



## Congratulations to all KSHS GCSE students

Students at KSHS are celebrating some fantastic GCSE achievements this year amongst plenty of change at GCSE for students all over the country.

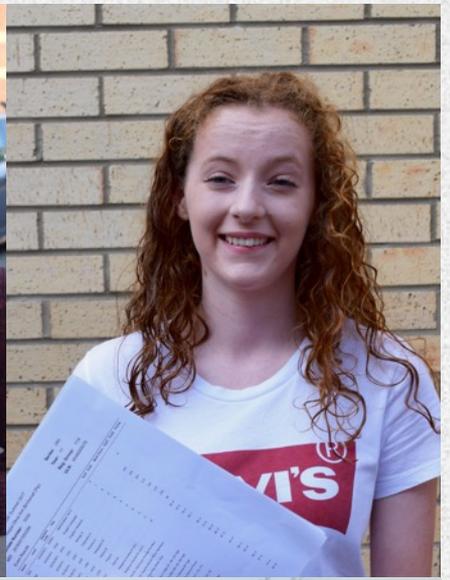
Amidst changes to the grading system for English, English Literature and Maths GCSEs and tackling more challenging syllabus content 42% of all grades achieved by Year 11 students were at the very highest A\* /A / 7+ grades, a fantastic achievement for hard working students. 95% of students achieved at least 5 GCSE grades A\*-C/ 4+ including English and Maths.

An impressive 17 students achieved at least 9 GCSE results each at A\*/ A /grade 7+. Emily Dunham, Emily Hobson, Jasmine Wragg, Cait Perkins and Anastasia Layton between them banked 42 A\*grades (or equivalent).

The High School has once again seen the measureable impact of its carefully planned academic support packages for students who need that little extra direction or advice in order to meet their potential.









I am absolutely delighted that students' hard work paid off for them. Throughout the year students had to prepare for examinations where very few practice papers were available whilst teachers had to assess students' work with very limited advice from the Department for Education on what graded work looked like in practice. Teachers and mentors, particularly those in the English and Maths departments, worked really hard to support students through a time of change: building their confidence was key.

These are excellent results and students across the year group can be extremely proud of themselves. Their hard work means they are really well placed for their next steps in education or training.

What impressed me was how students combined their studies with busy extra-curricular lives whether that was competing in international sports competitions, taking part in dance and drama productions or making regular commitments to local voluntary work.

I would like to thank all staff, and parents too, for their hard work and support in helping our students achieve such an outstanding set of results whilst at the same time becoming such rounded young people.

Whilst it is fantastic to celebrate the highest achievers who have worked so hard to achieve success the path to examination success isn't always smooth for some and every student who has met their potential should be so proud today.

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Head of School