

GCSE Results 2019

Congratulations to all our Year 11 pupils on successfully completing their GCSEs. Ten pupils who have enjoyed notable success in obtaining high grades are:

- **Sophie Roberts:** 9 in Biology, Geography, History and Religious Studies; 8 in English Language and English Literature and PE; 7 in Maths, Chemistry and Physics
- **Tom White:** 9 in Maths and Physics; 8 in Biology, Chemistry and Computing; 7 in English Language, PE and Religious Studies
- **Rufus Jones:** 9 in English Literature and History; 8 in English Language; 7 in Computing and Religious Studies
- **Blessing Amike:** 8 in English Literature, Geography and Food Technology; 7 in Biology, French, Religious Studies in Maths
- **Rebekah Martin:** 8 in Art, French, History and Religious Studies; 7 in Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Food Technology and Physics
- **Stephen Opoku Ware:** 8 in Chemistry and History; 7 in Drama, English Language, English Literature, Maths and Religious Studies
- **Jessica Terry:** 8 in English Literature and Religious Studies; 7 Biology, English Literature, Geography and History
- **Troy McRae-Hamilton:** 8 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, 7 in Maths
- **Winniefred Sesay:** 8 in French, 8 in German, 7 in Religious Studies and A in Dutch
- **Hannah Wyatt:** 8 in Geography and Religious Studies; 7 in Music

We are also keenly aware of a number of individuals who have triumphed over adversity to achieve a very good set of results. You know who you are!

There are many others who have made particular progress through Year 11, adding a grade or more on average even in the last few months from the second mocks in February. Again, you will know if that is you. Well done indeed.

These new GCSEs remain a tough assignment. We were relatively pleased with the baseline figure of 66% achieving 4+ in both English and Maths (it was 68% last year). 68% achieved a 4+ in two Sciences. 51% achieved a 4+ in either History or Geography. 70% achieved 4+ in Religious Studies.

Our Attainment 8 score this year is 45.9 (compared to 52.3 last year). This in part reflects the difference in prior attainment between the two year groups. Good progress was made during Year 11 (of nearly a grade on average per pupil). Some groups also did better this year, including our Disadvantaged pupils. Overall, however, we are disappointed with this year's results in comparison with those which were achieved last year and those which we are on course to achieve next year. As we recognise the hard earned success of many pupils in this second year of a new qualification, we want to learn what we can about how to do things better in the future. We also know that changes we made to our Key Stage 3 curriculum in 2015 will have their effect from next year onwards.

We take heart from the improvements seen this year at A Level (our highest percentage yet of grades at both A* and A) that those now entering the Sixth Form will be well placed to build on their significant achievements at GCSE with future success at A Level.