



Collecting and celebrating GCSE results at Frome College



# Great exam results cap a fantastic year

Frome College student once again achieved a fantastic set of GCSE and BTEC results. In English, 74% of students achieved a Grade 4 (C) or higher, the best ever, with 60% achieving Grade 5 or higher. This represents an excellent outcome for the effort that has been put into literacy at the College.

GCSE Mathematics saw major changes in its content, with A-level material being pushed into the GCSE syllabus for the first time. However, the Maths faculty and its students rose to the challenge and 67% of students achieved a Grade 4 or higher, which is comparable to last year on the old Maths course. Nearly a third of all students achieved the new higher Grades of 6 to 9 in both English and Maths.

More than 60% of students achieved a Grade 4 (C) in both English and Mathematics, which is the best ever in the history of the College and represents a key measure by which the College is judged.

The government introduced the new super Grade 9 into English and Mathematics this year, which is equivalent to an A\* or higher. Only a tiny proportion of the student population nationwide will be awarded this grade. In English Language/Literature, eight Grade 9s were achieved and in Maths five were achieved.

The curriculum is wide at Frome College and there are a host of other subjects which all deserve attention. To name but

a few: Computer Science 78% (A\*-C) with 26% at A\* and 37% at A\*/A; History just under 70% (A\*-C) with 32% (A\*/A); Religious Studies 100% (A\*-C) with 43% at A\*/A; Photography 91% (A\*-C) with 28% A\*/A; Drama 95% (A\*-C) with 53% at A; Music 83% (A\*-C) with 40% A\*/A; Textiles 88% (A\*-C) with 63% A\*/A; French 72% (A\*-C) with 20% A\*/A.

Other subjects include German 88% (A\*-C); Art 75% (A\*-C); Media 88% (A\*-C); PE GCSE 74% (A\*-C); Sport BTEC 92% (A\*-C); Business Studies 96% (A\*-C); Child Care 85% (A\*-C); and Dance 89% (A\*-C).

The College has one of the lowest exclusion records in Somerset and works hard for children of all abilities and backgrounds. The indicative 'Progress 8 score' is a positive 0.12; this means that over eight subjects studied the College is adding good value to each student, using their Year 6 (SATs) data as a baseline.

There were many high performing students who, among their grades, achieved:

■ 5 A\*/As: Holly Davis, Rosie Le Lohé Attwell, Sophie Smith, Anna Snelgrove, Cordelia Tarbrooke, Masie Cloke, Kai Hayes Stone, Harry Hight, Chloe Hughes, Jordan McMahon, James Porter, Sophie Smith

■ 6 A\*/As: Chloe Tanner, Grace Beaven, Evie Burnett, Connor Cairns, Finlay Collinson, Joseph Dobson, Jade Eastwood, Louis Price-Peachey

■ 7 A\*/As: Matilda Lunt, Tia Ryder, Ben Green, Joe Malley, Lauren Mead, Emily Oakley, Stella Oldham

■ 8 A\*/As: Lily Breesse, Thomas Haines, Tilly Le Lohé Attwell, Dylan Oliver, Lottie Plunkett-Jones

■ 9 A\*/As: Abbie Brooks, Morgana Curle, Oshi Francomb, Daisy Harrison-Broninski, Natalie Howell, Amy Nicholls, Pippa Turner

■ 10 A\*/As: Isabelle Book, Mathew Haines, Rhiannon James, Emma Marshall, Avalon Ross, May Schymczyk, Flora Williams

Principal Gavin Ball said: "Frome College is about having a belief system, a culture that shows that it is good to be successful, that it is good to take a pride in yourself and in your school. With hard work and focus all students can unlock their dreams."

"These results are the culmination of a great year at Frome College. Our girls are National and County Football Champions, we made it through to two other national finals (Computing and Debating), we held the best ever school production in 'We Will Rock You', our Sixth Form students secured places at some of the very best universities and apprenticeships and now the future looks very bright for our Year 11 students with these excellent GCSE and BTEC results. Keep believing and success will come."



# Our awards pride



Maisie Blaikie

Joseph Dobson

Emily Connew

Another year, another exhibition, another huge success!

The Design Technology's annual exhibition was on display this month culminating in the Awards Presentation Ceremony on the evening of Tuesday 11 July.

The work showcased GCSE and A level Product Design and GCSE Textiles work and received many appreciative comments from visitors. It's a shame that the Food Technology students can't exhibit their work because, of course, it's all been eaten.

However, two students received Innovation & Creativity Trophies, Finlay Collinson for his spinach pasta ravioli with spinach and goats' cheese filling and a passatta sauce, and Emily Connew for her berry with vanilla cream and white chocolate mille-feuille. Both students tried a variety of fillings and variations and made everything from scratch!

Two further trophies for Innovation & Creativity were awarded to Joseph Dobson for his minimalist MP3 player with movable speakers in Product Design, and Tia Ryder for her Dior-style cocktail dress in Textiles.

Four Outstanding Student Awards went to Natalie Howell in Food Technology for her rye flour short crust pastry with a quorn and vegetable or a steak and vegetable filling. Natalie worked independently trying several different flours, fats and methods. Rhianna James in Product Design received the award for



The Cullen Award winning table by Tom Earle, above, and Emma Marshall's jacket, below



Jill Hiron Design Technology Technician

her Memphis MP3 player, Emma Marshall in Textiles for her jacket with sequins and light-up piping, and Maisie Blaikie for her determination and dedication in Engineering.

All four received the shields for their products and hard work throughout the year.

Finally, the top prize in Product Design, the Cullen Award, went to Tom Earle for his coffee table with central inlay and hinged surrounds. There were a further 26 students who received Certificates of Merit for their work across the Design Technology curriculum.

Congratulations go to all our students for the creative and imaginative work they have all produced this year.



Frome College Awards Evening was a fun-filled evening with our guest of honour this year Olympian Triple Jumper Vernon Samuels and Annie Heatherson from Yeovil Town Football Club.

The annual awards began at 5.30pm with the Design Technology Awards in T7 and were followed by our Art & Photography Awards. Principal, Mr Ball said how proud he was of all the amazing work on display showcasing the incredible diverse talent of the students at Frome College.

At 7.00pm the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and the Sports Awards were held in the Merlin Theatre. Guests included

Deputy Mayor Nick White and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Both Vernon Samuels and Annie Heatherson gave inspiring speeches to the students and audience saying how important it is to believe in your goals and to not give up.

The final awards at the end of the evening saw the Frome College national champion U16 Girls' Football Team awarded the 'Team of the Year' trophy.

Congratulations to everyone for another a phenomenal year in Design Technology; Art, Duke of Edinburgh and in Sport!



Gavin Ball with Vernon Samuels



Principal Mr Ball and Mrs Wells, teacher of English, awarded Isabel Hanney in Year 9 the Principal's Commendation for producing outstanding work in English for her summer term assessment.

# Points add up to a day of adventure

We took 30 students to Mill on the Brue Outdoor Activity Centre on 14 July.

These students had earned their places for gaining the highest totals of House Points over this academic year in the three categories Sport, Community and Challenge. We were blessed with a lovely warm dry day (although no-one was dry after the rafting!) and we were welcomed on arrival by our hosts Chris and Grace.

The students were wonderfully behaved and had a fantastic time. I can commend Zach Durojaye and Sam Evans for their expert raft-building skills – they should be alright if they are ever cast away on a desert island with only two lengths of timber, four barrels and some rope!

All the students demonstrated great team-work, excellent problem-solving skills and exemplary behaviour throughout the day on the river and in the air on the zip-



Water rafting at Mill on the Brue

group of youngsters. Niall McNair Head of Einstein House and teacher of Mathematics

It was a wonderful day out of school for an adventurous day with such a talented, engaged and good natured

# Valuable insight into the world of work



Work experience at Combe Grove Manor, left, and ork experience at Willow Trekking, above



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This year has been a phenomenal year for Frome College students.

Thanks to the amazing support of the local community as well as businesses far and wide 100% of our year 10 students received work experience placements.

Students covered a wide variety of roles for the week from leisure assistants at Center Parcs to stable hands at local equestrian centres and

even assisting local political parties. As varied as the placements were, so were the locations with students covering the length and breadth of the UK for placements and one even heading to France to gain specialist Barista and baking skills.

Work experience is a major part in all students' academic journey but it's wonderful to not that it has also become a key highlight of local industry

calendars. We would like to thank all of the community organisations that gave up their time to support this year's work experience.

If you are keen to get involved in future work experience or other Frome College Employability activities please do get in touch and drop us an email nextsteps@frome-college.org.

# Amazed by what Longleat had to teach

After a year of fantastic work in the classroom, Aspire ventured to Longleat Safari park to celebrate their achievements.

The day started with a VIP tour of the house in which the students got to see Lord Bath's house and learn about aspects of each room. The house was built in 1580 by John Thyme. Nearly 450 years, many generations of the family have enjoyed this beautiful stately home and the stunning surroundings.

The students were very lucky to be shown Lord Bath's living quarters which cannot be accessed by the public. From classic décor to eccentric colours and eye catching murals painted on the walls, the students were amazed by the strong smell of paint that lingers in the rooms to his house.

As we passed through the great hall to the Saloon which is the longest room in the house, we stood in silence to listen to the story of Alice a young girl who sadly died young of TB. As we left the room and looked back the students stood and watched as all the ropes swung from side to side. The ghost of Alice had followed us out of the room. We had never seen the students so quiet! An action packed day and so much to take in! The students were amazed by what they had learnt. A pleasure to take out and for them to enjoy their first ever picnic. More enriching trips to follow. Watch this space! Francesca Bowler, Behaviour Support Coordinator



The group at Longleat, above, and Longleat penguins, below

