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Six Brock students from same class receive Oxbridge offers

Three others also given the green light

Six Brockenhurst College students from the same A Level Physics class have received conditional offers to study at Oxford or Cambridge.

Seventeen and eighteen year olds, Anna Lawes, Seb Millar, Toby Henley-Smith, Burtie Spry, Henry Trunley and Jamie Shaw were given the good news following a rigorous selection process.

Now it is up to them, and teaching staff, to achieve the grades they need to take their places at the prestigious institutions, which are recognised as among the best in the world.

It is the first time six students from a single class at Brockenhurst College have achieved the distinction. And the success doesn't end there.

That is because three international students have also been offered Oxbridge places.

Xin Kang has an unconditional offer from Cambridge, whilst Joshua Reiners received a conditional offer. Meanwhile, Mi Trinh has been offered a place at Oxford.

Burtie Spry, who has an offer to study Physics at Oxford, said: "I'm so excited to receive my offer from Oxford and can't wait to start in the autumn.

"I've really enjoyed my time at Brock and the quality of teaching has been second to none."

Physics Lecturer Alex Crutchley commented: "All 21 students in my Fast Track Physics group have worked really hard.

"I am so proud that more than a quarter of them now have conditional offers for Oxford or Cambridge University."

Principal Di Roberts CBE said: "We are absolutely delighted for the students who have been offered places from such prestigious universities.

"Each year a number of our students receive offers from top institutions, but to have so many from one class really is something special.

"This achievement is testament to their dedication and the quality of teaching here at Brock." She added.

Brockenhurst College runs a programme, known as Gifted and Talented, for students who have achieved seven or more A/A* GCSE grades.

These students are placed in specialist tutor groups and may be selected to join special classes for high-flyers, where they are continually challenged to enable them to achieve a top grade.

Under the scheme, students benefit from early career discussions and visits to Oxford and Cambridge, along with individual and group support, workshops and subject-specific mock interviews.

Gifted and Talented encourages students to develop additional skills to prepare them for the competitive Higher Education environment.

For example, they are encouraged to participate in a challenging range of discussions, debates, Enrichment activities and overseas trips.

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