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## Press release: Ponteland High School celebrates best ever GCSE and vocational results (August 2024)

Ponteland High School is very pleased to report our best ever GCSE and vocational results this summer. Students have achieved outstanding grades across all subject areas, reflecting their hard work and determination.

A fantastic 77 students (30% of the cohort) achieved 5 or more of the highest grades, i.e. Grades 7-9 (previously A\*-A). Notable individual performances include:

## 10 or more subjects awarded at Grade 8 and 9

Manvitha Adala Matthew Duffy Zak Harris Beatrix Reynolds Archie Carter Felix Webster Frank Whitfield

Ponteland High School Headteacher, Stefan McElwee said;

"We are delighted to celebrate our best ever GCSE results across all subject areas today. We have seen results jump significantly in all subjects from 2023, with very notable increases in Maths, English, Science and Modern Foreign Languages. We are particularly delighted for this group of Year 11 students as they were the first Year 7 cohort we welcomed as part of our transition to a secondary school in 2019, following the local reorganisation of schools in the Ponteland area. Having the students for a full five years has no doubt had a positive impact on their achievement; for example, all of our students study a Modern Foreign Language with 63% of the cohort achieving a Grade 5 or better and over 70% achieving a Grade 4 or better.

All of our students should be extremely proud of themselves; they have shown a strength of character and an impressive work ethic. I look forward to celebrating their results with them today and welcoming many of them back into our Sixth Form. I am confident that in the next two years they will continue to achieve exceptionally well in their Post 16 courses, supported by excellent staff and their parents.

Stefan McElwee Headteacher

