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Excellence Shines Through as Chepstow School Students Achieve Outstanding GCSE Results



Chepstow School continues to demonstrate its commitment to "striving for excellence in all it does", as recognised in its recent Estyn inspection, with students once again achieving exceptional GCSE results.

Through positivity, perseverance, and ambition, Year 11 students have secured outstanding outcomes which continue to exceed national averages. This year, an impressive 41% of all grades were awarded at A* and A – more than double the national average of 19.5%.

Core subjects remain a notable strength, with:

- 80% of students achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grades A*–C, including English and Mathematics.
- 90% achieving grade C and above in English.
- 84% achieving grade C and above in Mathematics.
- 84% of students achieving grade C or above in Welsh — reflecting the school's strong culture of bilingual learning.

Chepstow School prides itself on inspiring all learners "for life" within an inclusive and caring environment. This year, 100% of learners achieved at least 5 GCSEs, ensuring all students are well prepared for their next steps.

Almost 20% of students achieved more than 11 A*/A grades across a wide range of subjects. Some of our highest performers include: James Allen, Ethan Baker, Evan Bird, Eleanor Curran, Amy Edwards, Harry Ferns, Lewis Griffiths-Burdon, Dylan Haddow, Sienna Harford, Emily Hughes, Alistair Laurie, Joseph Matthews, Kirsty McIntosh, Alexander Meddins, Sofia Mikulova and Daisy Turner all achieving more than 12 A*-A grades in their GCSE subjects.

Among the standout individual achievements, Dylan Bloor-Ramirez achieved his Spanish GCSE (A*) as early as Year 9, and today celebrates a further 12 qualifications — including 7 at A* - A. Other students showing remarkable progress include Hope Lyall, Stella Jenkins, Francesca Davies and Artem Bandur, who together secured 47 qualifications at grades A*–C, reflecting their determination and resilience. Special recognition also goes to Ben O'Donnell and George Siddall in Year 10, who completed their Music GCSE a year early, achieving an A* and an A respectively.

Headteacher, Kelly Waythe, said: "I am proud of each and every one of our students who have received their results today. You are an absolute credit to yourselves, your families and our school. You should feel extremely proud of your success. I also want to extend my congratulations to our fantastic staff, families and governing body for all of your efforts supporting the academic and social-emotional wellbeing of our students. Today's results are a testament to strong community collaboration."

Chair of Governors, Keith Dunn OBE, added: "The Governing Body would like to congratulate all our students at Chepstow School on receiving their GCSE results today. These achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience shown throughout their studies. We also extend our sincere thanks to our parents, carers, teachers and support staff for their unwavering professionalism and commitment in supporting our very special students to succeed once again this year."

