

Marine Academy Plymouth Students Celebrate Best Ever GCSE Results



There were smiles all round at Marine Academy Plymouth today, Thursday 20 August, as students collected their GCSE results and celebrated an outstanding year of achievement.

The Academy is delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year, with the highest number of students in the school's history achieving strong passes at grade 5 and above.

Once again the Academy's English results are particularly impressive, significantly exceeding the national average. An outstanding 85% of students achieved grade 4 or above, 75% secured a strong pass at grade 5 or above, and 34% achieved the highest grades of 7–9, equivalent to A/A* under the previous grading system.

These excellent results are testament to the ambition, determination and hard work of Marine Academy Plymouth's students, alongside the dedication, expertise and unwavering support of staff. Most importantly, these achievements will enable students to progress confidently to their chosen next steps, whether continuing their studies at MAP's sixth form, beginning an apprenticeship or pursuing other opportunities.

Among the many outstanding individual performances were:

- Eddie G, who achieved an exceptional six grade 9s, two grade 8s, one grade 7 and a Merit.
- Coby H, who achieved one grade 9, three grade 8s, five grade 7s and a Distinction.
- Daisy G, who achieved one grade 9, three grade 8s, one grade 7, two grade 6s and a Distinction.
- Precious L, who achieved one grade 9, two grade 8s, five grade 7s, one grade 6 and a Merit.

The results provide a fitting celebration of the commitment and ambition shown by students throughout their time at the Academy.

Students at Marine Academy Plymouth have embraced a variety of enriching opportunities over the past year, from engaging with employers and industry professionals through the school's Future Fridays programme, which helps students explore career pathways and develop workplace skills, to visiting the UK Parliament and seeing how their learning connects to the wider world.

Students have also enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to get involved in sport and physical activity, with the academy recognised nationally after being shortlisted for a Youth Sport Trust Award for its work to improve students' confidence, wellbeing and engagement through PE.

At Marine Academy Plymouth, which is part of the Ted Wragg Trust, students are supported to make informed choices about what comes next, whether that is continuing into the school's sixth form, starting an apprenticeship or moving into employment.

Jennifer Brimming, Principal of Marine Academy Plymouth, said:

"There is always a special atmosphere on GCSE results day, and it has been wonderful to see our students celebrating these well earned results. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. These outcomes are the result of their hard work and determination, underpinned by the very best teaching, excellent relationships between staff and students, and the high expectations we have for every young person at Marine Academy Plymouth.

"We cannot wait to welcome many of them back to our Sixth Form, which continues to deliver some of the strongest outcomes in the city. It is incredibly exciting to see students continue their journey with us and build on the success they are celebrating today. For those moving on to other destinations, we are equally proud of them and wish them every success for the future."

Marine Academy Plymouth is a diverse, vibrant and inclusive secondary school. Their belief is that excellent qualifications and the option to access university are two of the most important indicators of student success and staff have a clear mission to provide every student with the opportunity to get to and through university or alternative.