

# Girls' grades are just Fran-tastic

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Students are looking forward to bright futures after achieving record-breaking A-level results.

Thousands of students celebrated their success last week, with four of the borough's schools achieving a 100 per cent pass rate.

On Thursday, students arrived at school at the earliest possible opportunity to find out if they had

achieved the grades needed to get on to their chosen university course.

Coloma Convent Girls' School was among schools celebrating their best ever results.

Eleven per cent of all grades were A\*, 37 per cent were A\* or As, 70 per cent were A\*, As or Bs and 89 per cent were A\*, As, Bs or Cs.

One of the school's most successful pupils was Francesca Insuli, who carried on a long family tradition of academic success at Coloma, which was also attended by her mother, grandmother and aunts.

Francesca, 18, of Sissinghurst Road, Addiscombe, achieved four A\*s in biology, German, maths and psychology, as well as an A in AS-level further maths.

In seven of the exams taken she gained 100 per cent and will be going to the University of Sussex next month to study psychology.

She said: "It hasn't sunk in yet, I still can't believe what I got. I was hoping I would get one A\*, but I didn't think I would get four."

"The fact my mum, grandmother and three of my aunts all went to the school does make it more special."

"It is nice to know they have



**It's in the genes: Francesca Insuli with her mum Tracey, right, and grandmother Suzanne**

been through the same thing and gone through it at the same place."

Her mum Tracey left Coloma in 1986, and now works as a science technician at the school.

She said: "I am over the moon. I am so proud of her because she

has worked so hard. I knew she would do really well.

"The fact I went to the school does make it a little bit more special."

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