

Articles about Charters School in the Local News August 2009

Students say goodbye to Mrs Marcia Twelftree



Charters School Headteacher, Marcia Twelftree has retired from Charters School. She has been Headteacher for 12 years and during this time Charters has achieved specialist status in Sport and Science as well as achieving a recent 'Outstanding' Ofsted report, gaining Grade 1s in every category. The School has also recently been awarded its 3rd Gold Artsmark which resulted in a gold plaque being awarded. Charters School is now rated as one of the top comprehensive schools in the country.

"These 12 years at Charters have been the most exciting of my working life," she said. "I am delighted and proud of what we have achieved here. I have been helped by a brilliant team of teachers, support staff and governors. I shall miss them all – but I'll especially miss our students, who make me smile every day."

As well as being Headteacher at Charters, amongst other things Marcia

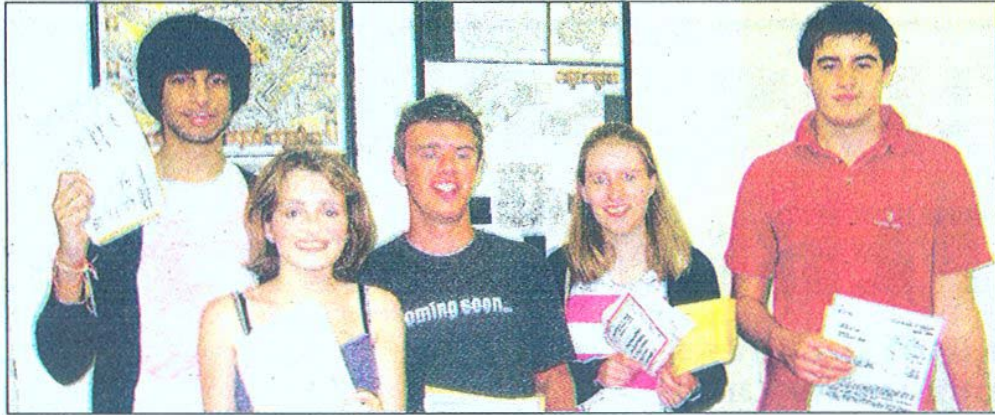
has acted as a School Improvement Partner to four other schools outside the Borough. She is also a member of a Government advisory group working with civil servants and education ministers and she was appointed by the Secretary of State for Children to be the only Headteacher member of the School Food Trust Board.

Marcia Twelftree comes from Birmingham and studied Chemistry at Bristol University before doing post graduate work at Oxford University. Marcia began teaching in 1972 and was Headteacher at John O'Gaunt School in Hungerford before joining Charters in September 1997.

Now with more free time to enjoy, she intends to travel with her husband Mike, a former lecturer in further education, as well as spending more time with her family, and is also planning to do some consultancy work in education.

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WELL DONE: Charters pupils celebrate, from the left, Nitin Ladwa, Genevieve Booth, Luke Skinner, Isobel Hambleton and Will Lawrence

Overall pass rate is up

CHARTERS school's overall pass rate of 99.4 per cent is up on last year, when it was 98.3 per cent.

But the number of pupils getting A or B grades at the Sunningdale school has dropped to 47 per cent compared to last year's 54 per cent.

Headteacher Marcia Twelftree said: "Once again Charters School students have achieved excellent results at A-level.

"We are all very pleased with their overall performance this year and I am delighted to congratulate

students and staff on their achievements."

Praphulla Chandra and Sarah Paige were the school's top performers with five A grades each.

Genevieve Booth, Jacqueline Essex, Kathryn Hawes and Natalie Pandya achieved four As and 13 more students had three As.

All six students offered places at Oxford and Cambridge achieved the grades they needed. They will study subjects including veterinary science, English and engineering.



MORE CHEER: Above, Rachel Boakes and Emily Stokes; right, Laura Connor, Emma Hayter, Katie Hawes and Sarah Paige



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SIX students from a school in Sunningdale have gained Oxbridge places.

Four pupils from the Charters Road school are set to attend Cambridge University and a further two are off to Oxford University.

An overall pass rate of 99.4 per cent was achieved, including 47 per cent at A or B grades, 73 per cent from A-C and 13 students secured three A grades.

A host of students recorded straight As in their exams, including Praphulla Chandra and Sarah Paige who both got five A grades and Genevieve Booth, Jacqueline Essex, Kathryn Hawes and Natalie Pandya, who all scooped four A grades.

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EXAMTASTIC: Rachel Boakes and Emily Stokes can hardly contain their joy.

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