



## Our most impressive set of results yet, says Headmaster Peter Green

Ardingly College students Will Bradbeer and Charlie Dumeresque (pictured left) punch the air with pleasure as they celebrate achieving four grade As each at A level.

This year's Ardingly Upper Sixth Formers have earned the best set of exam results yet in both A Levels and the world-renowned alternative qualification, the International Baccalaureate, studied by half the year group.

Altogether, 76% of the 97-strong cohort achieved A or B grades at A Level or the equivalent in the IB.

In the A Levels the two highest achievers gained an outstanding five A grades at A Level. Meanwhile, the nine top IB students all scored 40 points or higher, placing them in the top 5% of all IB students worldwide. Ardingly students have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge, Bristol, Durham, Warwick, the LSE and other top universities in the UK and overseas.

As Headmaster Peter Green says, the impressive A Level results at Ardingly College cannot be judged in isolation. "Many of our top students choose the International Baccalaureate Diploma in order to study a larger number of subjects. It is certainly worth bearing in mind that the IB is not subject to government interference nor to grade inflation."

Mr Green said there had been a record set of results. The 45 sixth formers who studied the IB rather than A Levels gained an average of 35-plus points - the equivalent of more than 4 A grades at A Level. In fact, 91% of the IB grades were the equivalent of A or B at A Level.

A Level student Charlie Dumeresque, from Copthorne in Sussex, is heading for St Anne's College, Oxford University, to read Material Science, Economics and Management. He said: "I am thrilled that all the hard work has paid off."

William Bradbeer, from Lindfield is off to Bristol University to study Medical Biochemistry. The five grade As gained by Kelly Ye, from Shanghai, land her a place at Imperial College to read Maths with Statistics and Finance. Justin Wan from Hong Kong also gained five grade As to secure him a place at the London School of Economics;

Among the highest IB achievers was Balcombe boy Christopher Preston Bell who was awarded 43 points out of a possible 45 for the seven subjects he took. Chris is spending a gap year before applying to Cambridge for 2010 to read Theology. Ella Wise, from Haywards Heath, scored 41 points and is going to UCLA in the US.

Seventeen-year-old Germans Eva Bongards and Christian Emmerich each gained 43 points. Christian is heading for Oxford University to read PPE. Eva has been offered a place to study Medicine at Cambridge.