

Press Release

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SUBJECT: Penistone Grammar School Celebrates Outstanding GCSE Success

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Penistone Grammar School is delighted to celebrate another year of outstanding GCSE success, with students achieving excellent outcomes across a broad range of subjects and demonstrating the dedication, resilience and ambition that characterise our school community.

Particularly pleasing is the continued success of our students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). For the third consecutive year, outcomes for SEND students have remained exceptionally strong, reflecting the school's commitment to delivering an inclusive, ambitious education for all. The achievements of our SEND and Pupil Premium students are a source of immense pride and highlight the positive impact of the strong partnership between students, staff and families.

This year, 80% of students achieved a standard pass in both English and Mathematics, providing a strong foundation for progression to further education, apprenticeships and employment. Furthermore, more than a quarter of all GCSE grades awarded were at Grade 7 or above, demonstrating high levels of academic achievement across the cohort.

Among the many individual successes, several students secured truly exceptional results:

- **Thomas Haigh:** 8 Grade 9s and 2 Grade 7s
- **Aidan Wainwright:** 7 Grade 9s and 2 Grade 8s
- **Emma Denton:** 6 Grade 9s and 3 Grade 8s
- **Finley Davies:** 7 Grade 9s, 1 Grade 8 and 1 Grade 7
- **Joseph Thompson:** 6 Grade 9s, 3 Grade 8s and 1 Grade 7
- **Noah Rysavy:** 7 Grade 9s, 1 Grade 8 and 1 Grade 7

Adam Gillett, Associate Vice Principal, said:

"We are incredibly proud of the achievements of this year's students, whose hard work, determination and commitment have been rewarded with a superb set of results. These outcomes represent far more than examination grades; they reflect years of perseverance, personal growth and dedication.

Our students have consistently demonstrated resilience and ambition throughout their educational journey, and we are delighted to see them now equipped to pursue the next stage of their education and training with confidence. We are equally grateful to our families and staff, whose unwavering support and commitment have played a vital role in helping our young people realise their potential."



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Paul Crook, Principal, added; *Today is a celebration of much more than examination results. These outcomes represent years of hard work, perseverance and ambition from a truly remarkable group of young people. We are immensely proud of every student, regardless of their individual pathway, and particularly pleased to see the continued success of our SEND and disadvantaged students, reflecting our unwavering commitment to ensuring that every young person can thrive and achieve.*"

"What stands out most is that these results have created opportunities. Whether our students are progressing to our Post-16 Centre, or other educational establishments they do so with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed. As Principal, there is no greater privilege than seeing young people realise their potential and take their next steps towards fulfilling and successful futures."

"These achievements are a testament to the outstanding partnership between students, staff and families. Penistone Grammar School is a community built on high expectations, strong relationships and a belief that every student can achieve excellence. We congratulate all of our students on their success today and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their communities and beyond."



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