

## Joint Press Release GCSE/A Level Summer 2022

## Joint statement from Stevenage Secondary Head teachers

This year, students across Stevenage have been focusing on getting back into school routines. Disruption due to COVID absence has remained a key issue across schools nationally. This has had a particular impact on those students taking their GCSEs, A Levels and vocational qualifications.

Over the last three years, students have faced unprecedented disruption to their education due to the pandemic. This means that, although the Government has chosen to publish performance tables this year, there can in fact be no reliable comparison of exam results either at a school to school level, or in relation to exam results in previous years. Stevenage Head teachers will therefore not be publishing statistics, but are instead celebrating individual students' achievements.

We are incredibly proud of all students in Year 13 for the hard work and commitment they have shown to their studies. We are grateful too, to the teachers who have worked hard to support them. We are committed to supporting students in Year 13 to move on effectively to the next stage of their lives.

## Results at The Thomas Alleyne Academy

Students at Thomas Alleyne Academy are celebrating an excellent set of results today. Headteacher, Mark Lewis, said "congratulations to our sixth form students who have shown great determination over the course of their studies. Students and staff have responded superbly to the unprecedented challenges they have faced and have achieved results they should feel very proud of."



Mohammad Sheikh achieved outstanding results, gaining A\*, A, A in maths, physics and business studies, securing his first choice to read accounting and finance at City University of London. Today he is feeling 'very overwhelmed and incredibly relieved, and I'm really looking forward to preparing for university over the

next few weeks.'

Melody Brown is delighted with her brilliant results today too, having gained AAB in biology, psychology and chemistry. She is 'both excited and nervous about going to university, and all the stress of exams was worth it'. Melody will be reading psychology and neuroscience at the University of Reading.



Ethan Baker is also celebrating today, having received A grades in maths and physics, and a B chemistry. Ethan said that he is 'feeling brilliant - all that hard work has been totally worth it and I can't wait to start my course at the University of Bath in a few weeks' time, where I'll be studying maths and physics'.

Charlie Cox has also secured his first choice destination and will be reading pharmacology at the University of Bath, having achieved a Distinction\* in his Sport BTEC, along with an A in biology and a B in computer science. He said that he is 'absolutely delighted with my results and I'm now ready to start the next chapter of my studies'.

Emma Wood is 'absolutely thrilled' with the ABB grades she achieved in biology, chemistry and maths, saying 'I've been very nervous about today after reading the all the recent news articles saying negative things about this year's A-level results and I'm so pleased they were wrong - I've already accepted my first choice university offer and I can't wait to started there'. Emma will be reading marine biology at the University of Exeter.

Isabel Mawby and Charli Willis are also both so pleased to have gained ABB for their A-level results. Charli will be attending the University of Lancaster to read media and Isabel has secured a degree apprenticeship in accountancy at Hardcastle Burton, which she can't wait to begin next month.



