

## St. Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College

## St. Anne's celebrates best GCSE exam results in the last 6 years!

St. Anne's Year 11 pupils are celebrating the best set of GCSE exam results in the last 6 years. In the final year that schools will be judged on the percentage of pupils achieving at least 5 A\*-C including English and maths, St. Anne's is going out on a high with 76% of the year group achieving the key measure. 86% of the year group achieved 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C. 99% of pupils achieved at least 5 passes at GCSE level. From next year, schools will be held accountable to the new Attainment8 and Progress8 measures as well as the English Baccalaureate measure, which for St. Anne's was an impressive 45%, 7% up on last year and almost double the national 2014 figure of 24%.

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

- An impressive 58 pupils, which is over a quarter of the year group, achieved 5 or more A\*-As, with 10 students achieving 12 A\*-As!
- **English Language**: 93% of pupils achieved at least a C grade, with 35% achieving an A or A\*.
- **Religious Studies**: 90% of pupils achieved at least a C, with an incredible 62% 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**: 88% of pupils achieved at least a C, with almost 40% of them achieving an A or A\*.
- **Geography**: 90% of pupils achieved at least a C or better with 48% of them achieving an A or A\*.
- Chemistry: 100% of pupils achieved at least a C, with 61% achieving an A or A\*.
- Music: 100% of pupils achieved at least a C, with half of entries achieving an A or A\*.
- ICT: 100% of pupils achieved at least a C, with over 40% achieving an A or A\*.
- 26 pupils were entered for Further Maths to extend them beyond the GCSE Maths qualification. All achieved at least a B grade, with three pupils achieving an "A\* with distinction" which is beyond an A\* and signifies outstanding national performance in this qualification.

Headmistress, Miss Lyn Bourne, is incredibly pleased with the results: "We didn't think it was going to be possible to top last year's fantastic results, but the staff have worked so hard to ensure that our girls had the best possible chance to succeed. This year group have been incredibly focused and hard-working. They completely deserve these outstanding results. 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 looking forward to welcoming them back next week for our sixth form enrolment day on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August".