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**St Anne’s Catholic School and Sixth Form College**

Press release

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**Outstanding!**

**St Anne’s celebrates even better GCSE exam results this year.**

St Anne’s Year 11 pupils are celebrating the best set of GCSE exam results ever recorded at the school:

·         An exceptional 85% of students achieved A\*- C in both English and maths.

·         84% of the year group achieved 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C and

·         100% of pupils achieved at least 5 passes at GCSE level.

As Progress 8 and Attainment 8 measures will not be available nationally until later this term the old measure of 5 A\*-C including English and maths is still a key indicator. St. Anne’s reports an outstanding **81%** of students achieved this key measure, which is the first time a year group has exceeded 80%.

The results were pleasing in a range of subject areas, some examples include:

·         An impressive 60 pupils achieved 5 or more A\*-As, with 29 students achieving 10 A\*-As!

·         **English**: 93% of pupils achieved at least a C grade, with 41% achieving an A or A\*.

·         **Maths**: 86% of pupils achieved at least a C grade, with over half the year group achieving a B or above.

·         **Religious Studies**: 87% of pupils achieved at least a C, with an incredible 55% of the year group getting an A or A\*! A very impressive achievement when it is considered that all pupils take Religious Studies as part of their core curriculum.

·         **Spanish**: An outstanding 91% of pupils achieved at least a C, with 49% of them achieving an A or A\*.

·         **History:** 85% of pupils achieved at least a C with 46% achieving an A or A\*

·         **Biology**: 95% of pupils achieved at least a C, with 55% achieving an A or A\*.

·         **Physics**: 91% of pupils achieved at least a C, with 48% achieving an A or A\*.

·         **Media Studies**: 95% of pupils achieved at least a C, with 54% achieving an A or A\*

·         **Drama**: 97% of pupils achieved  at least a C with 38% achieving an A or A\*

·         **Computer Science**: In the first year of this qualification, 86% of pupils achieved at least a C, with 36% achieving an A or A\*.

·         24 pupils were entered for **Further Maths** to extend them beyond the GCSE Maths qualification. All achieved at least a C grade, with 50% achieving an A or A\*. 3 pupils achieved the coveted A^ (A\* with distinction), a grade above an A\*!

Headmistress, Miss Lyn Bourne, is extremely pleased with the results: “It has been an incredible year for St Anne’s. This time last year we were celebrating the best GCSE results for 6 years, putting St Anne’s in the top 1% of schools for progress and top 10% for achievement nationally, together with excellent A Level results.  The following term we celebrated achieving ‘Outstanding’ in our Ofsted inspection.

We didn’t think it was going to be possible to top last year’s fantastic achievements but the staff have worked so hard to ensure that our girls have the very best possible chance to succeed. This year group worked very hard indeed and completely deserve these outstanding results. It has been a truly outstanding year!

GCSEs are a gateway to the next stage of our girls' lives so it is wonderful to see so many of them achieve such high standards.  It will be great to see them celebrating their results together on Thursday morning, particularly after such excellent A-level results last week.

We are thrilled so many are planning to stay with us for sixth form and we are looking forward to welcoming them on Friday 26th August for our sixth form enrolment day.”

**Ends**

Notes to the editors:

St. Anne’s is an outstanding Catholic girl’s comprehensive school and mixed sixth form college in the heart of Southampton city.

Pupils will be collecting their results from 9am tomorrow morning.

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