

## Ilford County High School – Oxford and Cambridge success!

Staff and students at Ilford County High School, the Boys' Grammar School in Barkingside, are celebrating a successful start to 2012 with a record twelve students being offered places to study at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The school's previous record of nine was set in 1996, and equalled in 2008.

The successful boys are now working hard to ensure they achieve the top A-level grades which they will need to start their chosen degree courses in October.

Mike Capon, Headteacher, said "We are all delighted at this exceptional level of success, which clearly shows that our boys can compete successfully against the best students in the country. It is a tribute to the detailed subject knowledge and professionalism of our staff here at Ilford County High School and to the effort and commitment to success of our students". This was echoed by Colin Jenkins, the Head of Sixth Form, who commented "We support all our students to achieve their full potential, and wish them every success in their future studies".

The Sixth Form at Ilford County High School has achieved national recognition and is currently expanding, offering GCE A Level courses across a broad range of subjects to boys preparing to study competitive courses at selective universities. The school welcomes applications from able boys who expect to achieve very good GCSE results this summer, who wish to study in a traditional, academic environment and to take on responsibility and a leadership role within the school. Approximately a third of Sixth Form students come from other schools, mainly comprehensives, and of this year's successful Oxford and Cambridge applicants, four studied for GCSEs elsewhere. Colin Jenkins said, "We encourage all boys to excel, and to benefit from the opportunity, choice and support we are able to provide".



Front row – left to right

Ajeet Athwal (Churchill, Cambridge-Mathematics)

Azeem Asraf (Homerton, Cambridge-Mathematics)

Jeevan Jayaprakash (Homerton, Cambridge-Economics)

Zobair-Ul Hasan (Churchill, Cambridge-Economics)

Aashik Chhibber (King's, Cambridge-Classics)

**Not pictured** - Hamza Khalil (Churchill, Cambridge-Engineering)

Ragib Chowdhury (Oxford-Human Science)

Back row – left to right

Denver Antonyrajah (Balliol, Oxford-Computer Science) Simon

Dixon (Magdalene, Cambridge-Geography)

Vincent Poon (Girton, Cambridge-Natural Science)

Anish Pathak (Selwyn, Cambridge-Geography)

Oliver Verran (Brasenose, Oxford-Mathematics)