



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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Post 16

Students at The BRIT School celebrate incredible vocational and academic achievement at Post 16 above national benchmarks for the number of Distinctions achieved for the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma and an uplift in A Level results from 2019, the last time examinations took place.

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.

337 students, 70.06% 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 21.78% increase on 2019 and a testament to how agile the school curriculum has been adapting to online and blended learning approaches.

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

74.0% A*-C grades

45.2% A*-B grades

Figures are higher for acceptances than last year with 265 students being accepted by their chosen universities. Our students go on to study a diverse range of degrees from those that are directly related to their strands to subjects including Criminology, Psychology, Primary Education, Business Management and History and Politics.

We also have students accepted onto courses at RADA, Bristol Old Vic, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, Urdang, Bird College, E15, ArtsEd, Guildhall. Mountview and many other Conservatoires and Vocational Schools.

- Nadia Kwiecinska, who was a student for 4 years, studying VAD (UAL Extended Diploma Distinction and A Level Maths B) will be studying an MA in Architecture at UCL (Bartlett School of Architecture).
- Lola Stocking, who was a student for 4 years studying FMP (UAL Extended Diploma Distinction and A Level History A*) will be studying Art History at the prestigious Courtauld Institute (University of London).
- Charlotte Neild, studied Musical Theatre (UAL Extended Diploma, Distinction, A level English Literature A) will be going on to Study Musical Theatre at GSA.
- Shemiah Tharpe, studied Dance (UAL Extended Diploma, Distinction, A Level English C) will be studying for a degree in Dance Science at Trinity Laban

Students are also pursuing careers in a diverse range of areas; we have students starting apprenticeships and internships with organisations including BBC, Google and

Channel 4 and 02 Virgin Media.

- **Joel Black, 18, Shirley** – Distinction in Film & Media Production – “Looking forward to a fresh start in Nottingham and pursuing my ambitions in video production”.
- **Tom Dye, 18, Luton** – Distinction in Production – At BRIT he “got the technical knowledge to go straight to work” - Has a lighting production job at Light Motif and lit the BRIT Awards at 17!) 
- **Cara Joshi, 18, New Malden** – Distinction in Music Performance & Production – Off to Trinity in Greenwich, playing bass at All Point East day after her results. – “I didn’t need grades for what I’m doing next, but I worked as hard as I could. It took some long days.”
- **Danielle Arthur-Kennedy, 18, Barking** – “There’s a diverse community in Croydon and schools like this bring it together. I’m feeling happy, nervous, and excited for the future” – Off to RADA where “Everyone is there for the same reason. There’s more to learn and gain and develop as a person in general”. 

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, 37.1% of our students have achieved grades 9-7 across all GCSE subjects which is above the national average. Of those, an astonishing 93.2% achieved a 4 or above in English, whilst 85.9% achieved grade 4 or above in Maths.

A noteworthy mention to Sam Wilkinson who gained a Distinction in RSL Level 2 Music, GCSEs all at grade 9-8 and a grade A at AS Mathematics and Mia Abell who gained a Distinction* in BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Art and Design Practice and all GCSEs at grade 9-7.

Principal Stuart Worden said:

“It has been both rewarding and inspiring being around so many successful young people this week. We’ve always believed that young people can achieve amazing things and these results in both GCSE and Post 16 have proved that. We are particularly delighted that our Maths grades in GCSE and A level have continued to improve. That nearly 40% of our grades are 9-7 across all GCSEs is a great sign of the academic strengths of the School. The School’s aim to be inclusive and champion young people from all backgrounds can be highlighted by the fact we have completely closed the gap for pupil premium students in both English and Maths at grade 4 and above.

Our Post 16 results have once again seen nearly three quarters of our students gain Distinction grades and we are delighted that a record number have gone onto university or vocational training after BRIT. It is also exciting that students have gone straight into employment including apprenticeships at the BBC, Sky, Radio 2 and working in the music, fashion, production and theatre industries. They are joining a 30 year history of The BRIT School students working across the creative and performing arts industries. We wish them all the best in their exciting futures.”

In 2021, 95% 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*).

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ABOUT THE BRIT SCHOOL

Original, responsible, ambitious, inclusive, kind and free

The BRIT School is the UK's first and leading free performing and 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

The BRIT School celebrated its 30th year and over 10,000 students who 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 250m albums, billions of streams, won 15 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, Google, Warner Music, Sony, Britannia Row, White Light, PRG, Royal Albert Hall, Facebook, TikTok, Ralph Lauren, Burberry, 02 Virgin Media, National Theatre and Sky as well as running their own businesses across the globe.

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