

## **Best Abitur Results in Schloss-Schule History**

Including best Abitur results for international students

Students of the class of 2019 at the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg demonstrated their academic prowess with historic results in this year's Abitur exams. All 40 students of the class of 2019, 20 boys and 20 girls, successfully completed their exams to walk proudly across the graduation stage on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The graduation rate of 100% this year allowed a joyous celebration for all who attended.

At the top of the graduating class stood three students with particularly noteworthy results: Friederike Zobel with a total of 858 points achieved the best results with an overall Abitur grade of 1.0 (with 15 out of 15 points in all of her written examinations!). Doreen Stier was also able to pull through with an overall grade of 1.0 in the Abitur after a hard-earned 15 points in two oral examinations. Lastly, Natalie Jost, who would have certainly been the top of the class in most years with a final average of 1.1, found herself among the top three this year.

In total, 30% of this year's class (12 students) achieved a final grade in the Abitur between 1.0 and 1.9, in several cases as a result of extraordinary determination in additional oral examinations.

The international students of this year's class also demonstrated a remarkable performance by completing all examinations in a "foreign language", German. Yichen Ding (Emma) graduated with an outstanding average of 1.7, and Hanxiang Zhu (Jack) with equally as impressive results of 1.9.

The professional athletes amongst this year's class also deserve extra mention for their academic success on top of rigorous training in their respective fields: Viktoria Rupp, an excellent equestrian, and Vincent Hofmann who plays for the Crailsheim Merlins in the NBBL.

We live in an aging society, and the grievances and concerns with the younger generation can be heard everywhere. Youth these days are frequently dismissed as an entitled generation without any sense of drive, politically disinterested, and only concerned with their own needs. However, such lamentations have been repeated for generations since the times of ancient Egypt and Babylonia. At the very latest, the class of 2019 from the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg has proved these statements to be utterly false!

The memorable class of 2019 was bid farewell with the following adage to guide them:

Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is a mystery.  
Today is a gift – that is why it's called the present.

*(Helmut Liersch, Schloss-Schule Kirchberg – July 5th, 2019)*