

## Bedale High School Press Release – GCSE Results Day 2019

The day started with the usual nerves and anxious pacing about - and that was just the staff! But anxiety soon gave way to an air of celebration and jubilation as the students, parents and staff of Bedale High School gathered together for this year's GCSE results.

Exams officer, Lynn Riley-Fox organised the event and was keen to ensure that the school repeated the success of last year's results day. Plenty of staff were on hand to join the celebrations and some very tasty mocktails (kindly supplied by The Green Dragon pub, Exelby) were very well received.

Head Teacher, Tom Kelly stated, "It is fantastic to see so many happy faces. Our students and staff have worked closely with parents to try to ensure the best possible outcomes and today you can see the rewards for all this endeavour. I am particularly pleased that the school has once again improved in all the key measures and I'd like to thank Tony Rawdin, my predecessor, who was at the helm for most of last academic year. We are so proud of these students and look forward to continuing our hard work as we aim for more of the same next year!"

Many students surpassed their own expectations, some noteworthy examples being Tom Court (withdrawn from the exams last year due to his ongoing battle with Leukaemia) who achieved grade 9s in his Maths and Science exams; Chloe Barker (3 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s); and twins Talia and Paddy Keane who celebrated being in the top 10 achievers for the highest grades this year. The top student in terms of highest grades achieved was Tim Crowe with an astonishing haul of 5 grade 8s and 3 grade 9s to his name. Mr Kelly was particularly pleased with the fact that almost all students, whatever their academic ability, have performed strongly, 'Not all students can achieve the top grades, but they have all done well and managed to secure a positive post-16 route, regardless of their academic ability'.

Deputy Headteacher, Matt Gill, worked closely with Heads of Faculty throughout the year and was pleased that the combination of targeted support for students and a relentless focus on the quality of teaching has paid off, "After such a positive Ofsted inspection in January, it was important that we did not sit back and lose momentum. The staff have worked incredibly hard to get the best from these students, and their response has been a pleasure to witness."

Head of Key Stage 4, Geoff Chapman, commented "We have put a lot of work into developing our future-planning for students and this is not just about securing good exam results. We have developed really strong links with employers and Post 16 providers to ensure that all students benefit from a range of advice and guidance about their next steps after leaving school."



Tom Court celebrates a remarkable achievement