



Catherine Zhang ARSM

Looking at the picture above, you might well think that this was Catherine celebrating the news of her success at the ARSM (Associate of the Royal Schools of Music) Diploma!

In fact, though, the school uniforms give it away, as it was simply a picture taken by some of Catherine's school friends at the end of Year 11, following her GCSE exams,

While she could have continued at the same all-girls' grammar school for her final two years of A-level study, she made the decision to move across the city, in fact to my old grammar school – Devonport High School for Boys – which now accepts girls in Years 12 and 13, or 'the Sixth Form' in old-speak! So it was really both the end of an era, as well as the closing of a chapter in her on-going education.

While Catherine is now still at the 'make-your-mind-up' stage, with regards future career, and thus what she proposes to read at university, she may well not decide to follow brother, Patrick down the Medicine route.

But whichever career-path she eventually follows, she will surely apply herself with maximum effort and dedication, as she has done with her studies at the piano.

Again, I will be very sorry to see her go, but, after taking lessons for some ten years, the family has assured me that they will definitely be keeping in touch in the future, and that must surely count as the very next best thing!