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Principal's message:

Congratulations from Mr Taylor

Dear Westholme Families,

Many congratulations to every member of our Year 13 cohort who received their A Level results today.

The pursuit of academic excellence is at the core of our existence and our Year 13s have certainly risen to that challenge. It is a testament to their hard work in the classroom that we are seeing the best set of A Level results for many years.

Congratulations too to Deputy Head (Academic) Mrs Cowan and to Head of INSPIRED Sixth Form Mr Oracz and our Sixth Form tutor team, who guided the students through the challenges of the last two years. Our students have also been expertly guided by a superb set of teachers who will be just as proud as I am of these achievements. The study skills and careers guidance that our students receive throughout their time with us has resulted in a remarkable proportion now getting ready to attend their first-choice institution.

I would like to thank all our families for the support that you have given your children and the school over the last two years. I think it has been a great team effort!

Our leavers have embraced the academic challenges of Sixth Form study while making the most of the wider opportunities available to them in the Westholme INSPIRED Sixth Form. Consequently, they have solid foundations in the skills and personality traits required to thrive in this exciting but fast paced and competitive world.



Perhaps most importantly, with this cohort we have realised our mission of developing not just better students but also better people who are going to make an incredibly positive impact on the world around them. We look forward to welcoming them back to Westholme in due course to inspire future generations.

Westholme School has been the platform from which they are now launched into the stratosphere of life. As the American astronaut Carl Sagan once said, "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." For our Year 13s, that time is now.

Mr Taylor
Principal

As Head of INSPIRED Sixth Form, I could not be more proud of our graduating class of 2025. Over the past two years, I have seen first-hand the dedication, resilience and intellectual curiosity they have brought to their A Level studies. From meticulous note-taking and rigorous revision, to seeking out feedback and refining their exam techniques, they have demonstrated the commitment required to excel at the highest level.

Their outstanding results are a testament not only to their academic ability, but also to the character, leadership, and sense of community they have shown throughout their time here. Each one leaves us as a confident and capable young adult, ready to make a meaningful and lasting contribution to the wider world.

I wish them every success as they embark on the next stage of their journey—whether at university or in their chosen career—and I look forward to welcoming them into our alumni community. I have no doubt they will continue to inspire us with their achievements in the years ahead.

Mr Oracz
Head of INSPIRED Sixth Form



I'd like to extend a huge congratulations to our Year 13 students who have collected their results this morning. Their successes are thoroughly deserved and I'm delighted that their diligence, determination and hard work have reaped reward.

Ultimately, those results are of course only a gateway to those ever important next steps, so it was lovely to speak to so many students about the exciting opportunities that now await them.

I have absolutely no doubt that the class of 2025 will hit university campuses and colleges across the country and beyond with the same tenacity, spirit and curiosity that they have demonstrated at Westholme.

We shall miss them but I am confident that today is a mere prologue to their success stories.

Mrs Cowan
Deputy Head (Academic)

MUHAMMAD ON THE PATH TO HEALTHCARE

Muhammad is all smiles about his future career plans after achieving 3 A*s in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. He is looking to study dentistry after his time at Westholme Sixth Form which he describes as feeling like “home”. Upon opening his results, Muhammad said: “I can’t believe it, I’m so happy – it’s all been worth it and I’m really looking forward to starting my course.”

Talking about his time at Westholme, he said: “You go to the place that makes you feel like you’re at home and the place the really fits you as a person, Westholme was that place for me and I’ve changed as a person for the better – it has really enriched me.”

Referencing the support he has received Muhammad said: “We had a lot of after school sessions for Chemistry and Biology. The teachers really helped me and now looking at my results, that support has made a good impact.”

Outside of his studies, Muhammad gained work experience in dental practices and also volunteered at care homes to enhance his CV and overall experience in medical and health backgrounds.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

23 SEPTEMBER 2025, 5PM - 7PM

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ENRIKAS TAKES ON OXFORD

Westholme's Head Boy is gavel-ready for his future at Oxford after securing an A* and 3 A's in his A Levels in Religious Studies, Spanish, Classical Civilisation and EPQ.

Upon opening his A Level results, Enrikas said: "I feel so proud, relieved and excited for my next step to study at the University of Oxford – I can't believe it, all the hard work has paid off."

Enrikas joined Westholme's INSPIRED Sixth Form in 2023 and is now continuing his education journey at the University of Oxford's Merton College, studying Law and Spanish with a year abroad.

Before Westholme, Enrikas had not even considered Oxbridge for his next step but citing the support and programmes available at Sixth Form along with working hard to achieve an impressive set of A Level results, he will now be joining the world-renowned institution this autumn.

Enrikas said: "I knew I wanted to go to university when I was in high school, but I hadn't even considered Law, never mind Law at Oxford.

"Being introduced to the Oxbridge Scholarship Programme here at Westholme in Year 12 really sparked my interest and it started to become a possibility within reach.



"The Oxbridge application process was lengthy, especially for Law, but the support I've had from Westholme teachers along the way as part of the scholarship programme has really helped deconstruct some of those daunting aspects and I can't wait to start my studies there."

Outside of his studies, Enrikas took part in many of the Enrichment activities Westholme has to offer including being part of the charity team and the Amnesty International human rights campaign group. He said: "That was such a great way to just feel a part of the community and get to know people."

Offering his advice for future INSPIRED Sixth Form students, Enrikas said: "I definitely felt like I got so much from my time here and so my recommendation to new students is just try a little bit of everything.

"There are so many opportunities here and it is a great environment with a real community feel. So, get involved now, try out loads of different things, see what sticks and sparks your interest."

Summarising his time at Westholme, Enrikas said: "It's been an odyssey."

OLIVER TAKES ON MOLECULES, REACTIONS AND DISCOVERIES

Oliver has achieved 3 A*s in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics at A Level, securing his place at Imperial College, London, to study Chemistry.

Oliver said: "I'm feeling really good, very happy. These results surpass what I thought I was going to see when I opened my results today and these 3 A*s mean that all the hard work I put into my studies has paid off."



POPPY IS EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY IN ZOOLOGY

From cells to savannahs, Poppy is looking forward to studying Zoology at the University of Exeter with a professional placement year.

Poppy is delighted to get her first choice of university after receiving As in Religious Studies and her EPQ, and Bs in Geography and Biology.

Poppy said has always dreamed of working with animals.

She said: "I was born and raised in Kenya before moving here aged 10. I grew up surrounded by wildlife and I have always known I want to work with animals. It's a job I can travel with too, working with all kinds of animals and conservation work – particularly with elephants, my favourite animal."





“My teachers recognised my talent from the beginning ever since Year 7 and they really motivated me into performing arts. It wasn't until Year 11 where I recognised that talent myself and started to pursue it with their support and so really all my credit goes to them.”

- Mason

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

and good luck to Westholme's class of 2025!



MICHAELA STEPS INTO THE FIELD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Michaela is getting ready to operate on a future in medicine after achieving A* in Chemistry and As in Biology and English Literature.

Michaela has secured her place to study medicine at the University of Lancaster following an impressive set of A Level results.

She said: "The experience has been really amazing; it's quite saddening to be leaving so soon because I feel like it's just flown by so quickly." Michaela enjoyed the fact that Westholme allowed her to excel in her scientific pursuits but also explore her creative side.

She said "The amazing thing about Westholme is that I've been able to continue with my passion for the arts even though I'm quite a scientific person, I've still been able to play the violin and be a part of last year's production of *Le Misérables*.

"I've just had a lot of opportunities to do extracurricular activities alongside my studies and that's something I don't think I would have had the chance to do anywhere else."

The atmosphere at Westholme was encouraging and welcoming for Michaela, who chose the INSPIRED Sixth Form for her A Level studies, having joined from another school.

On what attracted her to Westholme, she said: "It just had such a welcoming environment and then the transition was really good as from as early as day one people were coming up to me, making me feel welcome. It was easy to make friends."



ANNUAL OPEN EVENING

2 OCTOBER 2025, 6PM - 9PM

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AMELIE BEGINS HER NEXT CHAPTER AT MANCHESTER

Budding writer Amelie is looking forward to studying English and Film Drama at the University of Manchester.

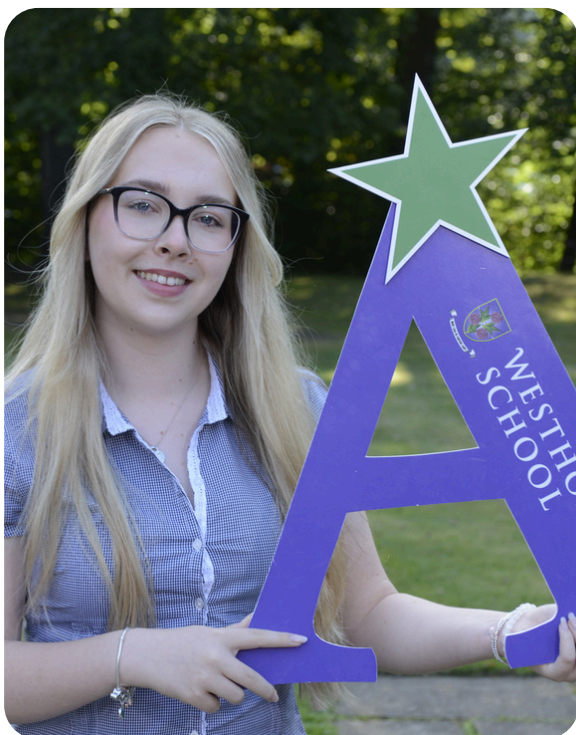
Amelie is very happy with her A Level grades – in particular her A* in Criminology.

Speaking about her love of literature, Amelie said: “It’s a subject I’m passionate about. I’m a very creative person and I have been writing my own scripts for years. I particularly like Victorian gothic horror. I want to write stories that I can share with everyone.

“My teachers have been so amazing. It’s a real family atmosphere here at Westholme School. They always have my back and support me.” During her time at the school, Amelie has enjoyed taking part in productions of *Les Misérables* and *Fame*, alongside a charity cabaret and the school choir.



DARCIE'S MUSICAL PATH



Darcie is “happy and relieved” after achieving A* in Drama, B in Music and C in English Literature at A Level.

Darcie’s results have secured her place at the Royal Northern College of Music to study Music Performance.

She said: “I began playing the cornet (the instrument that I’m going on to study) in Year 4 and then I just carried on from then. The encouragement from the music teachers right the way through school has helped my passion for the subject to blossom.

“I’m just so grateful for all the opportunities and activities I’ve been able to do at Westholme because it’s really set me up for life.” After 16 years at Westholme, it has been a significant part of Darcie’s life, citing her Sixth Form experience as a particular highlight.



“Leaving Westholme will be a shift, but I feel very well prepared for my next three years – my time here has prepared me well for what is to come.”

- Pippa

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING IN MANCHESTER AWAITS CALEB

After securing top A Level grades in Chemistry, Mathematics and Business Studies, Westholme's Caleb is now preparing to begin his next chapter at the University of Manchester, where he will study Chemical Engineering.

He said: "I'm overwhelmed, this is the happiest I've ever been. I had hoped for 3 As but didn't know if I would achieve it, so it's such a big relief that I can now go on to pursue my course in Chemical Engineering at my first-choice university."

Reflecting on his time at Westholme, he said the decision to stay on after Year 11 was never in doubt. "I looked at a few other places, but it just felt like the right place to be. It felt like home."

Having joined the school in Year 7, he credits the strong relationships with teachers and the supportive atmosphere as key factors behind his success. "The support you get is incredible. Teachers are always there when you need them - whether that's during lessons, at lunchtimes, or in clinics. They want the best for you and really go out of their way."

That existing bond with staff played a big part in his decision to continue into Sixth Form. "I already had that connection. I didn't need to start again somewhere new, and that made everything so much easier."



His passion for Chemistry was sparked in earlier years, thanks to a teacher who recognised his potential. "My teachers encouraged me and helped me believe in myself. That really inspired me to take chemistry further and ultimately pursue chemical engineering."

In the classroom, he thrived in smaller, focused groups. "Lessons were always open, especially in Maths. No one was afraid to ask questions and the atmosphere made it a really good environment to learn in."

Beyond the academic experience, it was the friendships and the day-to-day moments that made Sixth Form special. "Playing football with the boys at lunch, that's probably one of the things I'll miss the most."

He described the Westholme Sixth Form community as welcoming and inclusive, with new students always quickly embraced. "Everyone's accepting. When someone new joins, it just feels natural - they become part of the group straight away."

Caleb also enjoyed several school trips and sports tours during his time at Westholme, including unforgettable visits to Barcelona and Madrid. Now as he looks ahead to university life, he takes with him not only the knowledge he's gained, but a deeper confidence shaped by his time at Westholme. "If you put your mind to something, you can achieve it. Everyone's got the potential to excel here."

And what will he miss most? "The support, without a doubt. Just knowing the teachers are always behind you - that's something really special."



FREYA EXCEEDS HER OWN EXPECTATIONS

Following a gap year to South America, Freya is hoping to pursue a career in law.

Freya joined Westholme for Sixth Form and is “shocked” to receive an A in Criminology, and Bs in Sociology and Economics at A Level.

She said: “I’m so suprised– in a really good way. I’m really happy with my grades and pleased with myself.”

Freya plans to travel South America for a couple of months and gain work experience before returning to study law. In the future, she hopes to enter the world of criminal law, potentially as a solicitor.

“I’ve done a couple of work placements independently and I have really enjoyed them. I love that no two days are the same and I find the subject very interesting. It’s a career where you must be responsive and adapt. I firmly believe you should have a job where you love what you do.”

Speaking about her time at Westholme, she said the highlight has been the people she has met.

“I have made some of my best friends here. It was a wholly different experience from my previous school. I’m really glad I came to Westholme. You get so much support here.”



CHARLOTTE IS SET TO STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE

Charlotte is celebrating after achieving an A* in Drama, A in History and C in English Literature.

Charlotte, from Chorley, is looking forward to studying English Literature at Newcastle University. Charlotte has her sights on working in publishing when she graduates, potentially as a book editor.

Charlotte said: "I'm feeling really good about my grades, especially my A* and A. I'm really proud of my grades and to have my hard work recognised. The thing I love about literature is the different meanings of words, and how stories run much deeper than you expect."

During her time at Westholme, Charlotte has loved taking part in numerous performances, including Les Misérables, Sound of Music, Grease, Fame and Twelfth Night.



PIPPA IS DIVING INTO STUDY DIGITAL MEDIA



Pippa has secured her first-choice destination to study Digital Media and Communication at Manchester Metropolitan University after achieving A, B, B in her A Levels.

Pippa, who studied Photography, Criminology and PE said: "I feel good! I worked hard and got the grades I needed to pursue my next step, so I'm really pleased and can't wait to start my course."

During her time at the school, Pippa has had the opportunity to coach the Year 7 netball team for a term and has been involved in a Sports' Leaders' programme.

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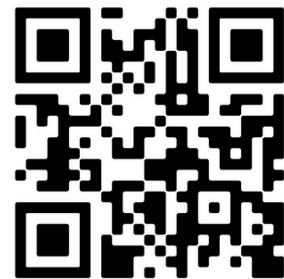
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