

## Press Release 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Bethany School bowled over by best ever GCSE results

Year 11 pupils at Bethany have achieved outstanding GCSE results. This is particularly noteworthy when set against the national picture of concern over reforms to GCSEs. The school's focus on developing the virtue of learning and essential learning habits has meant our pupils have achieved exceptional results in all subjects, by being incredibly well prepared, supported and challenged.

At Bethany we are proud of our broad ability profile, which is in line with the national average. Our results in every measure have far exceeded the national expectations, with 58% achieving A\*-B grades. The exam results are testament to the outstanding progress made by our pupils.

Notable successes include: Tireni Odubiyi (London) who achieved 9A\*s and 1A; Tom Connell (Tunbridge Wells) and Maria-Bisila Dougan (London) who both achieved 4A\*s and 5As; and Georgina Hill (Marden) with 3A\*s and 4As. Ed Reed (Sevenoaks); Lewis Baker (Benenden); Max Harrison (Speldhurst); Julie Lei (Dorset); Kenneth Ling (Bexley) all achieved five or more A\*/As.

Headmaster Francie Healy says: "Although there is concern at national level with the changing educational landscape, there is only certainty and focus at Bethany. We develop the virtue of learning in each and every pupil. I am ecstatic with the superb GCSE results of our impressive Year 11 pupils. Our hard working, dedicated and pupil centred staff provide the support needed to ensure all pupils make exceptional progress, resulting in excellent outcomes."

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#### **Please see quotes below**

Pupil Tireni Odubiyi said:

"I am absolutely elated about my results and the results of my peers today. Hearing good news from other members of my Year Group all around the world has been truly uplifting. It just goes to show that hard work will always pay off and perseverance is key to success.

Thank you to Bethany School for providing me with such an amazing learning environment, which aided my success. To all my teachers, a massive thank you for all the time they spent with me talking about my work, marking my past papers and for each and every resource they provided throughout this testing GCSE period. Without all their hard work, I wouldn't have gotten such fantastic results. Thank you, Bethany. "

Pupil Georgina Hill said:

“I am extremely happy with my exam results. I don’t think I would have achieved my results without the inspirational help and dedicated support from my teachers.”

Mrs Wright, mother of pupil Eloise Wright said:

“Bethany has been the best decision we made for Eloise. Bearing in mind the difficulties she faced her friends and teachers kept Eloise going and her results have been amazing.”

Jemima Bischoff said:

“My results are fantastic, so much better than I thought. Thank you to all the teaching staff at Bethany for pushing me.”

Mr & Mrs Whyte said:

“We are delighted with Natalie’s results. She achieved above her expectations in English and Maths, and attained good passes in the subjects she wants to take further at A level. “