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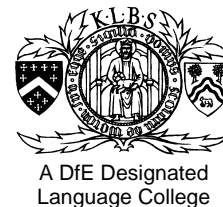
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## Newsletter - 24 August 2010

### Excellent GCSE and GCE A Level Results

#### GCSE results

Pupils from Year 11 have achieved excellent GCSE results. The commonly used statistic of 5 or more passes at GCSE grades A\* to C is 83.6%. Increasingly, the percentage gaining 5 or more passes at Grades A\* to C including English and Mathematics is used in the national tables as shown below. The key statistics are as follows with the 2009 figures in brackets:

% 5 or more grades A* to C	83.6%	(78.3%)
% 5 or more A* to C inc En and Ma	73.6%	(71.9%)
% 5 or more grades A* to G	98.8%	(98.4%)
% entries resulting in grades A*/A	33.6%	(30.8%)

Many pupils have attained outstanding results. These include:

Stephanie Spreadborough	9 full grade A*, 1 full grade A, 1 short grade A*, 1 short grade A
Mike Rowe	9 full grade A*, 1 full grade A, 1 short grade A*, 1 short grade A
Cameron Currin	9 full grade A*, 2 short grade A, 1 full grade B
Ellie Clarke	9 full grade A*, 1 short grade A, 1 full grade B
Miriam Smith	8 full grade A*, 1 short grade A*, 2 full grade A, 1 short grade C
Eleanor Roberts	8 full grade A*, 1 full grade A, 1 short grade A, 1 full grade B, 1 short grade C

#### A2 results

The 2010 GCE A2 results, which reflect the achievements of students in Year 13 at the end of their A level courses are outstanding. The points scores used follow the QCA scale used by the DfE. The provisional key statistics are as follows, with the 2009 figures in brackets:

% entries resulting in grades A*/A/B	69.3%	(63.0%)
% entries resulting in grades A*-E	99.4%	(99.0%)
average points per candidate	926.7	(862.8)
average points per entry	235.8	(226.1)

This is the first year that the new A\* grade has been available at A level. To receive an A\* students must achieve an A grade at AS-level, at the end of the first year of A-level study, followed by a mark of above 90 per cent in their A2 examinations in the Year 13. Overall, 14% of entries at this school resulted in a grade A\*.

5 students achieved 3 passes at Grade A\*:

Thomas Cartigny	Maths, Further Maths, Physics + Grade A Chemistry
Christopher Quarton	Maths, Further Maths, Physics + Grade A Economics

Matt White	Maths, Further Maths, Physics + Grade A Chemistry
Neil Alliston	Maths, Further Maths, Physics
Chloe Daniels	Graphic Art, Drama, English

2 students achieved at least 3 grade A passes which included 2 passes at Grade A\*:

Isobel Davies	English, Psychology + Grade A Biology, General Studies
James Whittle	Maths, Physics + Grade A Further Maths, Chemistry
Connie Bennett	English, Psychology + Grade A Biology
Samantha Rouse	English, Maths + Grade A Art, Grade B Chemistry
Lily Simmonds	English, Psychology + Grade A Biology
Emma Stanbridge	Textiles, Business Studies Grade A Art
Zoe Taylor	Geography, Psychology + Grade A English

5 students achieved at least 3 grade A passes which included 1 pass at grade A\*:

Laura Hitchcock	English + Grade A Economics, Mathematics, Spanish
Jake Harvey	Mathematics + Grade A English, Physics
Robert Hunt	Geography + Grade A Economics, General Studs + Grade B Mathematics
Laurence Sale	Mathematics + Grade A Chemistry, Physics
William Stephens	Geography + Grade A Economics, General Studs + Grade B History
Joshua Vaughan	Physics + Grade A Economics, Maths

A further 10 students achieved results which included 3 passes at grade A:

Jessica Caldwell, Michael Pink, Laura Pragnell, Jamie Simmons

#### AS results

The provisional key statistics are as follows. The grade A\* which has been introduced for overall A level grades is not available at AS. The statistics below show the equivalent 2009 data in brackets:

% entries resulting in grades A/B	49.3%	(53.0%)
% entries resulting in grades A-E	94.2%	(95.2%)

One student achieved 6 passes at Grade A:

Ross McLaren	Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Spanish, Critical Thinking, General Studies
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A further 7 students achieved results which included 5 passes at grade A:

Harriett Allman-Carter	Biology, Chemistry, General Studies, Maths, Psychology
Ruth Appleton	Graphic Art, English, General Studies, History, Psychology
Gavin Pillinger	Chemistry, General Studies, Maths, Music, Physics (+ Grade C French)
Emma Sankey	English, General Studies, Maths, Further Maths, Spanish
Peter Thurlow	Biology, Chemistry, General Studies, History, Maths
Katie Wilkinson	Graphic Art, English, General Studies, History, Spanish
Abi Woods	Chemistry, General Studies, Maths, Further Maths, Psychology

A further 9 students achieved results which included 4 passes at grade A:

Georgia Adams, Jamie Evans, Annie Gordon, Scott Hannabuss, Alastair Johnstone, Oliver Morgan, Alana Pain, Isobel Pennaligon, Hannah Reeves, Chloe Weaver

The above results are clearly very impressive, as are the results of many other students not listed here. They represent the hard work and determination of the students and of their teachers. The vast majority of students from Year 13 will be starting university courses next term and I am sure that their efforts at A level will provide an excellent foundation for success in their degree courses.

### New Teaching Staff

A number of new members of staff will be joining the school at the start of next term as follows:

Dr J Brown	Assistant Head of Mathematics
Miss R Mitchell	Mathematics
Miss E Bellamy	Mathematics
Miss N O'Connell	English
Mrs J Murdock	English
Miss C Phillips	Science
Miss K Cruickshank	Science
Miss N Sidney	Drama
Miss S Hardie	Technology

There are also some changes in key responsibilities as follows:

Mr J Newall	resumes post of Head of Sixth Form
Mr P Ashford	Head of Careers
Miss C Griffiths	Head of Year 8
Miss S Upton	Assistant Head of Year 11
Mrs J Daniel	Assistant Head of English
Mrs K Williams	Head of Religious Education
Mr S McRitchie	Head of Chemistry
Dr D Harrison	Head of Biology

### Premises work during the summer break

The main focus during August has been the renewal of plumbing and the replacement of many radiators in the areas around the administration offices and the main corridor of the school.

Work has also been carried out in the Trust Building to move the office for the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator so that it is now adjacent to the Support Room.

### Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2010/11 can be accessed from the front page of the school website or directly at:

<http://calendar.klb.org.uk>

1 Sept	First day of term 1 – Staff Training Day (1)
2 Sept	Staff training day (2)
3 Sept	First day of term 1 for pupils
15 Sept	Prize Giving – 7:00pm
28 Sept	Year 7 Music Concert
30 Sept	Year 6 information evening
1 Oct	Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils
5 Oct	Year 7 information evening
6 Oct	Year 8 information evening
7 Oct	Year 9 information evening
8 Oct	Drama Production – 'The Trial'
12 Oct	Year 10 information evening
13 Oct	Year 11 information evening
14 Oct	Year 12 information evening
20 Oct	KLB Friends AGM – 7:30pm
22 Oct	Last day of term 1
1 Nov	First day of term 2
9 Nov	Year 12 Parents' Evening
17 Nov	Post 16 information evening for Year 11
23 Nov	Year 13 Parents' evening
29/30 Nov	Music and Drama Concerts
6 to 17 Dec	Year 11 mock examinations
9 Dec	Year 7 Parents' Evening
15 Dec	School Carol Service – 7:00pm
17 Dec	Last day of term 2
5 Jan 2011	First day of term 3
12 Jan	Year 9 Options Evening
20 Jan	Year 9 Parents' Evening
26 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening
8 Feb	GCSE Music Concert
16 Feb	Year 10 Parents' Evening
18 Feb	Last day of term 3
28 Feb	First day of term 4
3 Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
15 Mar	Year 12 Parents' Evening (2)
22 Mar	Year 13 Parents' Evening (2)
30/31 March	Music and Drama Concerts
8 April	Last day of term 4
26 April	First day of term 5
2 May	Bank Holiday
27 May	Last day of term 5
6 June	First day of term 6
8/9/15 Jun	Year 6 information evenings
21 July	Last day of term 6