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### **St Clare's School students celebrate A Level achievements**

*Pupils at St Clare's School, in Porthcawl celebrate A Level results and university offers*



**Picture captions:** *Pupils at St. Clare's School, in Porthcawl celebrate A Level results and university offers*

Sixth Form students from St. Clare's School are celebrating another year of excellent A Level results that trump the national picture.

A superb 78% of grades achieved were A\*/B compared to 52% nationally while 16% were A\* - almost double the national results.

Straight A students were Freya Harding and Megan Greenwood who have confirmed places at top destinations. Megan, Deputy Head Prefect, achieved an A\* in Biology and an A in Maths and Chemistry and has accepted a place at Cardiff University to read Dentistry.

She joined St. Clare's in Year 10 and attributes her fantastic results to the school's small class sizes which she said were "extremely helpful in bridging the academic gap between GCSE and A Levels."

"The Sixth Form also provides many opportunities throughout the two years which help to build a strong personal statement, ready for university applications," added Megan.

Freya, a Senior Prefect, achieved an A\* in History and French and an A in Spanish and will study Spanish and Italian at St. Andrews. Freya joined St Clare's at Year 12 and recommends joining into Sixth Form. "The small Sixth Form is a benefit in classes as well as during free lessons as there is a lot less distraction for independent study."

Head Student, Hannah Hart achieved an A\* in Art and B in Spanish and Psychology and has accepted a place at Exeter University to read Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish and Italian). Hannah has been a pupil at St. Clare's since Nursery and her mother and grandmother also attended the independent school.

Helen Hier, Head of St. Clare's School, said: "We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and it is a pleasure to celebrate with them today after all their hard work. We are delighted to hear that so many students have secured places at their first-choice universities, to read competitive subjects such as Dentistry, Chemical Engineering and Law. We wish them every success in their continued studies and future careers."

The 2018 A Level grades build on the excellent results seen in previous years and continue the theme with a 100% pass rate for five consecutive years. This year, 40.5% of grades were at A\*-A, 78.4% at A\*-B and 92% at A\*-C, compared to the national average of 26.3%, 52% and 76.3% respectively.

The majority of St Clare's students gained a place to study at their first-choice university, including top leaver destinations, Cardiff, St. Andrews, Exeter and Loughborough.



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#### **Notes to Editors**

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- St. Clare's School is part of the Cognita group of schools, a growing family of 68 schools in eight countries, with more than 30,000 students worldwide. Visit [www.cognitaschools.com](http://www.cognitaschools.com) to learn more.
- The Admissions Office is open throughout August and admission enquiries are being taken for pupils interested in joining the school's excellent Nursery, Prep, Senior School and Sixth Form. The Admissions Office can be contacted on (01656) 789966.