



Monmouth Comprehensive School GCSE EXAMS NEWSLETTER 2017

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A whole universe of stars as MCS students achieve record results.



MCS is delighted and proud of the success of students in their recent examinations. Building on the success of last week's A Level results, Year 11 and Year 10 have achieved the best results ever recorded at the school, with over 80% in Year 11 achieving A*- C in Mathematics and the same with English and Science. The success was across every subject, with 13 subject areas achieving over 30%, A*/A. Over 80% of students achieved more than 5A* - C at GCSE, with 25 students achieving 10 or more straight A*/As across all subjects. The school also achieved outstanding results with the new Skills Challenge Certificate, with 76% of

students achieving A*- C. The school has been notified by the Examination Board, that we have performed significantly well when compared nationally with the new Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate and we are being held up as an example of excellent practice. Mr Egan, the Pathways Co-ordinator, who leads on this programme said "This is a fantastic achievement. The new qualification is rigorous and comprehensive and develops skills across a broad range of knowledge and aptitudes. Our students have excelled in every aspect of the programme. The new qualification forms the foundation of the changes that are taking place across education in Wales with the introduction of the new curriculum "Successful Futures". We are so pleased that we have achieved so well in the initial stages of these reforms".

25 students achieved 10 or more straight A*/As across their subjects: **Katie Kearsey, Georgia Parry, Darcy Birkett, Taryn Birkett, Emily Brown, Tom Heath, Beth Kinniment- Williams, Jacob Powell, Emily Shields, Gabrielle Cackett, Cassie De St Croix, Joshua Ellis, Rowan James, Katy Mather, Freddie Oubridge Brock, Archie Oubridge Brock, Luke Rogers, Tom Smith, Martha Waterstone, Matthew Brown, Rory Calderwood, Moiyah Jackson, Alicia McLachlan and Anna Moore,**

Mr Hampshire, the Assistant Headteacher who leads on Student Progress spoke of his overwhelming delight in the success of students. "This has been a particularly challenging year with the changes in qualifications and new examinations. There has certainly been an increase in the standards expected of students. I am so pleased that students and staff have been able to achieve these excellent results. The two students, Alice Barrell and Jake Middleton who were entered early for the Mathematics in Year 9, achieving two A*s each, in both Mathematics papers was just a joy."



There are many individual success stories. Mr Davies, Headteacher, paid tribute to students and staff, explaining that behind these figures there are some incredible individual results achieved by students who have had to overcome many personal challenges and barriers. "The staff do all they can to help each student and are unstinting with their time and dedication to make sure that students achieve their very best. We are proud to be a Comprehensive School with the aim of meeting the needs of all learners. With the opening of our new school in September 2018 and our continuing trajectory of success across many aspects of education from examinations to extra-curricular programmes, we will work to achieve the very highest outcomes for all children from our entire community. Congratulations to our wonderful students, their parents and, of course, to a brilliant staff."





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MCS is delighted and proud of the success achieved by students at KS5 in their recent examinations. Over **130** students were entered for A Level and BTEC qualifications. Students also took, for the first time, the new graded **Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate**. In Year 12, 150 students took their AS and BTEC qualifications and achieved an excellent set of results, with many outstanding individual performances.

On 17TH August, the school was abuzz with students, staff and parents celebrating success. A number of students achieved the top grades across all their examination courses: **Molly Abel, Iwan Hazlewood, Lorelei Boston, Sam Smith, Louise Pardington, Rory Gordon, Rhian Carbury, James Williams, Hannah Pope, Wulf Scouller, Millie Jenkins, Jonathan Langley, Alice Edwards, Harry Dalrymple.**

Students have accepted places at a number of universities and colleges with others taking up apprenticeships. Four students; Wulf Scouller, Rory Gordon, Iwan Hazlewood and Sam Smith will be taking up their places at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as the vast majority at other Russell Group Universities. Our students will be studying a wide range of subjects including Natural Sciences, Engineering, History, Creative Music Technology and Maths.

The Director of Sixth Form Studies, Mrs Caroline Guest, said how delighted she was with the work of the students and their determination to succeed. "Our students leave with the knowledge, skills and experiences to reach their full potential in their next pathway and in life. At the core of our Sixth Form programme of study is the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate. This rigorous and widely recognised qualification prepares students for lifelong learning, enabling many students to achieve their university choice.



The Individual Project component is structured in the format of a university dissertation and gives students the skills and experiences they will need to be successful in Higher Education. I am pleased to see that so many universities, including the Russell Group, made the qualification a requisite in the offer they made to students. It is evidence to the high regard of the Welsh Baccalaureate."

Headteacher, Mr Davies, praised the work of students, parents and staff in achieving such excellent results. Mr Davies said, "We are very proud of our students and their achievements. We are a fully comprehensive school and do our very best to support all students to succeed. Our students are enormously talented and able in so many fields of study and skill. It is humbling to watch them grow into fully rounded and ambitious young people who can lead their own lives. It is a privilege to watch each one pursue their pathway and I am so pleased that as a school we have maintained a full and dynamic curriculum choice, as well as an extensive extra curriculum programme, that tries to meet the needs of all our students."