



# Monmouth Comprehensive School GCSE EXAMS NEWSLETTER 2014

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**Monmouth Comprehensive School, a beacon of success, as students achieve a galaxy of A\* and beat all previous records of success.**



Students at Monmouth Comprehensive School achieved outstanding examination grades this week. Across all subject areas there has been a significant increase in attainment, with many students achieving a galaxy of A\* stars. The school has recorded its best ever results, with the vast majority of students achieving the top grades. 94% of students achieved 5 A\*- C, which is one of the measures used by Government. Mathematics, English and Science all achieved 10-12% higher, which was also reflected across the majority of subject areas.

Many students achieved A\* and As across eight subjects or more, including English and Mathematics. Some of the top achievers were:

**Frances Dowle, Henry Edwards, Harry Lloyd, Reuben Pierrepoint, Megan Kinniment-Williams, Bethan Morgan, Annicca Prince, Lara Gordon, Jodie-Anne Lowton, Natasha Chandra, Alice Gable, Finchley Harwood, Sarah Brice, Benedict Allen, Ben Warmington, Grace Allan, Philippa Parry Bethany Morgan, Ani Steele, James Johnston, Jessica Williams, Sam Winder, Jessica Netherway, Georgia Jones, Daisy Girardet, Charlotte Bancroft, Georgia Howe, Gemma Landsbert, Calvin Burke, Edward Goldsmith, James Green, Ben Colewell, Dan Thomas, Megan Lewis, Amber Doughty.**

Mr Davies, the Headteacher, praised the work of students and staff. He said, "These have been anxious times for students, parents and staff because information from the Examination Regulator at the start of the summer was warning of a deflation in grades. There was a lot of uncertainty. Today, though, we are all celebrating and are delighted for our students. They have excelled. These fantastic results are down to their hard work and determination, as well as that of the staff. The staff at our school work relentlessly to make sure every student achieves the best they can in their examinations. It is not, though, just about examinations. It is about the whole child. It is about developing resilient, enthusiastic and creative individuals who have the drive and ambition to lead their lives."

The Head of English, Mr N Jones was rightly proud of what students had achieved. "This is our best ever year and we were warned that grades might go down after changes made to the examination assessment criteria. Our students have not just achieved well, they have broken all records. I am also impressed with the results of our boys. There is a national picture of boys not achieving as highly in English. This year, our boys have raised the bar." Miss Summons, the Progress Leader for Year 11, was ecstatic in her praise for all the students, parents and staff. "They are just brilliant. They have been the best Year Group I could have wished for. It has been a wonderful five years leading the students to this incredible success."

Science and Mathematics again saw increases in attainment this year, with over 80% of students obtaining the top grades. The school is also in its fourth year of entering students for the Welsh Baccalaureate and achieved 100% pass rate. No student left without a qualification and attendance at the school has risen to all time high of 96%, which is above national benchmarks.





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## A Star Studded Examination Performance by students at Monmouth Comprehensive School



With a pass rate of over 99%, of which 30% of students achieved three or more A\*s and As at A Level, students have achieved an excellent set of results in their summer examinations.

On Thursday morning, there were smiles of joy and delight (as well as a few tears of relief) as students celebrated their success with parents and teachers. 156 students were entered for A Level and BTEC Examinations this summer. Across the board, at all grade levels, students achieved outstanding success. Well over 80% of students achieved the higher grades. In Mathematics, for example, over half the class of 40 students achieved the top grade. Similar levels of success were seen across many subject areas.



Students who took the Welsh Bacalaureate at Advanced Level achieved a 100% pass rate.

**Some of the top achieving students with 3 or more top grades were:** Ryan Lee, Lyndsey Millin, Ella Phillips, Huw Jones, Oliver Landsbert, Jessica Prince, Simran Kaur, Eleri Eldridge-Tull, Dani-Marie Evans, Kathleen Elverson, Saffron Parsons, Carrie Langley, Claire Baker, Katie Bedney, Evie Clarke, Alexi Warshawski.

Over 90% of students have gone onto their choice of University, college or employment-based training. In September, students will be embarking on their courses or careers in a wide range of areas, from farming, medicine, law, engineering, politics, computer science, modern foreign languages, plus many, many more. Students will be studying at places such as Oxford, Bristol, Durham, Cardiff, Swansea and even as far away as Amsterdam.

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



The Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Caroline Dean said how delighted she was for all students in achieving such excellent results and being able to move onto their next pathway of choice. Mrs Dean also reflected that the weeks leading up to the results are such an anxious time for students and their families and it is always a relief when results are published and students become excited about their future.

Headteacher, Mr Davies, praised the work of students and staff in achieving such excellent results. Mr Davies said, "The students and staff at Monmouth Comprehensive school work hard to ensure the success of every child. Their dedication and commitment is seen every day. The school provides a rich and varied programme of study so that all can succeed to take the next steps in their lives. On September 11<sup>th</sup> the school will hold its Annual Awards' Evening, where the whole community can come together to celebrate the success of our young people and their lives".