

Samuel Whitbread Academy celebrates GCSE results

Year 11 students at Samuel Whitbread Academy in Clifton are today celebrating receiving some excellent and well-deserved GCSE results after weeks of uncertainty around their future.

This year, with exams having been cancelled, staff worked extremely hard to ensure the grading for every student was fair and based on a track record of mock exams and assessments. We are incredibly pleased the students' hard work over the past two years has not been in vain.

Since 2018, a new grading system has been in place, with 9 – 1 replacing the old A* - G. Under the new system a Grade 7 equates to an A and 4 reads across to a C. The new grade 9 was designed to reward the very brightest and best students across the country.

This year there were a number of individual success stories, including Adam Sewell, who achieved the remarkable feat of ten straight grade 9s. Twins Ewan and Tamsin White both managed to match each other in achieving nine grade 9s and a grade 8 despite studying a different set of subjects.

Miss Tabert, Head of Year 11, said she was super proud of Chloe Benjamin, Emily Skull and Alex Williamson for achieving a fantastic set of results through incredible determination and resilience this year.

Miss Saggars, Pastoral Support Officer, was over the moon for students Erin Chidovsky, Dylan Johnston, Courtney Sharp and Frankie Gill who gained some great results after overcoming challenges this year.

Nick Martin, Principal at Samuel Whitbread Academy, said:

“It’s certainly been a roller-coaster of a week and I am so pleased that the students receiving their GCSE results today, won’t have to go through the same uncertainty that our Sixth Form students went through last week. Our students have been through five months of uncertainty with their exams being cancelled, Proms being postponed and not being able to see their friends during lockdown. It is only right that this generation has now been given some certainty, so they can apply for courses knowing what they have achieved. I am incredibly proud with the resilience they have shown during this time and I wish them luck on the next step of their journey, whether with us in the Sixth Form or at college or on an apprenticeship.”

Dr Alan Lee, CEO of BEST said:

“Many congratulations to all our students at Etonbury and Samuel Whitbread for their results today. These results follow a robust assessment process and are fair reflection of the work these students have put in during their time at school. They have every reason to be proud of their work to date, and I am sure will continue to excel over the coming years as they take their next exciting steps. We look forward to welcoming many of the students back to our Sixth Form, at Samuel Whitbread Academy.”