



16th August 2021 – Headteacher Blog #16 – Examination Celebration!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students/ Annwyl Rieni, Gwarchodwyr a Myfyrwyr

The academic year has been another very challenging time for our students taking examinations. I would like to thank the students for their patience and good grace during this time. They have risen to the challenge with passion and determination. I would also like to extend my thanks to our teachers, support staff and examinations officer for the huge amount of work that has been undertaken during these challenging circumstances to ensure that our students achieve the qualifications to enable them to progress to the next stage of their lives in education or employment.

The circumstances in which these grades are issued do not diminish their worth. These results are the culmination of years of hard work that sits behind them, resulting in the incredible cohort of young people receiving them. Despite the challenging circumstances, our students have achieved outstanding results.

We are ecstatic with our GCSE outcomes in these unprecedented times! This is testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment by both staff and pupils at Pencoedtre High School. The 59.8% of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs A* to C including English and Mathematics, is amazing; as is 100% of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs A* to G. We have also seen an increase to 16.7% of pupils achieving 5 A*/A grades. What these outcomes clearly demonstrate, is that at Pencoedtre High School, your child will maximise their potential and in most cases exceed it!

Also, please join me in celebrating and congratulating each and every member of our Sixth Form, but particularly our Year 13 cohort. We are extremely proud of their achievements in the full range of AS, A2 and BTEC level 3 qualifications. Students at Barry 6th Form are celebrating an outstanding set of A-Level results with 100% of students achieving three or more A-Levels at grades A*-E, 81% attaining three or more A*-C grades and a very impressive 33% achieving three or more A* and A grades. Staff at both Pencoedtre and Whitmore High Schools is very proud of our students and the record results they have earned. The fantastic examination outcomes are a reflection not only of the hard work from Barry



6th Form staff, students, and our supportive surrounding community, but of the need to not allow any of the challenges presented by Covid over the past year to disadvantage our students' aspirations.

Even though there have been outstanding individual achievements, we have decided not to single any one person out as we believe these results have absolutely been a team effort by parents, teachers and pupils alike! So on behalf of all, well done to all those pupils in the 2021 examination series! To those not returning, we wish you well; to those who are, we cannot wait for September!

Thank you for reading/Diolch am ddarllen and have a lovely summer!

Lee G Humphreys,

Headteacher

Coming soon, to a community near you!

