



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

# The Class of 2008

Back in August 2008 Catherine and Rachel received exciting news from the examination board, Edexcel. Catherine's English mark had placed her in the top ten out of 18,312 candidates nationally, whilst Rachel's Additional Science mark placed her in the top ten out of 54,014. (See photo on the top right) Their families, friends and the staff at Palmers Green High School were equally delighted and proud of their outstanding performance. Congratulating the girls, Jerry Jarvis (Edexcel's Managing Director) wrote: "This is a tremendous achievement and testament to the hard work students put into preparing for their exams."

In September another flurry of congratulatory letters from Edexcel arrived announcing that Palmers Green students had also scored top ten marks in Art and Design, History, Religious Education and Spanish. The photo on the bottom right shows these 'top ten' girls at Prize Giving in November - Amisha (Art), Reshma (Art), Monica (Art), Courtney (Spanish), Rishana (Art & Spanish), Fariha (Art & Spanish) and Catherine (Art, History, RS & Spanish). Remarkable when you consider that these girls were part of a year group of just 27 students!

So what is the school's recipe for success? Headteacher Christine Edmundson believes Palmers Green girls enjoy success in so many aspects of school life because every girl is known as an individual. Small class sizes (an average of only 12 at GCSE), excellent relationships with staff, and the school's commitment to highly effective teaching and learning strategies all help the girls to attain their personal goals and aspirations. Palmers Green High School was also awarded second place nationally in The Sunday Times Parent Power league tables for small schools in 2008 with 72.2% of GCSEs graded A\* or A. Congratulations go to everyone connected with the school: this success is indeed a testament to the girls' hard work, the dedication and professionalism of their teachers, and the support of their parents and families. Q

