



## MEDIA RELEASE

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is celebrating another successful year with 94 per cent of students progressing to further study at university or higher-level apprenticeships.

The school, part of the Romero Catholic Academy, welcomed its students in small bubbles to collect their A-Level results today.

Executive Principal Tom Leverage said: "After what has been an extraordinary academic year, we pay tribute to all of our students for their hard work, dedication and resilience. Each individual deserves to be very proud of their achievements.

"We are delighted for our students. The combination of a commitment to study and our Sixth Form ethos to aspire to be the best have led to our students realising their ambitions.

"They have been provided with a 'compass for life' with which they can navigate through their next stage in education, careers and beyond.

"As an Academy offering education from age three to nineteen, we are thrilled to have helped our students achieve these results. These pupils will hopefully become a big part of our new Alumni, The Wiseman Connection, and help future students to become high achievers."

One of the school's highest achievers was Georgie Nicholls, who received two A\* grades and an A grade and has secured a place to study economics at Queens' College, Cambridge University.

This is the third successive year that Cardinal Wiseman has seen students receive places at Oxford or Cambridge University, testament to the school's Oxbridge Programme founded in September 2017 which supports those hoping to attend the UK's two most prestigious universities.

She said: "I'm really proud of my results – it was down to hard work as well as a bit of luck. I'm the first person in my family to go to university so they're also really proud of me.

"Everyone at Cardinal Wiseman has been so supportive and I was also helped to get a place at the Oxford summer school which gave me the opportunity to experience an Oxbridge university. I didn't expect to get into Cambridge but I'm really looking forward to studying there."

Other individual success stories include:

**Casey Bartlett**, who achieved an A\* in art and grade A in both history and English literature, is going to spend the next year studying for a diploma in art before proceeding to further study.



**Leanne Biddle**, who achieved an A\* in religious studies and grade A in both history and English literature, is going to study English at the University of Birmingham.

**Carl Fernandez**, who achieved an A\* in maths and grade A in further maths, chemistry and physics, is going to study computer science at Loughborough University.

He said: "My results are a pleasant surprise, but the result of a lot of hard work. I've really enjoyed my time at Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form and the teachers have been very supportive. It's also been great to have access to all of the new facilities. I'm looking forward to studying at Loughborough and hope to go into a career in computer science."

**Joaquin Manabat**, who achieved an A\* in maths and grade A in both chemistry and economics, is going on to study accounting and finance at the University of Birmingham.

He said: "I'm really pleased with my results – I really didn't know what to expect with everything that has happened this year. Cardinal Wiseman has been an excellent place to study, the staff are great and are always there to provide support.

"I'm really looking forward to university and was inspired to study accounting and finance after completing work experience with PWC."

**Shivam Pandya** achieved an A\* in chemistry and grade A in both biology and maths. He is planning to study veterinary medicine.

He said: "I'm delighted with my results – they were a big surprise after my mock exams. From Year 7 through to Year 13 I've really enjoyed my time at Cardinal Wiseman and have enjoyed all of the courses I've completed. I've always been interested in the medicine side of science and wanted to work with animals so I'm now looking to go to university next year to study veterinary medicine."

**Melvin Pynadath**, who achieved an A\* in physics and grade A in both maths and chemistry, is going to study computer science at Loughborough University.

He said: "My results were quite unexpected, particularly with this year's uncertainty, but I'm really pleased with them. My time at Wiseman has been enjoyable and all of my teachers have been really supportive. I'm very excited about university and am looking forward to studying computer science."