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GCSE Results 2021 - Press Release

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

Acting Headteacher/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 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.”

Our 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 for Year 11 students at Cockermouth School.

There were many exceptional performances by our students and particular congratulations go to the 49 students who achieved 8 or more grades 9-7. Individually, we were delighted for Rishita Bhuvanagiri, Charlotte Bone, Ewan Brown, Alison Crighton, Hattie Lory, Phoebe Nattress, Dylan Owens, Issy Sunley, Elayna Towell and Daniel Woodcock, who all gained 6 or more grade 9s, and Eliza Nicholson who achieved ten grade 9s. We are delighted with the successes of all of our students, the overwhelming majority of whom have secured their place at Cockermouth School Sixth Form, or other local institutions.

The last two years have been very challenging 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. In doing so, they have ensured that this cohort of students are not disadvantaged in any way and have all the opportunities of other year groups. 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
Acting Headteacher / Head of School

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