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REIGATE COLLEGE STUDENTS ACHIEVE RECORD A LEVEL AND BTEC NATIONAL RESULTS

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There were plenty of smiles and tears of joy today as students who took A Level and BTEC National courses at Reigate College found out that they had achieved record pass rates.

At A Level, there were 1600 entries, with a pass rate of 98.9% and 23 subjects scoring 100% pass rates. The most impressive feature of the results was a big jump in the grade profile, with 52.9% of entries being graded A*, A or B, up 6.2% on last year, and a record for the College.

The 149 students who studied for BTEC National Certificates obtained record results in terms of high grades with an astounding 82.6% achieving the equivalent of two A levels at A or B grades.

The Applied A Level results were also excellent - none of the 235 students failed and 27.2% of them achieved A or B grades.

The College's AS Level pass rate, at 93.5%, was well above the national average, with 39.9% of entries being awarded A or B grades.

As the students were leaving College to celebrate their success, Dr Paul Rispoli, the College's Principal, said: "I am really pleased that our grade profile at A Level and BTEC National has shifted up so much because it means virtually all of our university applicants have got the entry grades that they needed. The value-added performance of our students is traditionally amongst the best in the country and these results will confirm this standing. There's no doubt that our students have got the results that they deserved. They were an outstanding year group, not only in terms of their academic

motivation but also because they gave full support to the College's ethos and community."

Commenting on the College's ethos, Dr Rispoli said, "Our aim is that every student achieves their potential, whether this means them getting into Oxbridge or just scraping passes against all the odds. I can't stress enough the importance we place on encouraging students to have high expectations of themselves whilst fully supporting them when the going gets a little rough! Our students, and staff, have worked consistently hard throughout the year and today's joyful scenes bring their efforts to a fitting conclusion."

"These great results, following on from the opening of the Lindley Sports Centre in July, have capped a fantastically successful year for Reigate College", he added. But we can't spend too long congratulating ourselves because, in two weeks time, we expect to enrol a record number of students and the process will start all over again!"