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## GCSE Results 2018 - Press Release

Cockermouth School staff and students are very pleased with the 2018 GCSE results.

Headteacher Dr Rob Petrie said *“Cumbrian schools are proud to serve our children, their families and the communities they come from. This year there are more changes than ever to the grading system, grade boundaries and performance measures. With the most significant change coming in nearly all GCSEs outside English and mathematics we are making sure that collectively and individually we have accurate data to share with the media, the public and other stakeholders who are as keen as we are to celebrate the successes of our children and to congratulate all of our school staff.”*

*“As always there are a number of queries over re-marks and grade boundaries and so, once the official DfE September checking exercise has been completed, we will issue our headline data. For now, it is essential we focus on the real stars of today; the students.”*

Mr Hugh Carter, Head of Year 11 added *“I am exceptionally proud of how well our Year 11 students have worked over the last year and this has been reflected in a very good set of GCSE results. I would like to congratulate the students and to take this opportunity to thank teachers, support staff and parents for all of their hard work. Today we want to celebrate the individuals who have shone for all sorts of reasons.”*

There were some excellent results by many students at the school including:

- Rosie Spencer, Max Cochrane and Hazel Meier who each achieved nine grade 9s;
- Tom Wilson who achieved eight grade 9s and two grade 8s;
- 15 students achieved eight or more grades 8 or 9 (or equivalent).

Special mention and congratulations should also go to Vidhi Dhanaliya, Jasmine Green, Eve Howland, Ben Roberts and Maddie Wright who, along with many other students, over-achieved significantly compared to their target grades.

At present, nearly a third of all new GCSE grades were a grade 7, 8 or 9. Students again performed very strongly in the EBacc suite of qualifications.

We are delighted at the performances of all of our students, many of whom are joining our Sixth Form in September along with a large cohort from other secondary schools. The hard work and dedication of students and staff as they both completed the new qualifications for the first time was superb and contributed hugely to these excellent results. We wish all of our students every success in their future careers.

**Dr Rob Petrie**  
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