

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Partners of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Gibraltar have this year, once again, decided to make a financial award to those students whose A-level results have demonstrated academic excellence. This is the 4th consecutive year in which the scholarships have been awarded.

The aim of the scholarships, which have no conditions attached, is to encourage and reward academic excellence and are awarded annually at the partners' discretion to two students, normally one student from each of the two comprehensive schools, who have obtained the highest academic achievements and who have gained admittance to university.

The partners are pleased to announce that, exceptionally this year, the scholarships have been awarded to two students from Bayside Comprehensive, Joe Bristow and Vivek Sadhwani, as this is the first occasion in which two applicants obtain five A grades at A-level in the same sitting. This is a historic achievement for Gibraltar's education system as well as for the individuals concerned. PwC, as a promoter of excellence in all the spheres in which it operates, wishes to congratulate the two recipients of the award this year for having achieved such a level of academic excellence.

Joe will be reading engineering and Vivek mathematics, both at Cambridge University.

In presenting the awards, PwC's Managing Partner, Colin Vaughan said that he was delighted to present the scholarships to two truly outstanding students who had achieved unprecedented results. As he congratulated the award winners he noted that there were many other students who had also obtained excellent results and whose combined achievements reflect the excellent performance of teaching standards in both schools.

Colin Vaughan said that the partners of PwC were yet again extremely pleased with the overall achievement of Gibraltar's A Level students. With around 100 partners and staff in Gibraltar the firm is a significant employer of graduates and annually recruits graduates on training contracts for its audit, tax and accounting divisions. The partners look forward to the prospect of continuing to recruit exceptional graduate trainees from an ever increasing pool of excellent academic talent.

Each student received a cheque for £1,000 for the forthcoming academic year and will receive similar cheques at the beginning of their second and third academic years.

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