



THE HIGHCREST ACADEMY

Wonderful GCSE Results

The Highcrest Academy celebrates another year of GCSE success, with a number of pupils recording impressive 11 A*-C /9-5 passes.

Among the highest achievers is Micklefield resident 16-year-old Emily Payne, who attained 10 A-C/9-5 passes including 1 A**, 2 A*, 3 A, and 4 B grades. Crying with happiness she said: "I can't even begin explain the feeling. I can't believe I got these grade because I actually expected to do really badly. I am so surprised and completely shocked."

Asked about her plans for the future she said: "I want to stay on at the 6th form here, and then go to university to study journalism."

"My mum's going to take me out this evening to celebrate, which I'm really happy about."



Andrew Burgin, also 16, achieved 11 A-C/9-5 passes including 1 A**, 1A*, 5 A and 3 B grades. He said: "I did better than anticipated – I think I'm still digesting it all."

"I'll continue my studies here at 6 form. I'm not sure how I'll celebrate – I'm sure I'll think of something!"

Principal Glen Burke said: "We are particularly pleased that our Maths results have significantly improved this year and we are delighted that almost all pupils met their challenging personal targets. A remarkable 65% of the cohort achieved at least one top A*/A grade in at least one subject".

This is the first set of results from the new, more challenging grading system. Exams will now begin to be graded numerically, from 9 – 1, replacing the traditional letter-based A* - G system.

The pupils' achievements echoes those of their A-Level peers, who were last week rewarded with some of the best results in the Academy's 17 year history.

Reflecting on the year Mr Burke said: "Our students and staff have responded superbly to the significant challenges brought about by curriculum reform. These results reflect the determination of our students, the support of their families, our staff's exceptional hard work, and the invaluable assistance given by our governors. It is with great pride that all at The Highcrest Academy wish to congratulate our students".