



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

Press Release

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Students at The BRIT School celebrate incredible vocational and academic achievement at both KS4 and Post 16 despite the disruption of Covid-19 by gaining the highest ever percentage of Distinctions at UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma and an uplift in A Level results from 2020- well above the national average.

At GCSE, students continue to achieve highly in both academic and creative subjects with a further increase on last year. All of our grades have been meticulously quality assured according to our Centre Policy and we are very proud of what our students have achieved.

Post 16

At Post 16, students commit to a rigorous curriculum specialising in a performing or creative arts UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to 3 A Levels and some students also undertake additional A Levels or BTEC certificates.

327 students, 70.63% of the cohort, gained a Distinction at UAL which is the highest possible grade and is the equivalent of three As at A Level. This is a 15% increase on last year and a testament to how agile the school curriculum has been in adapting to online and blended learning approaches.

The BRIT School also had exceptionally strong A Level results including:

96.4% A*-C grades

81.8% A*-B grades

Figures are higher for acceptances than last year with 247 students being accepted by their chosen universities. 21 students are going to Russell Group universities studying creative and performing arts degrees as well as taking up diverse subjects such as, English, History, Liberal Arts, Politics & International Relations, Psychology and Business & Management. We also have students accepted onto courses at top institutions including Alra, ArtsEd, Bird College, Bristol Old Vic, E15, Rambert, Mountview, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and RADA.

47% of disadvantaged students have accepted a place at university through UCAS which is substantially higher than the national average.

Students are also pursuing careers in a diverse range of areas:

- Yordan Nikolov studied Interactive Digital Design (Distinction) and History A Level (B) and was a student since Year 10. He is going to the University of Bath to study International Relations & Politics.
- Carla Pollard studied Musical Theatre (Distinction) for 4 years and is going to train at Northumbria University in Child Nursing.
- Kai Christodoulou-Lee achieved A* Maths A Level and Distinction in Interactive Digital Design and is going to study at UAL, London College of Communication

in Design Management.

- Rachel Royle achieved A* History and Distinction in Visual Arts & Design and is going to SOAS to study History and History of Art.
- Dylan Rebolledo-Callot achieved A* Maths and Distinction in Music Tech and will start a Marketing degree at Southampton University.

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, 38.2% of our students have achieved grades 9-7 across all GCSE subjects which is above the national average. Of those, an astonishing 99.5% achieved a 4 or above in English, whilst 94.4% achieved grade 4 or above in Maths.

A noteworthy mention to Grace Dalgarno who gained a Distinction in RSL Level 2 Theatre and GCSEs all at grade 9-8 and William Ward who gained a Distinction in RSL Level 2 Music and all GCSEs at grade 9-7.

Principal Stuart Worden said,

“It has been a very exciting and inspiring week for the students of The BRIT School. All of our students have performed outstandingly well and we are hugely proud of all they have achieved. Our purpose is to create opportunities for young people to grow, thrive and go out into the world with the knowledge and skills to do amazing things. The results of our A Levels, GCSEs and vocational qualifications mean that our graduates can go on to live exciting futures. We have always been dedicated to giving young people a broad education and our high grades in English, Maths and History A Level and high grades in academic GCSEs including core, modern foreign languages and humanities proves that the school delivers on its ambition.

For nearly 30 years we have been the talent pipeline for the creative industries and these graduates will keep that pipeline vibrant, dynamic and successful.”

In 2020, 93% OF STUDENTS HAVE EITHER GONE ON TO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AND/OR HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

Since it was set up the School has a proven track record of 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, teaching, music A&R, animation and journalism (*see notes*).

Stuart Worden, Principal

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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 1,400 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)

You can apply now for 2021 for The BRIT School by visiting www.brit.croydon.sch.uk

This year The BRIT School turns 30 and over 10,000 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, Kae Tempest and Loyle Carner have all been nominated for the prestigious Mercury Music Prize. In addition, students including Cush Jumbo (The Good Wife), Ashley Thomas (24: Legacy) 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 many of the world's leading dance companies including Rambert, Akram Khan, Pina Bausch Wuppertal and Matthew Bourne.

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

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