



## WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

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### **ACADEMIC ACCOLADES FOR WESTONBIRT SCHOOL**

Sport, music, drama and art all flourish at Westonbirt School and academic performances are also excellent, with Westonbirt ranking in the top four per cent in the UK for GCSE 'value added' tests (conducted by Durham University).

Last November, 14 Westonbirt girls took part in the *UK's Senior Maths Challenge*, which involves answering 25 multiple-choice questions in 90 minutes. Collectively they achieved two golds, seven silvers and five bronzes – a fantastic result. Among the girls was Head Girl Ashley White, who received '**Best in School' and a Gold Award**. With over 65,000 pupils from across the UK sitting the Challenge and approximately six per cent receiving a gold certificate, this was quite an achievement.

Against current trends, when securing a place at a leading university is becoming increasingly more difficult, girls at Westonbirt have also been made impressive provisional offers for 2011. Head Girl Ashley White has been provisionally offered a place to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at St John's College, Oxford, Katharine Curry a place to read Biological Sciences at Leeds, Rebekah Heaney a place to read English & American Literature at Manchester and Yvonne Chen a place to read Aeronautical Engineering at Imperial College London. We wish all the girls the best of luck in achieving their required grades!

**OPEN MORNING AT WESTONBIRT SCHOOL AND ROSE HILL WESTONBIRT PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011: 09:30am – 12:30pm** (with Headmistress's address at 10:45am and 11:30am).

For further information please contact our Registrar, Belinda Holley, on 01666 881301, email: registrar@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

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#### **PHOTO:**

**PIC 1: Sixth Formers Emma Southam, Ashley White and Harriet Smith enjoy a break from their studies in the Italian Gardens**

**Note to Editors:**

Westonbirt School is a leading independent boarding and day school for girls (aged 11 – 18). The school's idyllic setting in 210 acres of beautiful rural park and woodland (shared with Rose Hill Westonbirt School, a preparatory day school for boys and girls) allows pupils the freedom to play and explore in a safe and natural environment, further developing imagination and confidence.

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