



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

GCSE PRESS RELEASE STATEMENT 2023

We are celebrating today with our GCSE students who achieved outstanding outcomes. Against a backdrop of press information about grading being harsher and the levels back to 2019, pre pandemic, levels, our students achieved higher grades than 2022. These students have had so much of their schooling affected by lockdowns and high illness levels following the lockdowns, that this achievement is incredible. The students have worked incredibly hard to do so well and the successes that are so pleasing are due to good attendance rates and dedication to their studies.

The staff at Highdown have supported students brilliantly in all exams this summer as press stories about grade cut backs has increased anxiety levels. Hopefully this heralds a more confident era.

We are delighted that we will be welcoming these students back to the Highdown Sixth Form in the majority of cases. To those taking up college or apprenticeship places, we wish you the very best on the next stage of your journey.

Some extraordinary achievements are listed below, but there are many more!

Amy Thornton – 9 x grade 9 and 1 x grade 8

Cassia Carter – 8 x grade 9 and 3 x grade 8

Ryan Vickery - 7 x grade 9, 1 x grade 7, 2 x grade 6

Georgie Wilson – 7 x grade 9, 3 x grade 8, 1 x grade 7

Scarlett Mendham- 6 x grade 9, 3 x grade 8, 1 x grade 7

Sasha Monovskaya - 6 x grade 9, 4 x grade 8

Maddie Welch – 6 x grade 9, 1 x grade 8, 1 x grade 7, 1 x grade 6

Ms Rachel Cave
Headteacher
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