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**PRESS RELEASE – GCSE RESULTS 2020**

**CHRISTLETON STUDENTS CELEBRATE AN EXCELLENT SET OF GCSE RESULTS!!**

Despite the challenges presented by the Coronavirus crisis, students at Christleton High School are celebrating a remarkable set of GCSE results. Naturally, both students and staff are very pleased with the outcomes, particularly as this year was, of course, a very different year, as the Coronavirus crisis meant that students were unable to fully complete their courses and did not physically take their exams, relying instead on the best grade between either Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs) or the grades awarded via the Exam boards standardisation process.

Headteacher, Darran Jones, stated:

“After five years of hard work, it was particularly frustrating for all of our Year 11 students and their teachers, to suddenly lose the final weeks of their teaching and learning, to abruptly end their time at high school with less than a day’s notice, to have their exams cancelled and then to endure all the uncertainty and worry about how the grades were to be awarded.

Whilst fully understandable in the circumstances, this was, nonetheless, an extremely unsatisfactory end to their GCSEs. However, we were extremely proud of the way in which they handled it and after weeks of nervous anticipation, today was a day to celebrate their achievements and plan their next steps.”

Amongst the results overall, there were some spectacular individual performances with 19 students achieving at least 7 grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs. Lucia Aikman achieved 10, Giovanni Muratori (9), Victoria Jones (9) Rebecca Duffy (9), Freya Doyle (8), George Davies (8), Lainey Evans (8), Tori Taylor (8), Eleanor Bowdler (8), Cerys Wojtan (7), Freya Bellingham (7), Katy Snape (7), Sophia Bailey (7), Molly Davies (7), Kristoff Doman (7), Emma Carter (7), Sophie Gwyther (7), Katie Stanworth (7), and David Toma (7).

Sheila Lister, Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 4 said:

“Despite not being achieved through exams, as a staff team, we really couldn’t be happier for our students with this great set of results. As a Year group, they have always been a pleasure to teach and their vibrancy, personality and support for one another have always been apparent. Consequently, it has been incredibly rewarding to see them grow into the young people they are today.

English and Maths are key benchmark subjects but to receive such fantastic results across all subjects is particularly pleasing.

Throughout the last two years, we have increasingly focussed on identifying and meeting specific individual needs. I firmly believe that this approach has borne real success in students achieving the results they have, and it will really help to prepare them for the next stage in their education, work or apprenticeships.”

Commenting on the results, Darran Jones, said:

“I am incredibly proud of our students’ success. This year was a highly unfair way for them to end their time at High School and we all shared their feelings of disappointment at the way their school year ended.

Nonetheless, all staff and governors were hopeful that the students in this Year group would get the results they deserved and they have clearly achieved this. Despite the challenges of the last few months, it is particularly pleasing that their hard work over the whole course of their GCSE studies has been rewarded.

More than ever, these are challenging times for young people and it is inspiring to see how committed and hardworking they were. Whilst a very different Exam results day, it was, nonetheless, wonderful to see their happy faces as they opened their results. We wish each and every one of our students, success and happiness in their future studies and careers”.

Our Head of Sixth Form, Mike Cosstick, is looking forward to welcoming a record high number of Year 12 students on Thursday 3rd September. I would therefore urge all students, those from Christleton and other schools, who have already enrolled in Christleton Sixth Form, to contact the school as soon as possible to confirm their place, as we have only a limited number of places available.”