

## **HIGHER GRADES ARE A MAJOR FEATURE IN SUCCESSFUL GCSE YEAR AT WILLIAM BROOKES SCHOOL**

Record GCSE results have established further the success of William Brookes' Year 11 students this year. 75% of students gained 5 or more GCSE passes at A\*-C, with over half of them gaining more than 8 higher grade passes and 41% gaining at least 10. 60% over all gained 5 or more A\*-C that included English and Maths.

Amongst the high number of successful students are many examples of outstanding achievement such as Oliver Crossley, who gained 14 passes, all at grades A\*-B, including 7 at A\* and 5 at A. Other high performers included Sam Birt, Rebecca Lefroy, Kate Hudson and Adam Clarke, all of whom gained 14 passes at A\*-B, and Eli Crawford, Ryan Gibbs, Matthew Beaumont, Amie Hayward, George Bilsby and Anthony Hadley, again with 14 passes at A\*-C. Amongst the higher number of A\* grades were also Bethan Copeland, Eleanor Bellows, Jacob Benyon and Kate Ingram.

This year group of students worked hard for their exams and they deserve congratulations for their achievements. A large proportion will be staying on to study A levels in our Sixth Form and we look forward to their continuing success over the next two years.

15 subjects had a 100% pass rate, including English Language, Science and French, with Maths at 99%. Every single Year 11 student who took their exams gained at least 3 GCSEs, with all but a handful gaining many more than that. Staff worked hard in preparing students throughout the two year programme and we know that the standard of teaching has continued to improve

Head, Penny Cooper, praised her students, parents, staff and governors saying she was delighted with the continued excellent results. "This success has been achieved with a sharp focus upon how students learn and on the most effective ways of teaching them. Expectations are high and most students have responded by working really hard to meet their own individually set targets. Students' successes will enable nearly all of them to follow their first-choice Sixth Form and college courses this September. They are very much aware of the importance of continuing to gain qualifications at this challenging time for young people's future choices in the world of work."

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