exciting blend of academic rigour and vocational excellence allowing our students to access degrees at the highest level, to train at the best vocational schools in the UK or to successfully transition into the world of work. Our students have risen to the challenge with a set of outstanding results."*

As well as studying the UAL qualification, the following students also achieved academic excellence in their additional A-Level results. Lily Chin achieved an A* in History and is going on to study European Theatre Arts at Rose Bruford College, Romy Duggal gained an A in English Literature and is reading English at University of Bristol and Harry Nelson achieved an A in Maths and is going to study Computer Science at University of Southampton.

As a vocational School, we are particularly proud of the destinations our students are going onto. Already 216 students have accepted UCAS places including 22 places at UAL institutions, 11 at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, notably five

students from our pioneering Community Arts Practice course. We are also delighted that 27 graduates will be going onto Russell Group University degree courses studying creative and performing arts degrees as well as taking up such diverse subjects as Anthropology, English, African Studies, Mathematics and Music, Computer Science, Philosophy and American Studies.

Students going straight into work include **Lamar Wilson**, a Music student who starts an Apprenticeship with Warner Music and **Zoe Mendelson**, a Film & Media Production student who has gained a place on the very competitive Production Apprenticeship with Sky.

In 2018, 97% OF STUDENTS HAVE EITHER GONE ON TO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AND/OR HIGHER EDUCATION

The BRIT School in Croydon, founded in 1991 is first and leading free performing and creative arts School in the country.

Since it was set up the School has been very successful in producing students who have excelled across all areas of the creative arts and related media and now work in sectors including fashion, digital, theatre, TV and Film production, app development, graphic design, illustration, music A&R, animation and journalism (see notes).

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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 1,300 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)

You can apply for The BRIT School by visiting www.brit.croydon.sch.uk from September 2019.

ABOUT THE CREATIVE ECONOMY IN THE UK

The creative industries in the UK now contribute £101.5bn to the economy. UK jobs in the creative industries are expected to grow by 5.3% and double the average rate of employment which will increase by 2.5%.

In 28 years, over 9,000 students have been educated at The BRIT School including, amongst many, Adele, Loyle Carner, 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 have just been nominated in the prestigious 2019 Mercury Music Prize and have also been nominated at the 2019 AIM Awards along with former students Jade Bird and Freya Ridings and Georgie Smith.

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.

Graduates have gone into diverse careers including: stage management, technical theatre, recording studio work, film making, songwriting, web design, animation, event management, visual arts and photography.

We have former students working at top companies among them: Apple, BBC, ITV, SYCO, Sony, White Light, PRG Video XL, IMG, Royal Albert Hall, Facebook, Ralph Lauren, National Theatre and Sky.

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