

# 18 Oxbridge offers for Woodhouse



Most of the hard-working Woodhouse eighteen

Woodhouse College near Tally Ho Corner had both a record number of Oxbridge interviews this year with 57, and a record number of offers of places. 18 students were offered places in colleges at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in January this year.

It is easy to forget that it is possible to get a place at our top universities from a local sixth form college when so much attention is given to schools such as the top girls school we have in the Suburb.

The Principal, John Rubinstein, remarked, "We put a lot of effort into supporting students with their choices, whatever they are, and for Oxbridge we've done a lot of work in preparing them for their

applications and interviews to make them as ready as we possibly can. We'll keep improving on our Oxbridge support network and are aiming for 20 offers next year."

Some of the successful students expressed how they felt. Among them was Orli Vogt-Vincent, 18, from East Finchley who has an offer to study History & Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and said, "I was convinced I wouldn't get a place, so I'm over the moon! It's a dream come true for me. Getting a place feels particularly amazing because before I came to Woodhouse, I would never have put myself forward for anything like this, as I never thought I could be good enough."

Issy Darlington, 17, from Upper Holloway has an offer from Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford to study Physics. She said, "After all the stress and work of the last few months, I am very pleased to have been given an offer. My family were very emotional and happy for me. It is an amazing opportunity." She added, "I hope to do an integrated masters at Oxford. In my fourth year I hope to study the 'Maths and Theoretical Physics' master's course that they offer as a continuation of the physics degree. After that I'd like to do a PhD and possibly go in to research."

Woodhouse is a popular and oversubscribed sixth form college in Barnet. It has been given 'outstanding' status by OFSTED. Students, aged 16-18 years, come from over 180 different schools across North London and 95% go on to university. The College acts as a bridge from school to university, giving students a chance to grow in confidence and develop independent learning skills. All students study A levels, offered in a wide range of subjects, and can study them in almost any combination.

It could clearly be one of the options to be considered when thinking about where to study for A Levels in Barnet. It can be a difficult time for parents and students alike so they could find that adding this establishment to their list might make the choice easier.

TERRY BROOKS

## WORDSEARCH

In this Wordsearch we have included 20 characters from Shakespeare plays. One of them is highlighted to start you off but please don't count it in your total! Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Please send your entries by email to [terrybrooks1951@yahoo.com](mailto:terrybrooks1951@yahoo.com) with your name and contact details. The closing date is June 16. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 book token. Good luck!

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### SN133 WORDSEARCH ANSWERS, FACTS & WINNER

The answers to the last issue's stage and film musicals Wordsearch were as follows: Cabaret, Candide, Cats, Chicago, Chess, Evita, Grease, Gypsy, Hamilton, Hello Dolly, Matilda, Oliver, Pippin, Rent, Showboat, Taboo, The Producers, Tommy, West Side Story and Wicked.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Phantom of the Opera is the longest-running Broadway show. Opening in 1988, Phantom has been staged over 11,400 times and it's still running.
- Lion King is the biggest Broadway show money-maker to date having grossed \$1.09 billion.
- The first nude Broadway musical was Hair, which opened in 1968 and ran 1,750 performances.

Tina Janering from Harford Walk is the winner of the Joseph's Bookstore £20 voucher: congratulations! Thank you also to all of you who also sent your answers.

This is my last Wordsearch at Suburb News: thanks to everyone who participated and got in touch with me through e-mail over the past three years, it's been great meeting you!

CRISTINA LAGO

Suburb News would like to say a big thank you to Cristina for her contribution to the paper for the last few years. Any Wordsearch fan who is interested in taking her place, please get in touch with the Editor.

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## Thai Massage in Temple Fortune

Despite the demise of some local shops, a welcome addition has appeared in Temple Fortune.

Kotchawan Thai Massage Therapy opened in November 2017 at 1185 Finchley Road, replacing a retail unit that had been empty for some time.

The owner Julian Lewis explained that the business is named after his wife Kotchawan (translates as beautiful skin) but is known by her nickname Rium. She is a Thai national and is very highly qualified in Thai massage. Mr Lewis explained that Thai massage has been in existence for some 3,000 years, emanating from Wat Po Temple in Bangkok; the most famous school of massage. Buddha was a doctor before he started his path to enlightenment and Thais believe that massage is integral to good physical and mental health.

All the women who practise here have been trained in Thailand and are highly qualified and experienced. One of the assistants has a Masters in Osteopathy, and although not practising this at Kotchawan Thai massage, she combines her anatomical and skeletal knowledge within her massage. All the products that are used are of the highest quality. They also sell some gifts that are sourced from Thailand, although the tiger balm is made by Kotchawan herself.

Thai massage eases muscular and skeletal pain and allows more easy movement again; this is something that I can certainly vouch for, as I was given a treat of a 30 minute massage, which I can only describe as stupendous, and can't wait to go back again.

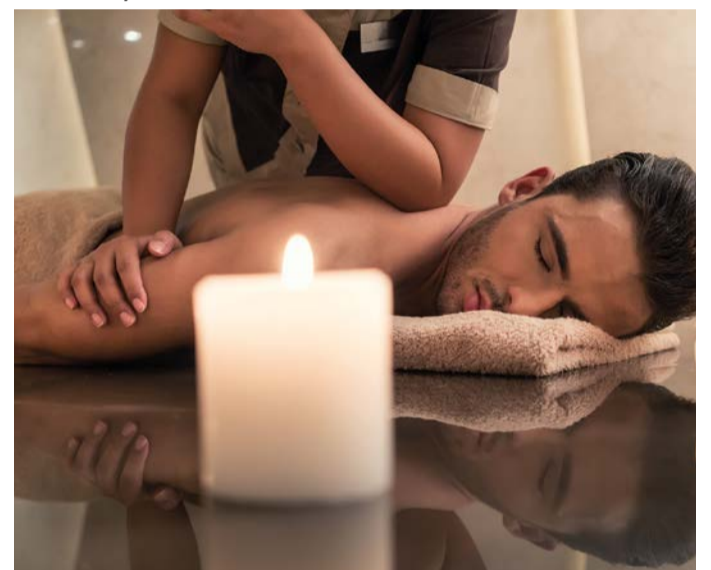
Afterwards I relaxed in their reception and was presented

with a tray of cold water and herbal tea. The studios are delightful, peaceful and calming and there are some singles and doubles, if couples want a massage at the same time. Reflexology, Thai herbal and Aromatherapy are also available.

Kotchawan is a unique and welcome addition to the local community. There is a discount

of 20% for seniors aged over 60 on a Monday. Gift vouchers and discounts for block advance hours are also available. The added bonus is that the hours are from 10am-10pm, seven days a week. So check out their website at: [www.kotchawanthai.co.uk](http://www.kotchawanthai.co.uk) or email [info@kotchawanthai.co.uk](mailto:info@kotchawanthai.co.uk), tel: 020 3490 2824.

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