

**Porthcawl Comprehensive School**  
**GCSE Results 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**  
**Press Release**

**GCSE excellence continues at Porthcawl Comprehensive School in 2024**

Once again, we are delighted with the outstanding results achieved by the students at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. All students should be incredibly proud of their justly deserved achievements resulting from all their hard work, dedication, and commitment – well done everyone!

Congratulations to all our staff who have worked tirelessly in supporting our students. I would like to also acknowledge the collaborative effort our families for their continued support to the school and in helping to prepare their children for their examinations. Your encouragement and support at home has undoubtedly played a significant role in your child's progress and achievements. These results represent many hours of work and commitment from students, staff, and families, and I would like to pass on my sincere best wishes to everyone!

It gives all at PCS a real sense of pride seeing the young people in our community rewarded for their dedication, commitment and effort. Our students have achieved some excellent results and we are very pleased that we have been able to share this day with them. These outstanding results are testament to the hard work of students and teachers and follow Porthcawl's year-on-year trend of strong GCSE performance – well done to all associated. The standards of excellence continue at PCS!

I would like to start by wishing all Year 11 students the very best as they begin their next steps and start their Post 16 pathways whether it be, A Levels at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, vocational courses at Bridgend College, an apprenticeship, a traineeship, or employment – good luck everyone!

Our provisional GCSE results show that three quarters of students achieved at least five or more GCSEs graded at A\*-C including English Language and Mathematics. Almost 90% of students achieved five or more GCSEs graded at A\*-C and importantly, all pupils left school with a recognised qualification. Our Capped 9 score (a student's best nine GCSEs including English, Maths and Science) along with the school's points scores in Literacy, Numeracy and Science were once again excellent.

An incredible, 35% of students achieved at least five or more A\*-A grades. In Best Literacy, 88% of students were awarded an A\*-C grade and 41% of grades were awarded at A\*-A. In Best Mathematics/Numeracy, near 80% of students were awarded an A\*-C grade with 34% awarded at A\*-A. In Science, 83% of students were awarded an A\*-C grade with 36% awarded at A\*-A. Performance in each of the separate sciences of Biology, Chemistry and Physics was also outstanding with approximately 50% of grades awarded at A\*-A and 90% of grades awarded at A\*-C grade. In the core subjects alone, a significant proportion of all grades achieved were graded at A\*/A. We are very proud of all students' achievements!

This year, our Year 10 students have also completed a small number of GCSEs and performance in these examinations must be celebrated too! Year 10 have once again set the foundation for excellence and future success at PCS! Everyone at Porthcawl Comprehensive School is immensely proud of their early achievements; there were some excellent module results achieved in science and a number of other subject areas.

In addition, nearly all students in Year 10 sat their full GCSE in English Literature. In this qualification, almost 95% of students achieved a grade A\*-C and approximately 37% of students secured an A\*-A grade – outstanding! Since completing their unit 1 module examination in January 2024, all students and have been working very hard, and have been rewarded with a grade that reflect this effort. These results provide a very strong foundation for GCSE success in summer 2025 – my sincere congratulations!

I look forward to September as we welcome approximately 180 students from our Year 11 cohort and new students from other schools into the Sixth Form at PCS. We are pleased that you have chosen to continue your journey at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, and we look forward to the start of term.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to extend my congratulations to all staff and students on a truly remarkable year of academic success.

I look forward to continued success in 2024-2025.

Best wishes,  
Mr Stephens  
Headteacher