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Reading Blue Coat Celebrates Outstanding A Level Results

Reading Blue Coat today celebrates an exceptional set of A Level results with over half of all grades at A or A* and 20% being at the highest A* grade. Nearly 80% of all grades were from A*- B, marking a year of outstanding academic success. The overall breakdown of grades is as follows:

- 20.4% A*
- 52.7% A*- A
- 78.8% A*- B
- 100% A*- E

These excellent results see students secure places on a wide and exciting range of courses at a variety of destinations with over 90% of students heading off to a first-choice university. Six students secured places to study at Oxford and Cambridge universities with others heading to Bath, Bristol, Durham, Exeter, King's College London, Imperial College London and Nottingham.

Headmaster Pete Thomas commented: "As our students finish their time at Blue Coat, I'm delighted that their ability and efforts, the care and dedication from our teachers, and the tremendous support of their families have been rewarded with an excellent set of results, ensuring that an exciting world of opportunity awaits them!

"It has certainly been a great pleasure to watch them grow into fine young adults and flourish in abundant opportunities outside of the classroom too, and I know they will enter their chosen universities and futures able and willing to give so much."

Achievements include:

Jesse Brener from Reading will be heading to Cambridge University to study Natural Sciences having achieved A*A*A* in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths. An outstanding saxophonist, Jesse has performed at numerous events during his time at Reading Blue Coat and was awarded full Music Colours at this year's Prize Giving.

Harry Butterworth from Henley-on-Thames has secured his place to study History and Politics at Cambridge University after achieving A*A*A* in his English Literature, History and

Politics A Levels. Harry won the 2024 Politics Prize and served as Deputy House Captain for Aldworth.

Joint Deputy Head of School, **Abigail Crew from Woodley** will be studying Law at Nottingham University after achieving AA*A in Biology, Geography and Psychology. Abigail played a very active part in School life taking centre stage in School dance and drama performances as well as playing an integral role in School netball.

Rich House Captain, **Henry Hawes, from Bagshot** is set to study History at Durham after achieving A*A*A* in Business Studies, History and Politics A Levels. Henry represented Blue Coat in the 1st XV rugby team in both years 12 and 13 and had a starring role in the School musical this year. He was awarded the Plumb Cup at this year's Prize Giving for his overall contribution to the life of the School.

Joint Head of School, **Phoebe Johnson from Henley-on-Thames** will be studying Sports and Exercise Science at Nottingham University after achieving A*A*A* in Chemistry, Physical Education and Psychology A Levels. A standout rower, Phoebe also trialled for Great Britain this year.

Arnav Kulkarni from Caversham is set to study Medicine at King's College London after achieving A*AA in his Biology, Chemistry and Maths A Levels. Arnav also had a successful season captaining the 1st XI cricket team and received full Sports Colours at this year's Prize Giving.

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