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## **A Level Results 2021 - Press Release**

Cockermouth School students received their 2021 A Level results today and, despite the challenges faced since March 2020, we are delighted that we have seen another very successful year for our Sixth Form students.

Acting Headteacher and Head of School, Mr Richard King, said “Cumbrian schools are proud to serve our children, their families and the communities they come from. This year the continuing situation with Covid-19 and the shutdown of schools makes this results day unique. The grades the students are receiving are the result of the national standardisation of teacher assessed grades we submitted back in June. We hope that the students believe they have received grades that reflect their hard work and depth of learning throughout their courses. We congratulate them all on the manner in which they have coped in these quite extraordinary times.”

“The majority of students will be pleased with their results and will have the keys to go onto to their anticipated destinations in September. We acknowledge that for some they may be disappointed and those students may wish to prove that they can do better in the Autumn exam series and it is essential that schools across Cumbria all support students to do that if they wish. It will be a challenge with any restrictions that may be in place in September in schools, but there will be a determination to make sure each individual student has every opportunity available to maximise their grades.”

“The DFE have cancelled Performance Tables for this year and there will be no amalgamated headline results published for schools, which is right and proper given the circumstances around the exams this year. There is no doubt that leaves the focus on those that really deserve it, the people we should all be congratulating; the students.”

Congratulations go to all of our students who have performed exceptionally well in the face of very challenging circumstances; these results maintain the high level of achievement at Cockermouth School Sixth Form. We are delighted that 35 students gained all A\*/A grades and these grades cover the full range of subjects that we offer.

There were many exceptional performances by our students and particular congratulations go to Cal Cawthorn, Jonty Goodwin, Ben Heron-Southward and George Holman who each achieved four A\* grades, with eight students achieving three or more A\* grades.

We are delighted with the successes of all of our students, the overwhelming majority of whom have secured their first choice places at their university of choice or on a highly competitive apprenticeship programme and armed forces. These include university places at a range of institutions to study subjects such as Film and English Literature at Bristol, Archaeology and Anthropology at Oxford, Medicine at Manchester, Fine Art at Edinburgh and History at Lancaster to name a few. In addition, a number of students have been accepted onto degree and higher apprenticeships in Engineering, Pharmacy, Business Management and Project Management.

This has been a most difficult year for students who have managed the disruption to their studies with maturity and resilience. We would like to thank the hardworking and dedicated staff who have used rigorous, robust and professional judgements in order to ensure that appropriate grades were submitted to reflect the exam results they would have expected from students if they had taken exams this year. Much has also been done to support students both academically and pastorally, and we are very grateful for the continued support that we have received from parents who worked closely with us to ensure the very best for our students.

We wish all of our students the very best in their future careers.

**Mr R J King**  
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