

Monday 1 October



**OPEN EVENING: To see a copy of the slides from the presentation on the evening please click [here](#). Please contact Mrs Jules Norman if you wish to register your daughter or son on the transition days.**

It was lovely to meet Year 11 parents and carers with their children last week, as they prepared for the next steps after Debenham High School. We consider that the ability to focus on age 11-16 is an advantage for our staff and our students, giving the best grounding at this stage in their lives; students are prepared for the next stage of their learning and moving on from Debenham High School. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the slides from the presentation on the evening.

We look forward to showing you our school if you are intending to join us for our Open Evening on Thursday. Students and staff will have a range of activities and we are proud that so many students help throughout the evening, showing a genuine pride in their school. In the talk that I will give at the end of the evening, I will share with you what I consider to be our distinctive ethos that leads to outstanding outcomes.

Last week the government confirmed the first look at the national picture for GCSE performance in 2018. Indicative figures place us as one of the highest performing state schools in the country.

Our headline figures were:

- 88% of students achieved Grade 4+ in English and Mathematics
- 76% of students achieved Grade 5+ in English and Mathematics
- 38% of all grades achieved by students were Grade 7 to 9 or A\*/A

Over a fifth of all grades achieved in the new, tougher GCSEs were Grade 8 or 9  
We were pleased with the results of all our students. Our highest performers were:

Jake Phillips: 10 Grade 9, 1 Grade A\*, 1 Grade A  
Helena Hines: 8 Grade 9, 3 Grade 8, 1 Grade A\*  
Morgan Manly: 7 Grade 9, 3 Grade 8, 1 Grade A\*  
Isaac Bachu: 7 Grade 9, 3 Grade 7, 1 Grade 6  
Leigh Dennis: 5 Grade 9, 6 Grade 8, 1 Grade A\*,  
Rory Coe: 5 Grade 9, 1 Grade A\*, 2 Grade 8, 1 Grade 7  
William Chapman: 5 Grade 9, 5 Grade 8, 1 Grade A\*  
Tom Potter: 4 Grade 9, 1 Grade A\*, 5 Grade 8, 1 Grade 7  
Zinnia Smart: 2 Grade 9, 6 Grade 8, 2 Grade 7, 1 Grade 6  
Nerys Feeney-Howells: 3 Grade 9, 4 Grade 8, 4 Grade 7, 1 Grade 6

With completely new courses in almost all subjects, comparison to previous years' performances is impossible and progress harder to measure but congratulations to the following students who, using historic measures, made the most academic progress from their starting point in Year 7, some achieving the equivalent of more than two grades better in every subject than their starting point might have predicted:

Eugenie Clarke  
Tom Potter  
Anna Mowles  
Megan Jack  
Holly Mayhew

Zac Carroll-Chambers  
Anna Moore  
Naomi Glasse

Julia Upton