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St Michael's Catholic College**

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Year 13 A Level Results

St Michael's Catholic College was delighted to celebrate with all Year 13 students who received their results on 13th August and rightly enjoyed their success.

The college was able to applaud outstanding performances from a large number of students and was thrilled that the overwhelming majority of students have taken up University places at Institutions and in subjects of their choice.



Currently, students from St Michael's have started courses at King's College, Durham, Queen Mary's, Loughborough, Manchester, Warwick, Bath and Brunel universities, for example, to study subjects from Economics to English Literature, Architecture, Geography, Psychology, Business and International Relations.

Grace O. (A, A, A), off to study International Business at King's, said that she was the happiest that she's ever been, while Nneoma A. (A, A, B) who has now taken up her place to study Economics at Warwick said *'It's my first choice - I'm so happy!'*.

Devonté S. (A*, A, B) who has now been able to begin his degree course in Geography at Kings College, said *'relieved is the best way to describe it. I feel as if I have spent five months just waiting for these results and now I can feel excitement and happiness.'*

We are proud of all of our students, and wish them well for the future.

Ms Corcoran
Principal



Cambridge Place for St Michael's Head Girl!



We are delighted to report that our Head Girl Toni has accepted a place at Cambridge University for this September to read Human Social and Political Sciences at Lucy Cavendish College. Toni has worked exceedingly hard throughout her time at St Michael's, demonstrating Salesian values in both words and deeds and her success is very well deserved. Toni has promised to keep in touch with the college to support our 6th formers with their Cambridge applications in the future.

Ms Corcoran
Principal

GCSE Results



The college celebrated with our Year 11 students who received excellent grades across the full range of subjects and whose results accurately reflected their ability and hard work over the last two years.

The college was delighted that the decision was taken to use Centre Assessed Grades and had full confidence in the robustness of the system it used to generate these grades which took into account the ability profile of the students, their track record in formal internal assessments and the progression rates of the college as a whole.

Particular congratulations should go to Lauren S. who achieved 10 grade 9s and to Alessandro C.– I., Charles O., Matthew S., Nina H., Golddust A. M., Fernando C. M., Mukisa M. Natalia A., Elmina K., Katie W., Cassandra S. and De Winton P., all of whom achieved grades 7 to 9 in all of their GCSE subjects.

The college is proud of all of our students who have had to overcome so many challenges beyond their control in recent months and we wish them well as they take their next steps.

Regards
Ms Corcoran
Principal



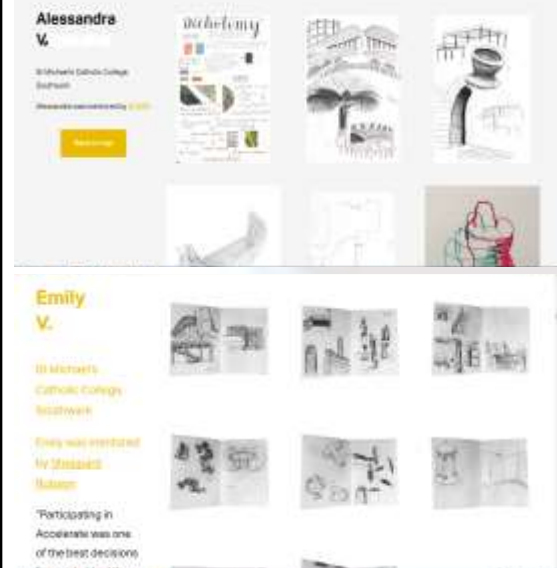
Accelerate

Congratulations to our A-Level Fine Art students, Alessandra V., Emily V., Gianna F., Isabella O'C. and Jaqueline T.-M., who Graduated from the *Accelerate project 2019/20*.

Accelerate provides a platform for students to develop their thinking about architecture and the built environment. Students participated in workshops that covered skills from sketching to urban master planning helping to build their confidence, alongside mentoring sessions with partner architect practices across London.

This year, the workshops and mentoring were devised around the theme of 'Dichotomies' which has brought about provocative conversations and some incredible collaborative work.

Gianna F. stated "Through this experience, my interest for design has grown as I was able to study and improve my skills and I am thankful to have been part of Accelerate."



Emily V. had this to say about her experience, "Participating in Accelerate was one of the best decisions I've made. I had the opportunity to experience unforgettable tours and workshops, learn valuable transferable skills and build strong friendships."

Mr C. Lomax

Read more about the project and view more work here:

<https://open-city.org.uk/accelerate2020>



Chaplain's Corner



As we begin our 4th week into the Autumn term, I cannot believe we are already half way into the term. I hope you and your families are well and remain healthy and safe.

Today's scripture is a focus on St Matthew.

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

10 While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

11 The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.

13 Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

With every blessing

Miss X.Hagan

Prayer for the week St. Matthew Prayer

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven.

Feast of Saint Matthew Homily Theme: I Did Not Come to Call the Righteous But Sinners – Matthew 9:11-13

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