

St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School, Wrexham Press Release – 23th August 2017

St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School is once again delighted to celebrate the GCSE examination success of our Year 11 pupils. As always, we congratulate the achievements of each and every pupil for their hard work and determination to succeed. However, some praiseworthy individuals who deserve particular commendation include Daisy Smith (St Mary's Church in Wales Primary, Rhiwabon) who achieved a phenomenal 14 A*/A grades, who with Karolina Barton (St Anne's Catholic Primary School), Aubrey De Luna (Victoria Primary School), Thomas Barlow (St Mary's Catholic Primary School), Emilia Swistowska (Victoria Primary School) and William Griffith (St Mary's Catholic Primary School) each of whom amassed an array of 10 or more A*/A grades. In addition to this, over a fifth of our Year 11 pupils achieved 5 or more A*/A grades. This continues to be a real strength of the school and makes up part of the 292 A*/A grades achieved and just over a quarter of all grades awarded.

Headteacher, Mr C Wilkinson, commented *"This years results are against a back drop of unprecedented curriculum reform – this particular Year 11 cohort have responded to the demands of new GCSE courses, new assessments, and other factors which previous year groups did not have to contend with. It is therefore with great pride that I commend all pupils for such a strong set of results. I am confident that these pupils now leave St. Joseph's with the skills and qualifications to take up the next part of their educational journey, and ultimately play their part in society with far more than just grades!"*

Once again there has been superb performance in the core, in particular in the three GCSE separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and especially in GCSE Biology where over 65% of pupils achieved the top A*/A grades.

As a church school we continue to be proud of our pupils achievement in Religious Education, where 86% of pupils achieved A* - C grades, and an A*/A total of 50%.

The school is also celebrating excellent Welsh Baccalaureate results, and outstanding success in the new Skills Challenge certificate where 83.3% of the cohort achieved a GCSE A*-C grade, and 13% of the cohort achieved A*/A grades.

The fruit of the five years study and the determination and commitment of the school's Year 11 pupils, the support from parents / carers and the expertise and passion of the teaching and support staff at the school sees outstanding performance yet again. So, yet again, St Joseph's continues to advance and deliver excellent qualifications for its pupils, and maximise their prospects of entering the sixth form / college or pathway of their choice.

The school's Open Evening for Year 7 entry in September 2019 is on Monday 24th September. Further details will be available on the school website stjosephs.wales