

West Exe Students Celebrate GCSE Success



Smiles and celebrations filled West Exe School today, Thursday 20th August, as students collected their GCSE results and looked ahead to what comes next.

Students, staff and families are celebrating a strong set of results, supporting students to go onto their choice of next steps. Many students will go onto study their chosen courses at Exeter College whilst others have secured apprenticeships with a range of local businesses or are pursuing specialist training at local colleges such as Bicton.

West Exe also celebrated an increase of students achieving grade 5s or above (strong pass) in both English and maths, as well as over 70% of students achieving above a grade 4 (standard pass) in both subjects. Staff and students have also celebrated particularly high achievements in subjects such as performing arts where 100% of students achieved the pass grade or above and health & social care also achieved particularly highly.

This year there are so many fantastic student achievements to celebrate including:

- Hal C secured an outstanding set of 11 GCSEs, including eight grade 9s, with top grades across all three sciences, Maths and Further Maths. He is planning to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths at Exeter College and hopes to pursue a career as a radiologist.
- Sophia I celebrated an exceptional set of nine GCSEs, including five grade 9s in subjects such as History, English Language and English Literature. She plans to

continue her studies at Exeter College, taking A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Spanish, with a particular interest in science and sports research.

- Markus K earned an impressive 12 GCSEs, including grade 9s in Chemistry, Maths and Russian, alongside grade 8s in Physics, Further Maths and Statistics. Markus is considering progressing to either Exeter College or Exeter Mathematics School to study Maths and Physics, with ambitions of working in the aerospace industry.
- Florence R attained a strong set of nine GCSEs, including a grade 9 in English Language and a grade 8 in English Literature. She plans to study Philosophy, English Literature and History at Exeter College and is interested in a future career within either the medical sector or special educational needs.
- Fynn P recorded an excellent set of nine GCSEs, including a grade 8 in English Literature and grade 7s in Biology, Geography and Sociology. He is planning to study Business, Psychology and Media at Exeter College and is particularly interested in exploring opportunities within user experience and artificial intelligence.

At West Exe, the school experience goes beyond academia to encompass learning and growth outside of the classroom.

Over the past year, West Exe students have taken part in a range of enrichment opportunities designed to broaden their knowledge, build confidence and explore their interests. This has included visiting the Met Office to learn about climate science and STEM careers, participating in a Model United Nations conference at Exeter College, and taking part in a science festival supported by the Royal Society of Chemistry, featuring workshops and talks on climate change, sustainability and scientific innovation.

Students have also developed valuable leadership, communication and teamwork skills through the school's Anti-Bullying Ambassador programme, with the team receiving recognition at the Ted Wragg Trust Awards for its positive impact on the school community.

Jamie Engineer, Headteacher at West Exe School, said:

"Seeing our students collect their results today is a proud moment for everyone at West Exe. They have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much during their time with us.

"GCSE results day is also a chance to reflect on the wider experiences that have been part of our students' time at West Exe, and it has been so rewarding to see students develop their interests and contribute beyond the classroom. We wish every one of them the very best as they take their next steps and look forward to seeing all they go on to achieve."

West Exe School, part of the Ted Wragg Trust, provides a learning environment in which all students feel safe, valued and known and where they can develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to become successful learners, confident young people and responsible global citizens.