



Monmouth Comprehensive School GCSE EXAMS NEWSLETTER 2012

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Record Breaking results for GCSE students at MCS

Students at Monmouth Comprehensive School achieved an outstanding set of examination results on Thursday 23rd August. Following on from the highest ever grades achieved at 'A' level last week, students surpassed all previous records at the school. 86% of students achieved the core indicator of 5A* to C grades, with over 45 % of all grades being the two highest. There were notable achievements in Mathematics and Science and both subject areas broke all records in their pass rates. Ms R. Osman, the Head of Mathematics said, "There is a national focus on Mathematics and at the school we have been working to ensure that students have the skills and knowledge in Mathematics to take their place in the World".



No student at the school achieved less than 5 qualifications across a range of subjects, carrying on the school's tradition of being able to meet the needs of all learners. The school is also in the second year of offering the Welsh Baccalaureate to all students in Year 11 and over 90% achieved the Award. The Baccalaureate is made up of a range of qualifications, including GCSEs and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy. Students also have to write an extended research project following academic conventions (more like a university thesis) and complete a community work project alongside a placement that provides work experience.

Amongst the overwhelming majority of students who achieved superb results, there were students who achieved over 10A*s or As across their subjects – **Claire Baker, Oliver Landsbert, Jessica Prince, Kathleen Elverson, Bethany Cooper, Alana Sculley, Holly Smith, Charlotte Warmington, Samantha Ford, Chloe-Jai Blake, Carrie Langley, Nell Dawson, Molly Thomsett, Tabitha Newbound, Christopher Bull and Ashleigh Embling.**

This is a fantastic achievement for all students, the majority of whom will be returning to Monmouth Comprehensive School in September to begin their Sixth Form courses. The school has one of the largest Sixth Forms in the country and has been recognised by ESTYN, the Welsh Schools Inspectorate, as being of "exceptionally high quality" in its teaching and methods of assessment. The school because of its size is also able to offer a wide range of courses, from the purely academic to more vocational and technical courses. The school is very much at the heart of the community and draws in students from Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, as well as from across Monmouthshire.



Mr. Davies, the Headteacher, said "Students, teachers and parents working together ensure success. Our parents are fantastic in the way that they make sure expectations and aspirations are met and that we all work together. Our students are determined and well motivated and want the best. Our staff are unstinting in the care and support they provide to all.

The community that surrounds the School and stretches across all three counties is generous in its support of the school and always

makes every effort to help all our students. It is the fact that as parents, as a school and a community that we care so much about our young people that we can make a difference. Our students, our parents, our teachers and support staff, along with our community, should be very proud."





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'Students Go for Gold' - and achieve the very highest grades at Monmouth Comprehensive School.



Students at Monmouth Comprehensive School were celebrating their success on the 16th August as they achieved the highest percentage of A* and As ever recorded at the school.

136 students were entered for A Level and BTEC Examinations this summer. The pass rate was 99%, with over 30% achieving the very highest grades. The number of A* grades awarded was more than double the national average, with over 80% of students achieving the top three grades. Success was across all faculty areas and a number of students achieved all A* or As.

Some of the outstanding top achieving students with the very highest grades, many with all A* and As at A Level and BTEC were:

Annabelle Clarke
Oliver Johnson
Jerard Haney
Robbie Jones
James Lee
Luc Magwood
Rosie Kemp

Harriet Pritchard
Freya Johnson
Anna Burn
Kirsty Thomas
Richard Middleton
Eleanor Dow

Samuel Baker
Caitlin Richards
Francesca Cackett
Rosie Burford
Catherine Larcombe
Olivia Grice

Students will be leaving this Autumn to study a vast array of courses at a number of universities and colleges across the country. This year we have students going to Oxford, Edinburgh, London, Bristol, Durham, and Cardiff – in fact, to all areas of the country. They will be reading courses such as PPE, Mathematics, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Computer Science, Geography, History, Politics, Chemistry, English, Sports Sciences, Psychology, Criminology, plus many, many more. We wish them all success.

At A/S Level students were equally successful at achieving high grades and have laid firm foundations for next year.

Mr Davies praised staff and students for all their hard work, care and commitment. "Once again our students have achieved their very best and we are delighted that so many will be going on to their first choice places at university or college. Their parents will be very proud of their achievements and the whole community will want to celebrate their success. Our young people are the future and this level of success has put them right out in front in taking a lead in that future. The school has a long tradition of achieving the very highest grades for all students from across the entire community at post-16 Examinations. We have one of the largest Sixth Forms in the area and continue to be the first choice for many students and their families."

