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GCSE pupils celebrate significant progress at Westbourne Academy



Highlights of GCSE results 2017:

- 58% of the cohort achieved a grade 4-9 English and mathematics

Pupils at Westbourne Academy in Ipswich, part of Academy Transformation Trust, are celebrating their achievements as GCSE results are revealed today.

The academy has seen a significant improvement in progress across a wide range of subjects, with 58% pupils achieving a new grade 9-4 in English and maths combined, representing an improvement of 3% on 2016 results. The proportion of pupils achieving a 'strong pass' grade 9-5 in English and maths combined is 37%.



Amongst many pupils at the academy celebrating their success are:

- Giedrius Banyš was the highest performing student with the equivalent of 5 A*s and 3 As. He gained the top grade 9 in both maths and English Literature. A fantastic achievement given that he arrived in the UK in 2012.
- Jade Archer achieved 5A*s and 3As with a level 9 in mathematics.
- Sean Reynish, who sadly saw the passing of his mother in Year 10 has gone on to achieve 1A, 3Bs, 2 Cs and 2Ds. Sean, who is a talented musician and member of a band, is going to college in Norwich to study Music along with his bandmates.
- Tasnim Begum achieved an A*, A and 6 B grades and is going on to study electronics and engineering with a view to pursuing her passion for robotic engineering.

Gary Trott, Principal at Westbourne Academy commented: "I am delighted with these results and the continued improvement that they demonstrate for the academy. It is testament to both the hard work of pupils and staff that results have improved at a time when both English and maths examinations are getting more challenging."

Ian Cleland, Chief Executive Officer at Academy Transformation Trust commented: "The Trust celebrates with its academies their continued excellent progress in the achievement of their pupils. Over the last four years, from The Trust's baseline in 2013, there has been a good trend of improvement. This year results have shown even greater improvement and we are delighted that no academies are below the floor standard. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff at Westbourne Academy in gaining reward and recognition for their hard work and commitment over the year."

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