Queen Elizabeth High School
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GCSE Examination Results

Fantastic Results and celebrations all around on GCSE results day

QEH Year 11's outcomes were a cause for celebration as we maintained our strong track record for success. Across Wales GCSE outcomes are down on last year as results move closer to pre-pandemic levels. QEH's strong performance at A*-C off-sets the well-publicised squeeze at the top end of GCSE results.

Year 11 have to be praised for their hard work and positive approach to their examinations as we returned to normal exams. The dedication and commitment of our staff ensured that pupils were well prepared and well motivated, in their approach to the exams. This team effort between pupils and staff is evident in these fantastic results. Well done everyone!

- *19% of our pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs or equivalent at grade A* or A*
- *74% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs or equivalent at A*-C – significantly above the Welsh average*
- *61.2% of pupils achieved 5 GCSEs or equivalent including English and Maths*
- *97.7% A*-G or equivalent – above the average for Wales*
- *100% of Year 11 pupils leave with a recognised qualification*

There continues to be strong performance at all levels with pupils exceeding national averages in most indicators. Particularly pleasing is that, despite challenges, every pupil in Year 11 at QEH has left with a recognised qualification. We once again reflect the motto 'Ymlaen Gyda'n Gilydd' – 'Moving Forward Together'.

Our top 10 performing pupils gained a stunning 118 full GSCE A*/A grades between them were:

Kwame Asibey-Berko 10 A 2 Bs*
Jacob Squires 9A 3A*
Charles Fernandez 8A 4A*
Yuta Yamazaki 8A 4A*
Emily Roberts 7A 4A 1C*
Nicole Sadurski 7A 4A 2B*
Caitlin Balitayo 6A 4A 2B*
Claudia Crane 6A 4A 2B*
Cerys Frimston 6A 4A 2B*
Emilia Kulasik 6A 4A 2B*
Cerys Williams 6A 3A 3B*

Mr Dave Williams, Headteacher with Jacob Squires and his Mum, Mrs Squires, our school Careers Advisor. Jacob achieved 9A* and 3 A grades – Well done!

Cerys Frimston and proud Mum, Mrs Frimston. Cerys achieved 6A*, 4A and 2 B grades.

Dave Williams, Headteacher commented;

"I couldn't be prouder of our Year 11s. These are fantastic results, that reflect the hard work and dedication they showed in the build up to these examinations. Our staff have also worked incredibly hard to support the pupils and all their effort has paid off. We wish all our pupils best wishes and every success in the future - whatever their plans might be."

Charles Fernandez celebrating success with the Headteacher , Mr Williams and family. Charles achieved 8A* and 4 A grades!

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Mia Kirby, celebrating with family on results day.

Lisa Jones, Acting Deputy Headteacher commented;

"It has been fantastic to be around our pupils and parents today. Their smiles and celebrations say it all! To have every pupil achieve a qualification means so much to us as a school.
Well done everyone!"

Mr Gareth Roberts, Assistant Headteacher with Claudia Crane and parents.

Gareth Roberts, Assistant Headteacher commented;

"These are excellent results. We knew that results would start to 'glide back' to pre-covid levels, but our pupils have performed really well to secure fantastic outcomes".

Hannah Kessell and her proud parents.

Sarah O'Kelly, Assistant Headteacher commented;

"I'm so happy for our pupils. Staff and pupils worked closely together to achieve these fantastic outcomes. It has been a challenge after covid, but the fact that every child has left with a qualification is a true reflection on the dedication of our staff. No-one gets left behind at QEH!"