



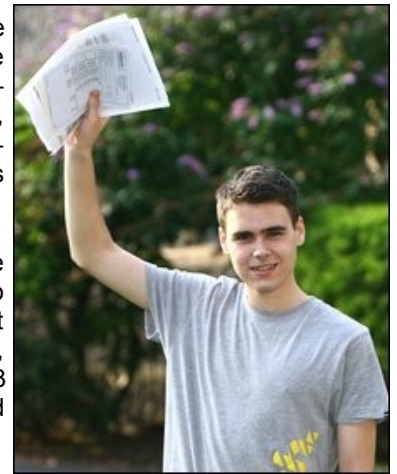
# Kingsford Press Release

## Kingsford celebrates Oxbridge success

Former students benefit from pioneering scholarship link

Former Kingsford student George Weller is on his way to Cambridge University! George (pictured, right, with his impressive results) is set to commence an undergraduate degree in Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College after achieving straight As at A level in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths. At Cambridge, George will join Foysoh Miah, another former Kingsford student, who has just completed his first year of his undergraduate degree, also in Natural Sciences. The school wishes them both great success in their future studies.

George joins fellow Brighton College students Tosin Tereba and Horatio Georgestone who will also be starting at Russell Group universities from September 2009. The trio (pictured below) are the first students to benefit from the pioneering scholarship link that exists between Kingsford, an inner city comprehensive school, and Brighton College, one of the top independent schools in the country. Each year, the scheme provides 2-3 students from Kingsford, an 11-16 institution, with the chance to gain HSBC fully funded boarding scholarships to Brighton College sixth form, worth £50,000.



Joan Deslandes, Head Teacher of Kingsford Community School, was delighted by George's success: "Everyone at Kingsford is immensely proud of George", she said, "This is a phenomenal personal achievement given his own difficult circumstances. In the absence of the Kingsford-Brighton partnership, George may not have even progressed to university; his success is a testament to how a partnership such as ours can provide a young person with the opportunity to realise his or her potential through both our educational sectors opening doors to each other."

The three students are part of a Brighton College year group that today achieved the best ever A-level results of any co-educational school in the country. Even amongst all these high flyers, Mr Richard Cairns, Headmaster of Brighton College, was quick to highlight George's notable achievement: "He has been an outstanding pupil, not only academically, but in every part of school life. He is a popular and enthusiastic young man who will go far. Most importantly, George has demonstrated that the sky is the limit for every child in east London. With the right support, any child can achieve more than they ever thought", he said.



Five Kingsford students have so far joined Brighton through via scholarship and a further three more are set to commence their post-sixteenth studies at the top achieving Sussex school in September. Deslandes agrees with Mr Cairns that young people can succeed academically, regardless of their social background, if they are provided with the opportunities of fulfil their potential: "I believe that many students can and will follow in the footsteps of George Weller", she said, and likewise believes that more schools should actively seek to pursue the trail blazed by Kingsford and Brighton.

Indeed, the Kingsford Brighton partnership is now widely regarded as one of the most innovative links between the maintained and private educational sectors and has been heralded as an example for other schools to follow.