



Monmouth Comprehensive School GCSE EXAMS NEWSLETTER 2013

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TRIUMPH AND SUCCESS AT MONMOUTH COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL AS STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR EXAMINATION RESULTS

Science and Mathematics results at MCS bucked national trends with the best ever results recorded at the school. Nationally though, top grades in these two core subjects, along with English, have decreased. This was not the case at Monmouth Comprehensive School. Overall the 5 A*- C across the school rose to 89%, with particular success in Mathematics and Science.



Mrs Osman, Faculty Leader for Mathematics said, "We are rightly proud of the results of our students. At A-Level and AS –Level last week, students outstripped national averages, the same now with GCSE Mathematics. Students have achieved a great deal of success. We have currently the highest number of students studying Mathematics at A Level and many are going on to study Mathematics at Degree Level." The Head of Science, Mr S Pearson, was delighted with this year's results. "We have seen students succeed in a variety of pathways in Science. We have also maintained our traditional separate science courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as well as providing a variety of courses that appeal to different students. Science continues to be a popular option at A Level with many students going on to read Science courses at University".

The school is in its third year of offering the Welsh Baccalaureate to all students in Years 10 and 11. This year 84% of students In Year 11 achieved the qualification. The Baccalaureate is made up of a range of qualifications, including Literacy and Numeracy. The qualification recognises all aspects of a student's skills and is an excellent preparation for further study and the world of work. Amongst the overwhelming majority of students who achieved superb results, there were students who achieved the highest grades across all their subjects –

Michaela Bowen
Matilda Greenstreet
Ellie Kevill
Zoe McCarroll
Ross McCoard
Nia Roberts
Ruthie Walters

Michael Ellis
Joseph Hopkins
Rebecca Large
Chloe Miller
Emily Pardington
Sally Stapleton
Thea Ward

Max Goodridge
Miles Isted S'Jacob
Paige Lewis
Kirsty McIntosh
Amelia Ralphs
Milly Tudball
Jack Whittaker

This year, as in the last two years, no student left without a qualification. The school is fully comprehensive and is able to meet the needs of all students and support them in leading their lives. This is a fantastic achievement for all students, the majority of whom will be returning to MCS in September to begin Sixth Form Courses

Mr Davies, the Headteacher, said, "Students and staff have worked incredibly hard to achieve these excellent results. The support of parents and the community is essential in ensuring the best outcomes for our young people. On Thursday the 12th September 2013, we will be holding our annual Awards' Evening, where we can all come together to celebrate our students' success across a wide range of subjects, learning and extra-curricular achievements".



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Smiles of Success as students celebrate their Examination Results



There were beaming smiles of success and joy as students received their A Level, AS Level and BTEC results on Thursday 15th August. Students, teachers and parents celebrated together as envelopes were opened and the result of hard work and study were finally realised.

22 students also took the prestigious new Welsh Baccalaureate qualification at Advanced Level. This qualification, similar to the International Baccalaureate, provides opportunities for students to explore areas of personal interest in more depth and take a wider perspective on their learning compared to more traditional examination courses. All 22 achieved the Award at grade A.

139 students were entered for A Level and BTEC Examinations this summer. The pass rate was 99%, with nearly 80% achieving the top grades. Success was across all Faculty areas and a number of students achieved all A* or As (30%, which is much higher than the national average). There was also an increase in students achieving the A* - B grades at the school, again well above national averages.

As Monmouth Comprehensive School is one of the largest Sixth Forms in the country, the school is able to offer a diverse and wide curriculum programme. This diversity and inclusiveness was reflected in the outstanding examination results. Some of the top achieving students were:

Merlin Gable	Angus Swanson	Alex Thomas	Sophie Dowle
Benna-Jayne Harper	Jordan Howells	Samantha McNaught	Sarah Peters
George Ryley	Emma Sargent	Victoria Stevens	Cameron Watson-Boycott

Over 90 % of students have gone onto their choice of University. Students will be leaving this Autumn to study a vast array of courses at universities and colleges across the country from Oxford, London, Bristol, Durham and Cardiff – in fact to all areas. They will be pursuing courses in Medicine, Engineering, Modern Foreign Languages, Computer Science, Geography, History, International Relations, English, Sports Sciences, Psychology plus many, many more. Some students will also be going straight into work-based apprenticeships to start their careers.

At A/S Level, students were equally successful and have laid firm foundations to take their subject choices to the next level.

The Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Caroline Dean praised all students for their hard work and determination. Mrs Dean said, "We have a very successful Sixth Form at Monmouth Comprehensive School, which has been praised by the Welsh Inspectorate, Estyn. We also have one of the largest and most diverse curriculum offers that allows students with different interests, enthusiasms and passions a great deal of choice.

Headteacher, Mr Davies, praised students and staff, as well the support and commitment provided by parents to ensure all students succeed. Mr Davies said, "The community will be delighted with the success of our students and will no doubt want to celebrate to show how proud we all are of their achievements. Our Awards' Evening will be held on September 12th and this is the time we can come together to celebrate the lives of students at MCS."