
Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Archesgob McGrath



GREATEST OF ALL TIME (#GOAT)

This year, the Raising Standards Leader for English and Mathematics threw down the gauntlet for Year 11 to meet the GOAT challenge and make their results the **Greatest Of All Time**. They triumphed and the group lived up to the school's high expectations. They achieved the best results in the school's history.

Headteacher Angela Keller praised the efforts of all pupils; "we are an inclusive school and want all our young people to achieve their God-given potential. There are stunning achievements not least from the 11% of pupils achieving at least 10A*/A grades. Behind the headline statistics we celebrate that pupils overcame tremendous personal challenges in addition to the ever increasing examination pressures. This year group showed resilience and their aspirations were always high. Pupils not only got more qualifications than ever before but at the highest grades."

An incredible 29% of pupils achieved at least 5 A*/A grades. Isabella Carter's 15A* grades were achieved despite breaking an ankle and undergoing surgery and ongoing treatment during the exam season. For her to achieve results like this is commendable. Welsh international Ffion Higginson not only achieved 15 A*/A grades but found the time to train and represent Wales in the summer athletics season.

Mrs Keller continued; "we have maintained a wide choice of subjects to meet the needs of our young people. Every pupil completed at least 5 qualifications and 90% sat at least 8 GCSES. This is a group of pupils who I am sure will go on to achieve great things. It has been a real team effort from staff and parents who have supported these young people at every turn. We are a close, supportive community and are delighted for this group of outstanding young people. We wanted them to achieve great results but it was important for us that these senior students demonstrated service to the school community and parishes. Our pupil profile celebrates virtues such as hopefulness and compassion and this year group have shown these virtues in abundance."

There was great success with some of the younger pupils too. Zara Bashir, in Year 10, got further A* grades in English Language and Additional Mathematics to add to the A* grades that she attained in Mathematics and Numeracy in Year 9. Mrs Keller, an advocate of early entry felt "it is important that despite recent changes, the school continued to give those pupils who were ready the opportunity to take exams early."

Mr Davies, Assistant Headteacher who is Raising Standards Leader for English and Mathematics; "English in the school remains highly performing at 81% A*- C and this year saw impressive gains in Mathematics with over 70% achieving A*- C grades. We are proud many have achieved grades that may, at times, have seemed almost beyond their reach" Mrs Farrow, Head of Key Stage Four, shared her congratulations; "we have followed these pupils and worked with them for five years. They are fantastic and all the hard work of staff, parents and pupils has paid off!"

2018 Notable Achievements:

Tabitha Anthony	10 A*/A
Emma Attwood	14A*/A
Isabella Carter	15A*
Daniel Daly	14A*/A
Shea Francis	10A*/A
Bethan Hay	14A*/A
Ffion Higginson	15A*/A
Tehya Llewellyn	12A*/A
Caitlin McColgan	14A*/A
Katie Marie Phillips	10A*/A
Olivia Provstgaard	15A*/A
Lucy Rathkey	10A*/A
Emily Taylor Davies	11A*/A
Szymon Wojcik	12A*/A

