

Tor Bridge High Students Celebrate GCSE Success



There were celebrations across Tor Bridge High today, Thursday 20th August, as students received their GCSE results and looked ahead to their next steps.

Across the board, there was an improvement in results in every subject area compared to last year thanks to the hard work and determination of students, the dedication of staff and the support of families. There has been a continued improvement in students achieving a 5+ (good pass) in English and Maths which rose by 5% this year and those achieving the top grades of 7+ doubled.

These results reflect Tor Bridge High's ambition to ensure that students are increasingly able to access the very highest grades. This year's success extends across both academic and vocational pathways, including over 100 GCSE grade 8s and 9s and 47 Level 2 Distinction* and Distinction vocational outcomes.

These strong results are enabling students to take their next steps with confidence, whether progressing to study at Tor Bridge High Sixth Form or securing prestigious higher-level apprenticeships with leading organisations, including Babcock and Becton Dickinson.

Among those celebrating exceptional achievements were:

- **Ethan K**, who achieved an extraordinary clean sweep of Grade 9s across every subject, including English Language, English Literature, Maths, Combined Science, History, Spanish and Computer Science.

- **Thomas K**, who secured an impressive set of results, including Grade 9s in Combined Science, Maths and Spanish, alongside Grade 8s in both English Language and English Literature.
- **Joseph O**, who achieved top grades across a range of subjects, including Grade 9s in Combined Science and Maths, as well as a Distinction* in BTEC Sport.
- **Hayul K**, who excelled in STEM subjects, achieving Grade 9s in Combined Science and Maths, alongside a Distinction in BTEC Engineering.
- **Jacob B**, who demonstrated outstanding achievement across both humanities and STEM subjects, securing a Grade 9 in English Literature and excellent grades in Combined Science, Maths, Geography, Graphics and Computer Science.
- **Emily M**, who achieved an excellent set of results across a broad range of subjects, including a Grade 9 in English Literature, Grade 8s in English Language, French and History, and a Merit in Performing Arts.

At Tor Bridge High, part of the Ted Wragg Trust, students' experience is underpinned by the school's core values of Courage, Love and Ambition, with students supported to go on to live a life without limits. Alongside their studies, students take part in a wide range of experiences that help them explore their interests and gain a broader understanding of the world around them.

The school has celebrated another successful year for basketball, with its year 7 and year 8 teams both completing unbeaten seasons. And more than 25 students joined the school's new Army Cadet Force detachment this year, becoming the first cohort of cadets to take part in training including drill, first aid, adventure activities and leadership development.

Students have excelled in subjects like engineering in part thanks to links to local employers and organisations including Caerus, AECOM and Tech Cornwall. Visits and workshops have helped students understand how their learning connects to the world beyond school while developing important skills such as communication, teamwork and problem-solving.

Tracy Stephenson, Headteacher at Tor Bridge High, said:

"Today is a chance to celebrate the achievements of our students and the hard work they have put in throughout their time at Tor Bridge High. We are incredibly proud of their progress and the way they have contributed to our school community."

"Alongside their academic achievements, our students have made the most of the wider experiences that are such an important part of life at Tor Bridge High, from representing the school through sport to taking on new challenges through our Army Cadet Force unit and

work-related learning. These experiences have helped them grow as individuals and look ahead to their futures.

“Whether they are staying with us for sixth form, moving on to an apprenticeship or entering employment, we wish all our students every success as they take their next steps.”