

RECORD A LEVEL RESULTS (18th August 2011)

SENSATIONAL ADVANCED RESULTS AT REIGATE COLLEGE AS RECORDS TUMBLE AGAIN!

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This year, for the first time, the College sent out its advanced level results by e-mail. It did so in the knowledge that the vast majority of its students will be delighted when they open up their e-mails! They will have good reason to be overjoyed, too, as the grades awarded were well above the national averages and represented a sensational achievement by students and staff.

At A Level, there were 1628 entries, with a record pass rate of 99.4% - that's just 10 failures across the cohort. 28 subjects had 100% pass rates and 50 students achieved straight A grades. 52.5% of entries achieved A or B grades.

There were 2616 entries at AS Level and the results were outstanding. The 95.5% pass rate, was an all-time record and 41.7% of entries were at A or B grades, again the best performance in the College's history. These students can look forward to superb A Level results next year!

The 161 students who completed BTEC National Certificates were equally successful, achieving a 99.4% pass rate, with 79.9% achieving the equivalent of two A levels at A or B grades.

All of the 87 students who completed the BTEC National Awards passed the qualification with a record 59.8% achieving the equivalent of one A grade at A Level.

Commenting on the results, Dr Paul Rispoli, the College's Principal, said:

"It was very clear throughout this last academic year that the students were excellent in all respects – they were conscientious, behaved superbly and really made an effort to create a community at the College. So, their substantial success is fully deserved and highly satisfying. I am, of course, very grateful to our teaching and support staff for their commitment and dedication, without which these great results would have been impossible."

"We had to send out the results by e-mail this morning in order to allow the few students who need to obtain a place through UCAS clearing to get a head start. But I very much miss the 'results day' atmosphere of past years. Seeing the students' elation at obtaining top grades really reinforces the fact that they, and our staff, have worked so hard through the year to achieve these brilliant results. Nevertheless, I'm sure that there will be much happiness and tears of joy in our students' homes today."

"Unlike school sixth forms, we offer a very wide range of academic and vocational courses at advanced level. Thus, each student's course is tailored to meet their individual needs. About 40% of our students have a BTEC National course as part of their study programme alongside A levels. BTEC Nationals are recognised UCAS entry qualifications based on continuous assessment. They are certainly not a soft option because marks dropped on individual assignments can quickly reduce the final grades. This year the quality of the College's BTEC National portfolios was exceptional, hence the tremendous success that these students have achieved."

Asked if the results were as expected, Dr Rispoli said that, "The A Level results are in line with our predictions and show that students reached, or exceeded, their value-added scores, whilst our AS and BTEC National results have exceeded our expectations. I'm also relieved to report that the vast majority of our university applicants have secured their places. I must say, though, that I am particularly pleased by the continued improvement in our AS results as this bodes well for next

summer's A level results. We knew that AS students were very highly motivated, hence the magnificent outcome."

"These excellent results, taken alongside our very high retention rate, have capped a highly successful year for Reigate College ", he added. "We look forward to some more good news when the BTEC First and GCSE results are published next week", he said, "and then it will be business as normal as over 900 new students start the sixth form lives at the College."