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Duo ahead of the class

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Sticking to a schedule and using stress as a motivator helped Lucy Jarrett and George Schulz achieve a "perfect score" on their Year 12 exams.

Duxes of their respective schools, Presbyterian Ladies' College and Christ Church Grammar, they are among just 15 students across WA who got an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 99.95 — the highest possible.

Both took maths courses, chemistry, physics, literature and a language — Lucy did French and George studied Japanese.

An accomplished pianist, Lucy squeezed

in sport and music practice before and after school, then she hit the books until about 10pm.

"I had something on nearly every morning before school," she said. "Cross-country started at 6am, music ensembles at 7am.

"I'd always study as late as I could to still get eight hours of sleep."

George said some days after school were almost blocked out with debating or mock trials, followed by about four hours of study until 11.30pm. In the lead-up to the final exams he put in up to eight hours a day.

Next year Lucy hopes to study maths and George plans to do chemical engineering.

Another two Christ

Church students — Benjamin Davison-Petch and Marcus Handley — also achieved ATARs of 99.95.

Six of the 15 top-scorers were from public schools — Henry Yapeater, Bertrand Nheu, Deepak Jeyerajan and Joshua Boon from Perth Modern, Char Min Ng from Willetton Senior High and Hongshu Wang from Shenton College.

The others were Hale School's Yale Cheng, Charlie Singleton from Methodist Ladies' College, Gary Zheng from Chisholm Catholic College and Shevanka Dias Abeyagunawardene and Bartholomew Tang from All Saints' College.

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