



# Monmouth Comprehensive School GCSE EXAMS NEWSLETTER 2015

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## Smiles and jumps for joy as students celebrate their examination results



At Monmouth Comprehensive School, there were smiles of joy and relief as students collected their examination results. The number of students who achieved at least 5 A\*-C rose to the highest on record at 99%. Students achieved a fantastic 98% pass rate in the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification. The qualification is made up of a range of examinations and portfolio work, examining students' skills, attitudes and knowledge across a wide range of learning aspects.

Amongst the overwhelming majority of students who achieved superb results, there were students who achieved the highest grades across their subjects:

**Ellen Bates, Lorelei Boston, Rhian Carbury, Katherine Dullforce, Charlotte Edge, Alice Edwards, Rory Gordon, Iwan Hazlewood, Florence James, Jonathan Langley, Benjamin Main, Tom Morley, Louise Pardington, Hannah Pope, Wulfstan Scouller, Sam Smith, Morgan Walters and James Williams.**



This year, following a long tradition of success, no student left without a qualification. The school is fully comprehensive and is able to meet the needs of students and support them in leading their lives. This is a fantastic achievement and the majority of students will be returning to MCS in September to begin their Sixth Form Courses.

"I am delighted and excited for all our students who achieved so well. It has been a privilege over the last five years to lead such a wonderful group of young people. They deserve this success and I know they will go on to even greater achievement" said Miss Manners, Progress Leader for Year 11.

Headteacher, Mr Davies, congratulated all students and staff on their hard work. "A great deal of care, support and guidance is involved in making sure students achieve their best. Parental support is vital, along with the determination of students and the commitment of all staff."



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### Stars Shine Brightly at MCS



At Monmouth Comprehensive School, students excelled with a galaxy of outstanding examination results. Over 130 students were entered for A Level and BTEC qualifications and, building on the success of their AS levels and portfolio work, they have achieved even higher results (20% increase) this summer. Grades and pass rates were all above national figures, with nearly 30% of students achieving the top grades and 80% achieving A\*-C. Students who took the Welsh Baccalaureate at Advanced Level achieved a 100% pass rate, with the majority of students achieving A\* and As.

There were smiles of joy and delight (as well as a few tears of relief) as students celebrated their success with parents and teachers. A number of students achieved top grades across all their examination courses:

**Emily Pardington, Johaze Basarte, Ellie Kevill, Oli Franklin, Molly James, Kirsty McIntosh, Kirsty Pick, Jamie Barker, Michael Ellis, Zoe MacCarroll, Gemma Daw, James Hawkins, Fleur Williams, Thea Ward and Rhiannon Freeman-Thompson.**

The newly appointed Director of Sixth Form Studies, Mrs Caroline Guest, said how delighted she was with the work of the students and their determination to succeed. "I am confident that our students will leave with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to succeed in their next pathway and be successful in life. We take great store in nurturing well-rounded and confident young adults with ambition to achieve their best. I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to working with our Sixth Form students and taking them, and the school, to even further levels of success".

Headteacher, Mr Davies, praised the work of students, parents 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. Parents work closely with the school and support students at every opportunity. Our school provides a rich and varied programme of learning so that all can succeed. I wish all those students who leave us this September the very best fortune and look forward to hearing from them as they continue to lead their own lives".

This September, students will be leaving MCS to take up a range of different pathways, from medicine to scenography, studying at university and college as well as taking up a variety of apprenticeships.

The school has recently set up an Alumni Organisation in conjunction with the charity 'Futures First'. The organisation aims to keep former students in touch with each other, as well as inviting them back into school to coach, mentor and inspire the students of tomorrow. Further details about the MCS Alumni Organisation can be obtained by contacting the school. The school hopes to hear from all ex-students on life after MCS.

