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IGCSE & A LEVEL RESULTS

With exam boards instructed by the UK government to restore grading to pre-pandemic levels, only 8.6% of A Level papers were awarded A*s in England overall, compared to 14.5% last year. Yet 32% of all papers sat by Moir students were graded A* and 64% A* or A, which is more than in 2019, the last pre-pandemic year that was used as the benchmark for this year's results.

Over half the students earned at least one A*, which is crucial to gaining a place at a top UK university. Twenty students, one third of all candidates, achieved two or more A*s, with 9 winning Edexcel Awards for obtaining three or more A*s, including Sumin Oh and Miyu Otsuki, who both received four A*s. Eight of the ten Further Maths students achieved A*s in both Maths and Further Maths with the other two obtaining A*s in Maths and As in Further Maths. These grades earned students places at universities including Harvard, Columbia, Imperial, UCL and LSE, with others applying this year.

Several students are likely to be competing for the top marks in the country in their subject, including Sadhri Wanigasinghe who scored 100/100 in 11 out of her 18 papers, averaging 99% in both Maths and Chemistry; Miyu Otsuki who scored full marks in half her 24 papers, averaging 97% in Biology; and Linara Gunasekera, who scored full marks in 11 papers, including 98% in Economics. Kavya Chandrasiri scored 99% in English Literature, which was one mark more than the highest in the world last year (achieved by Malaika) despite the stricter marking this year.

At IGCSE, half the students achieved 7 or more 8s and 9s, equivalent to the old A* grade. Overall, 46% of all papers were graded 9, compared to the average in England of 5%. Eight students achieved eight or more 9s, including Raveen Akuretiyagama, Senumi Mohottige and Charvi Vaidyakularatne who gained ten. Twelve students will receive Edexcel Awards for achieving 7 or more 9s. Raveen scored 97% in both Physics and Chemistry, Senumi 96% in History, Vinuri Gunaratne 98% in Literature, Keanu Herft 99% in Maths and Suhanya Fernando 97% in Art.

Sumin Oh	4 A*	
Miyu Otsuki	4 A*	
Linara Gunasekera	3 A*	1 A
Misha Miskin	3 A*	1 A
Yousuf Najam	3 A*	1 A
Ricardo Seneviratne	3 A*	1 A
Zaakir Zulfikar	3 A*	1 A
Zaara Atho	3 A*	
Sadhri Wanigasinghe	3 A*	
Omayya De Alwis	2 A*	2 A
Nadil Handumwala	2 A*	2 A
Siddharth Jha	2 A*	2 A
Dasha Perera	2 A*	2 A
Damian Wijegunawardene	2 A*	2 A
Nisandu Amarasinghe	2 A*	1 A
Kavya Chandrasiri	2 A*	1 A
Umaama Hussain	2 A*	1 A
Pinithi Jayathilake	2 A*	1 A
Hyejeong Kang	2 A*	1 A
Chamodh Kiriwandala	2 A*	1 A
Kamille Le Berre	1 A*	3 A
Sua Oh	1 A*	3 A
Varon Rasiah	1 A*	3 A
Yumna Zaheed	1 A*	3 A
Farzesh Zeshan Mahir	1 A*	3 A
Emma Jayasinghe	1 A*	2 A
Tahera Rehan	1 A*	2 A
Harrison Vogt	1 A*	2 A
Senandie Jayasinghe	3 A	
Xinzhao Shi	3 A	

Raveen Akuretiyagama	10 9s	
Senumi Mohottige	10 9s	
Charvi Vaidyakularatne	10 9s	
Keanu Herft	9 9s	
Tae Hyun Won	9 9s	
Mariam Alibhoy	8 9s	
Vinuri Gunaratne	8 9s	
Savithi Wijesundara	8 9s	
Louisa Deemer	7 9s	1 8
Himanshu Jayasinghe	7 9s	1 8
Lisari Hettiarachchi	7 9s	
Cinadi Kapuwatta	7 9s	
Maya Dias	6 9s	3 8s
Khadija Najam	6 9s	2 8s
Trevin Seneviratne	6 9s	2 8s
Amaya Wijayawardana	6 9s	2 8s
Methaya Manamperi	5 9s	3 8s
Tharani Guruge	5 9s	2 8s
Ayaan Weerasooria	5 9s	2 8s
Uvindi Dassanayake	4 9s	4 8s
Yuqiao Zhang	4 9s	4 8s
Hiveen Ramachandra	4 9s	3 8s
Adhiyyu Khaleel	3 9s	5 8s
Vidur Mirchandani	3 9s	4 8s
Muyan Zou	3 9s	4 8s
Jun Shamun	2 9s	5 8s
Harish Sivagananathan	2 9s	5 8s

FOUNDERS' DAY



Restored to its normal 4 p.m. start, Founders' Day was celebrated in style this year, with memorable performances by the Junior School Choir, Senior School Choir and Orchestra that showcased not only the talent of the students but the joy they took in performing. Outgoing Captain of School, Umaama Hussain, spoke movingly about how the pressure to be perfect prevents teenagers from growing and the importance of recognising that everyone makes mistakes, especially when their brain is still developing so they have 'adult-sized emotions but a child's ability to logically deal with them'.



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE NEW HEAD PREFECTS APPOINTED FOR 2023-2024:

Captain of School

Rishika Senevirathne

Junior School Head Prefect

Nathara Ariyaratne

Senior School Head Prefects

Rumi Nagpal

Savaira Sammoon

Junior School Deputy Head Prefect

Rayyan Sikking

LUCHITHA WINS 1ST EVER SILVER MEDAL IN ECONOMICS OLYMPIAD FOR SRI LANKA

Moir students continue to represent Sri Lanka with pride in international competitions and Olympiads. A Level student Luchitha Pathirana became the first ever Sri Lankan to win a Silver medal in the International Economics Olympiad, which was hosted by the University of Thessaly in Greece, overcoming competition from 221 students from 48 countries. Luchitha had won a Bronze medal in two previous years.

Luchitha also represented Sri Lanka in the prestigious International Maths Olympiad in 2021, having been in the national pool for the last four years, and has won Gold medals in several other international competitions, including the Thailand and Singapore Maths Olympiads this year.

SINGAPORE SCIENCE CAMP



A record 33 Form 5 and Lower 6th students attended this year's NUS Science Summer Camp in July. This was the sixth time we had taken students but the first since 2019. The students gained exposure to the latest research in their field and practised using new equipment in some of the most modern laboratories in the world, as well as experiencing what university life will be like by staying in the university hostel. They attended lectures by NUS professors on topics such as AI and the Brain-Computer interface and workshops on DNA analysis and 3D Printing. They also visited the Singapore Science Centre and enjoyed going to Universal Studios on the last day.



4 AWARDS AT SLMUN



21 students took part in this year's Sri Lanka Model United Nations conference in August, in addition to Head Prefect Savaira Sammoon, who was Head of the International Press Corps and a member of the Executive Committee that organised the conference. Students debated a wide range of issues including the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Yemen, barriers to education in developing countries and the effectiveness of IAEA safety standards. Congratulations to the following students for winning awards:

Himanshu Jayasinghe	Higher Commendation	UNEP
Zaakir Zulfikar	Higher Commendation	War Cabinet
Raveen Akuretiyagama	Honorary Mention	UNICEF
Rajindu Normanbhoy	Honorary Mention	UNICEF

OKITHA, LINARA AND SANUKI SELECTED FOR ASIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Okitha Gunasekera and Linara Gunasekera who have been chosen to represent Sri Lanka in the 11th Asian Age Group Swimming Championships in December in the Philippines.

Okitha qualified with the highest points of any swimmer in the Boys' 12-14 category. Among Okitha's other recent achievements are winning the Pentathlon Swimming Championship, the Junior National Boys' Individual Championship and Under-15 National Age Group Championship.

Linara will compete in the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle after winning three Gold medals in the Sri Lanka Schools' Championships and 3 medals in the adult National Championships this year,

They will be joined in the Philippines by Sanuki Suraweera who is part of Sri Lanka's Synchronised Swimming team.

RECORD SAT RESULTS



<i>Nisandu Amarasinghe</i>	1560
<i>Malith Gunawardena</i>	1560
<i>Savaira Sammoon</i>	1550
<i>Rumi Nagpal</i>	1550
<i>Hathim Asgerally</i>	1540
<i>Luchitha Pathirana</i>	1530
<i>Linara Gunasekera</i>	1530
<i>Sanithu Mohottige</i>	1510
<i>Rishika Senevirathne</i>	1500
<i>Namik Hassan</i>	1500
<i>Risandi Gunasekara</i>	1490
<i>Hannah Nallathamby</i>	1480



Every year, classes are organised for Lower 6th students to prepare them for the SAT exams, which are the first step in the admissions process for students applying to US universities. This year has seen a record number of scores above 1500, ranking them within the top 1% of students taking the test. The average SAT score of successful applicants to Princeton is 1510, to Stanford 1520 and Harvard 1530.