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### Press Release:

Students across Stevenage have continued to work hard following the disruption of the pandemic, the impact of which remains a key issue for students nationally. This year grade boundaries return to pre-pandemic levels, no longer taking into account the pandemic's impact on student learning.

Stevenage Headteachers believe that there can be no reliable comparison of exam results from school to school, or at a national level, and will therefore not be publishing statistics but are instead celebrating individual students' achievements.

Students at Thomas Alleyne's were celebrating the results of their hard work today with some excellent results. Headteacher, Mark Lewis, said "We are delighted with our students' GCSE results and they should be very proud of their achievements. We wish them all the best in their future destinations and look forward to welcoming many of them back to Thomas Alleyne's in September as they begin their A-levels studies in our sixth-form."

Imogen Simmons achieved six grade 9s and she said 'I'm so pleased with my results. My teachers were a massive part of why I did so well - they supported me every step of the way and I can't wait to start my A-levels at Thomas Alleyne's in a couple of weeks now.'

Emma Baker did brilliantly too, gaining five grade 9s as well as a distinction in music. Emma will also be staying at Alleyne's next year, to study maths, physics and chemistry for her A-levels. She said 'I'm lost for words - I'm absolutely delighted that I got such good grades!'

Ben Lew and Joy Musumba achieved 12 grade 9s and 8s between them, along with a distinction. Ben said 'I'm over the moon with how well I've done and it's great to know that all my hard work paid off.' Joy was also very pleased, saying 'I'm pleasantly surprised by my results and it's great to see that I smashed my target grades!'

Zsafia Toth received three grade 9s, three grade 8s and a distinction amongst her results. She said 'I'm just really happy and I'm so excited to come back to school soon now that I've seen how well I've done!'

Ainsworth Coultart and Ben McAree are particularly pleased with their maths results, each achieving grade 9s in both maths and further maths. Ben said 'I'm just so pleased - I feel a bit overwhelmed at the moment but I know this has given me everything I need to start my studies in biology, chemistry, physics and maths.' Ainsworth added 'I'm delighted that I've done so well. I'm so grateful to my teachers for all their support, especially for the extra help they gave me to help me achieve my grade 9 in further maths. I'm looking forward to being able to focus on just my favourite subjects when I start my A-levels here next month.'

Anna Osadolor and Milli Davies, pictured here with Ainsworth, also got a great set of grades today, including three grade 9s, seven grade 8s and a distinction. Anna said 'I'm really happy with my results and they've given me what I need so that I can start my studies in all three sciences so that I can become a pharmacist' and Milli was equally pleased, saying 'I worked so hard to get these grades and I'm so relieved that I've done so well.'

Freya Moore was delighted with her grades too, which included four grade 9s, and she said 'I was terrified about starting my A-levels but the grades I've got today have made me feel better and it's made me realise that I'm totally ready to start them now. A massive thank you to all my teachers for helping me do so well!'