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Rossett School
Success for everyone

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Excellent GCSE results at Rossett School

Students at Rossett School are celebrating after achieving excellent outcomes in their GCSEs, results that were hard-earned in a year when schools were disrupted due to coronavirus and lockdowns.

Headteacher Helen Woodcock said she was delighted for all the students who had shown resilience and had worked incredibly hard under a new grading system based on teacher assessments rather than traditional exams.

She said: "We are so proud of each and every one of our students for their achievements during this challenging and uncertain year, and their fantastic results are well-deserved."

Among the individual success stories were:

The results reflected the hard work of the students and staff with well over a quarter of the grades being awarded at levels 7,8 or 9 with 15% being at the higher end of this measure. 82% of the students secured grades 9-4 in English, and there were excellent results in Economics, the Sciences, Languages, Philosophy & Ethics and Food Technology where at least a third of the grades were at either grades 8 or 9.

This year's grades were based on teacher assessment in line with national standards, internal quality assurance, and external quality assurance by the exam boards.

Ms Woodcock said staff had worked hard to give all students the best possible opportunities to demonstrate their ability and receive the results they deserved. The school used a range of evidence to reach an holistic judgement for each student, including formal assessments under exam conditions; a selection of class homework, coursework, and practical performances in some subjects.

Students maintained their positive mental wellbeing, with targeted pastoral support being given throughout the year, both remotely and in person.

Mr Bulmer, Director of Learning for Year 11, commented on the past year: "Our young people here at Rossett, and nationally, have lived through extraordinary times. We

are thrilled to share their success today. With most of our students in Year 11 choosing to continue on to Sixth Form at Rossett, we are looking forward to welcoming them back in September for the next stage in their journey."

In light of the ever-changing Covid-19 situation, students received their results by email whilst additional in-school support was provided for those who needed help deciding on their next steps. Remote and face-to-face appointments were available with members of staff throughout the day.

There are a small number of places available for external students to join Year 12 in September. Contact the Sixth Form Team directly at office@rossettschool.co.uk.

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Notes for Editors: Rossett School is in Green Lane, Harrogate, and caters for pupils aged from 11 to 18. For more information, visit www.rossettschool.co.uk.