

Dear Parents,

I am writing to share our excellent news over the examination results this year. The challenge for the Y11 girls was clearly the move to linear exams and the rigour in standards that was so widely publicised this year, and our girls rose to the challenge and produced some fantastic results: 67% of all grades being A*/A, and 92% A*-B grades. In the Telegraph league tables this placed the School at 118th of the schools that reported their results.

At A level, we were thrilled that over three quarters [77%] achieved the coveted A*-B grades, which are the grades required by the Russell Group universities. Mr Cook, the Headmaster, has produced a very good paper to help parents differentiate between the results of different schools and to understand the sometimes confusing range of headlines used by schools. The link is: <http://bit.ly/2cpAOxt>.

At Merchant Taylors', we still believe that for the majority of our leavers, university education at undergraduate level retains intellectual, professional and personal value, but it is by no means right for everyone. We advise our Sixth Formers to choose academically rigorous courses, which they will enjoy, as well as the ones which help their employment prospects after graduation.

Attached are the destination universities and subject courses for this year; it is pleasing to note the top 5 course destinations for MTGS were Law, English & combined courses, Biological/medical sciences, Business and/or Management, and Medicine. The top destinations were: Newcastle University (10), London Universities (8), Durham University (4), University of Liverpool (4) and University of Manchester (4). If you are coming into School in the coming months I would like to invite you to share our good news by seeing everyone's results on our 'Hall of Fame 2016'. We are proud of each and every one of our girls.

We have some exciting events planned for this term: the author of Beryl Bainbridge's biography has agreed to come and discuss this new publication and we would like to invite parents and friends of the School to this event on Wednesday October 5th 12.00-1.00pm in the Centenary Hall. Our STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) event for the term starts with keynote speaker, Rachel Riley, presenter of the popular TV programme, Countdown, and our Prize Giving Speaker, is old girl Dr Leanne Eveson (nee Burgess) who is currently Royal Air Force Doctor at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London.

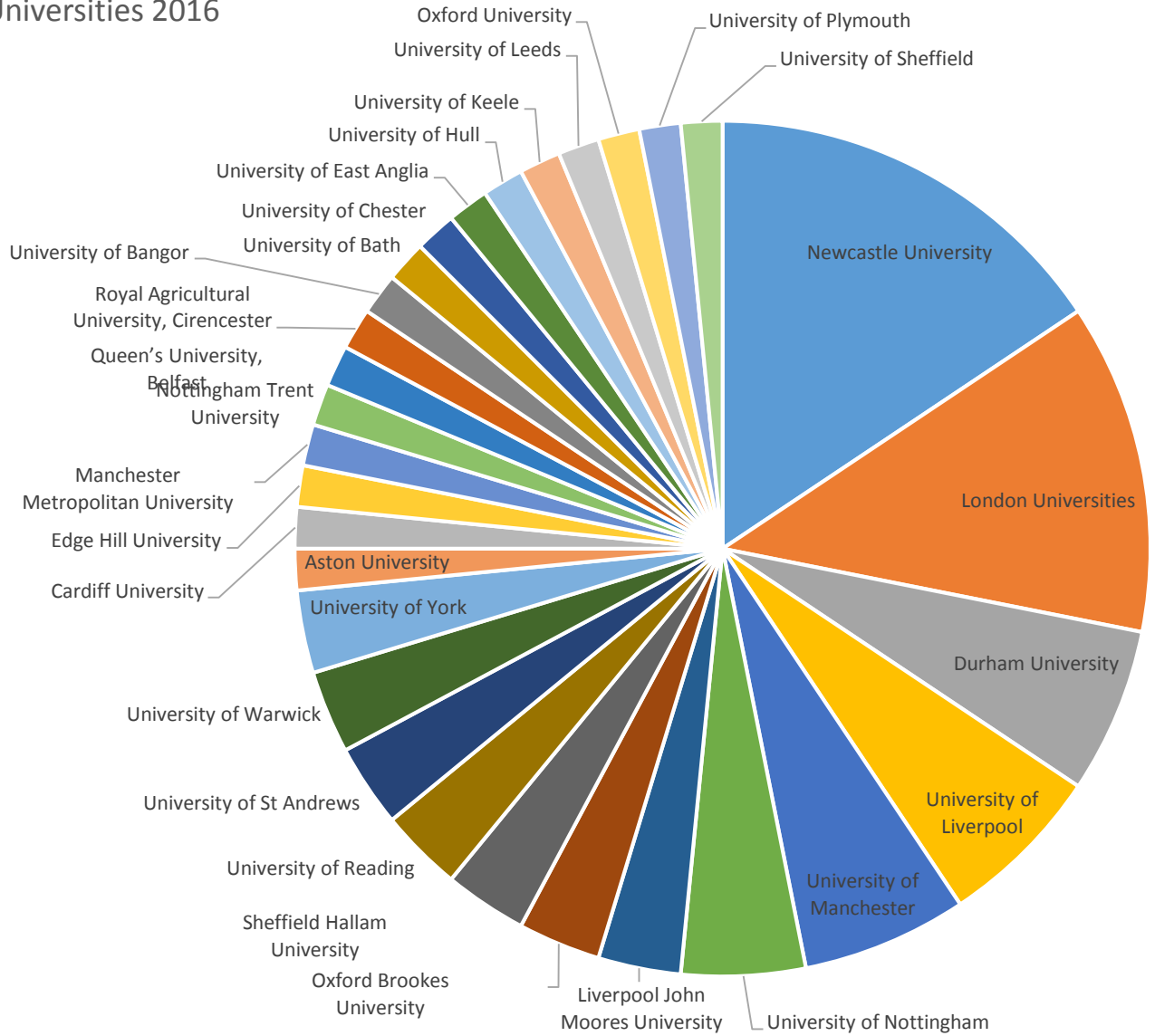
Please may I also use this letter as a reminder that our Open Evening this year is on **Thursday 6th October**, from 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm and our Open Morning is on **Saturday 8th October**, from 9.00 am until 12.30 pm. I should be grateful if parents would encourage any of their friends who might be interested to visit us then.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise A Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

Louise A Robinson

Universities 2016



Courses 2016

