

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

ENGLAND'S
**NUMBER
ONE**
COLLEGE



Runshaw

Spring Newsletter 2020


Ofsted
Outstanding

Congratulations

to our Class of **2019**



105

offers for
Oxford, Cambridge,
medicine, dentistry
and veterinary
science in
2019

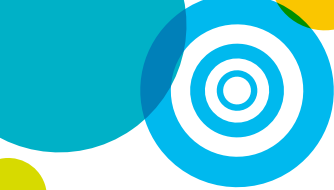
Average
Grade B
again at
A Level*



THE
Highest
ACHIEVING
A LEVEL
STUDENTS
IN THE NORTH
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* DFE College Performance Tables, Jan 2020, average grade achieved in best three A Levels, rounded to the nearest grade



England's Top College - **Again!**

Still 'in a different league'

- **FACT** 80% of our A Level students gained A*, A or B grades in 2019
- **FACT** The top college in the North West for progression to medicine, dentistry and veterinary science; more than 220 offers in the last three years
- **FACT** The top college in the North West for progression to elite universities/destinations; over 1500 in the last three years
- **FACT** Average grade of 'Distinction' on our Level 3 Vocational courses in each of the last ten years
- **FACT** An Ofsted 'Outstanding' college for more than 25 consecutive years
- **FACT** The top college in the North West for Oxbridge offers; more than 100 offers in 2015 - 2020



The Oxbridge 22!



We are absolutely thrilled this year that an incredible 22 of our students have received offers for **Oxford and **Cambridge** universities.**

Congratulations to all of the students holding offers and thank you to everyone who has supported them in this fantastic achievement! Overall, our students have received more than 100 offers for these two universities since 2015.

Where they are going...

Name	Former School	Destination
Danyaal Abdul	Ashton	St Anne's, Oxford, Materials Science
Lucy Aspinall	St James's Bolton	St John's, Cambridge, Human, Social & Political Sciences
Charlotte Cleary	Thornleigh Salesian	St Anne's, Oxford, Physics
Lewis Croager	Tarleton	University College, Oxford, Earth Sciences
Ashley Elder	Christ The King, Southport	St John's, Cambridge, Philosophy
Adam David Gregson	Bishop Rawstorne	Mansfield, Oxford, Geography
Amelia Hitchmough	Bishop Rawstorne	Mansfield, Oxford, Geography
Lydia Harrison	Greenbank	New College, Oxford, Chemistry
Charlotte Hodgkinson	Parklands	Emmanuel, Cambridge, Economics
Elli Horridge	Formby	Newnham, Cambridge, Natural Sciences
Marshall Hunt	Hutton Grammar	Somerville, Oxford, Chemistry
Anjaleen Hussain	Witton Park	Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

Name	Former School	Destination
Elmira Kubenova	Wellfield	Newnham, Cambridge, Chemical Engineering via Natural Sciences
Daniel Maloney	Southlands	Mansfield, Oxford, Mathematics
Lucy Maxwell	Archbishop Temple	Gonville & Caius, Cambridge, Law
Caitlin McGurty	Balshaw's	Selwyn, Cambridge, English
Aaliyah Musa	Tauheedul	Jesus, Oxford, Experimental Psychology
Isaac Parker	Rivington & Blackrod	Gonville & Caius, Cambridge, Natural Sciences
Jordan Punshon-Smith	Meols Cop	Girton, Cambridge, Psychological & Behavioural Sciences
Jamie Russell	Meols Cop	Downing, Cambridge, Engineering
Callan Sharples	Southlands	Wadham, Oxford, Biochemistry (Molecular & Cellular)
Megan Vickers	Westhoughton	St Catharine's, Cambridge, Natural Sciences

Dazzling **A Level** **Awards** Evening

Our annual A Level awards ceremony took place in December, when we welcomed back our A Level students who left us last summer. Many parents and relatives also attended as our guests. Our former students received special awards, subject awards and their A Level certificates.

During the evening we were entertained by excellent performances from Runshaw's superb Brass Ensemble and other highly talented student musicians

It was a wonderful evening and a fantastic opportunity for us to show how proud we are of the achievements of our A Level students.

#Proud





Horizons:

Runshaw's High Performance Programme

As part of the Horizons: Runshaw's High Performance Programme there is an opportunity to join an Academy in every subject at Runshaw. Each Academy provides students with an unrivalled range of additional opportunities.

From dedicated preparation for potential medics as part of Medical Society, preparations for competitions such as RES Young Economist of the Year in Business, through to a wide range of activities in Art, Music and Sport.

#future

Music Producer



Go beyond the course content with extra activities and guest lectures

- Prestigious Universities Programme
- Sport Academy
- Art and Music Academies
- Criminology Society
- Science Academy
- Medical Society
- Dance and Drama Academy
- Debating Society - 'Think Tank'
- Law Mock Trials & Mooting
- Police Society

Your **A Level** Options

Three + One = putting you in control



Should I
choose
subjects?

3

- I want to **focus** on 3 subjects from day one, and study them through my whole 2-year course.
- I will benefit from **extra study periods** on my timetable, with more time during the college day to complete my work.
- I am quite sure that I know the 3 subjects I want to study, and understand that this option offers me **no flexibility** to change during the 2-year course.
- I am going to start Year 1 with subjects **A B C**, and finish Year 2 with subjects **A B C**.



Should I
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3+1

- I want to keep my options open, by studying 4 subjects in year 1, with the **flexibility** to choose which will be my 3 A Levels at a later stage.
- I want to explore **new opportunities and new subjects**, to broaden my learning, gain knowledge and to develop transferable skills.
- I want to **choose my best 3 subjects** for A Level, following the first year of study. I expect this to help me make better-informed choices about my area of specialisation and help me to maximise my final A Level grades.
- I understand that I will **not receive a qualification** in the subject that I do not continue to A Level.
- I am going to start Year 1 with subjects A B C D, and finish Year 2 with **any three** of these, or **all four**. I have 5 subject combination options: **A B C**, **A B D**, **A C D**, **B C D** or **A B C D**.



Should I
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- I really enjoy the **academic challenge** of studying a broad range of subjects.
- I am sure I want to complete 4 (or even 5) full A Level subjects for my whole 2-year course.
- I understand that **universities make offers** based on 3 excellent grades, and will not generally ask for 4 grades.
- I am quite sure that I know the 4 (or 5) subjects I want to study, and understand that this option offers me **no flexibility** to change during the 2-year course.
- I am going to start Year 1 with subjects **A B C D**, and finish Year 2 with subjects **A B C D**.

Runshaw student success



Doctor for a day

Our Medical Society recently took part in the 'Doctor for a Day' event at Royal Preston Hospital.

Students completed a number of activities to help a patient, Rebecca, after she was hit by a car. Students took part in initial assessments, diagnosing chest injuries and reading x rays.

It was also great to see some of our ex- Runshaw students, Ciara McNally, Rachel Henderson and Decland Court, who were all members of our Medical Society three years ago and now helping run these sessions as medical students at the University of Manchester.

Runshaw College is number ONE

in the country for Oxford College offers!

Oxford University

The schools offered most places by each of the university's colleges

Source: Telegraph to see all colleges

Balliol College

Exton College
St Paul's School, London
Westminster School
Waterditchery Ake's School for Girls, EL...
Alley's School, Dulwich
City of London School
Dame Alice Owen's School
Harris Westminster Sixth Form
King's College School
Wilson's School



Brasenose College

Runshaw College
Winchester College
St Paul's School, London
Wilson's School
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
Camden School for Girls
King's College School
Tulkaster Grammar School



An article in the Daily Telegraph has for the first time shown which colleges and school sixth forms send the most students to Oxbridge Colleges. We are absolutely delighted that Runshaw sits shoulder to shoulder amongst the UK's most highly selective private and grammar schools and tops the charts for offers to Brasenose College, Oxford. What an incredible achievement this is by our amazing students – congratulations!

High Five for the **Eton Fives!**



Past student Jessica Howie, became the first former pupil of Runshaw College to play in the Eton Fives Varsity match, in which she represented the Oxford University women's second team, winning her match comfortably – an outstanding achievement, having only taken up the sport this year.

Body Art and Make-Up **Winners!**



Runshaw students Gemima and Jenna recently received first places in the Body Art and Makeup competition in Blackpool. This means they will be representing the college at the National Competition in March. We are incredibly proud of both students and the extra effort they have put in – two well deserved wins!

Students research particle physics with **Lancaster Uni.**

Year 1 physics students have been offered an exciting opportunity to work with researchers at Lancaster University.

From a very strong field of applications, two groups of students have been selected to work towards a Gold Crest award.

The projects will culminate in a team presentation at Lancaster University this summer. Congratulations and good luck to our amazing Physics students!



2019/20 Open Events



Four fantastic Open Events at Runshaw

Thousands of guests have been entertained by all our talented students, singers, Runshaw Radio and, of course, our renowned Runshaw cookies!



#Epic