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A Level Results – Congratulations Year 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are having a relaxing summer and that you have had the opportunity for some much needed family time. I am writing today to share with you the success of our Year 13 students in this year's A Level and BTEC examinations.

In a year that marked the return of external examinations to pre-pandemic grading students and staff at The Ecclesbourne School are celebrating after once again achieving fantastic A level results today. 31% of grades were at A* or A, two thirds of grades were at A* to B, over 80% were A* to C grades. 31 students gained A* and A grades in all of their A Levels, an incredible achievement. We look forward to recognising their academic success and progress in this year's Prize Day celebration in September.

As a result, and most importantly, our students have been able to gain the university places and apprenticeships for which they applied. Just under half of all students who applied through UCAS have secured places at Russell Group universities, with most university applicants securing their first-choice courses. Many students have been successful in securing high level apprenticeships, a growing trend and one of which we are very proud. At the time of writing the vast majority of students have had confirmation of their places for next year.

These exceptional results are testament to the hard work and tenacity of our students and staff and the support and encouragement provided by mums and dads. As parents, carers and teachers we know what these young people have been through in the last couple of years. They have faced significant disruption through two national lockdowns, and this is their first proper set of exams as their GCSEs were cancelled due to the pandemic. They are an incredible group of young people and we couldn't be prouder of them. We would like to take this opportunity to wish each of our Year 13 leavers every success for the future. You deserve all the praise we can give you.

Our parents and carers know that this has been an unusually challenging year for our school. Through it all we have never lost sight of making sure we do all in our power to help students achieve the examination results they need for their next steps. We have been utterly determined to make our school even better and to continue to do what we always have done: to put our students first and make sure they achieve their potential.

We know that happy students thrive, and that is why it is important to applaud our staff for their care, support and their generosity with their time. They have done all that they can to ensure students entered this critical stage of their education with confidence and calmness – and that approach has clearly helped our amazing students to shine.

As a headteacher this is one of my favourite days of the year, as we get to see students achieving all that they have worked for and taking up their places at some of the country's top universities as well as prestigious higher-level apprenticeships. I wish all our Year 13 Leavers happiness and success in their exciting new chapter. We will miss you, but we know you will continue to make us proud.

Yours sincerely

James McNamara
Head Teacher