



Cardinal Newman Catholic School

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Cardinal Newman Catholic School achieves excellent GCSE results despite new GCSE reforms

Cardinal Newman Catholic School has seen students achieve excellent **GCSE exam results** this year with **77% of students gaining a grade 4 or above in English and Mathematics. 87% of students gained a grade 4 or above for English** and **82% of students gained a grade 4 or above for Mathematics.**

The new government accountability measures showed that Cardinal Newman Catholic School had a **great Attainment 8 score of +54.**

Particular congratulations to **Saoirse McGuinness who achieved an amazing 10 GCSEs at grade 9** and **Laurence Davidson who achieved 9 GCSEs at grade 9 and 2 GCSEs at grade 8.**

Congratulations also to the following students:

- Naoise Wellings achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 7, 7
- Scarlett Miller who achieved 10 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 7
- Ines Momodu-Herrero who achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 7, 7, 7
- Zakary Duggan who achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 7, 7, 7, 6
- Emily Corbie who achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 7
- Demyana Derias who achieved 10 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 8, 7, 7
- Tova Strong who achieved 10 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 7, 7, 7

Dr James Kilmartin, Principal, said: “We are delighted with these results which reflect the **hard work and determination** of **both students and staff.** They have been achieved against a background of **volatility and change** resulting from the **GCSE reforms.** Our Year 11 students and their teachers have been **true pioneers demonstrating great resilience and resourcefulness in responding to this**

challenge. We look forward to **welcoming many of our Year 11 students** back to **Newman College, our Sixth Form,** at the beginning of next term and to the opportunity to **celebrate these wonderful results."**

Key Headlines:

GCSE

- Attainment 8 (calculated from a suite of 8 qualifications): +54
- 77% of students passed English and Mathematics at grade 4
- 52% of students passed English and Mathematics at grade 5
- 72% of students gained 5 or more GCSEs including English and Mathematics at grade 4
- 44% of students gained the English Baccalaureate
- 82% of students gained a grade 4 or above in Mathematics
- 87% of students gained a grade 4 or above in English

Celebrating Student Success

Saoirse McGuinness achieved ALL 10 GCSEs at Grade 9

Saoirse said "It's great! I just can't believe it! All that hard work has paid off – I'd hoped for 7's but never expected this. I opened them with my dad in the car and then we both called my mum – they are so proud and happy. I hope to be an Architect and am doing A-levels in French, English Literature, Graphic Design and Mathematics. I'm off to Reading Festival now to celebrate with my friends."

Laurence Davidson achieved 11 GCSEs at 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8

Laurence said "I wasn't sure – I hoped I would but can't believe this! I am so relieved and happy. I am going to study English Literature, Mathematics and History at A-level and maybe hope to do Politics at University in the future. I am looking forward to celebrating with my friends now."

Naoise Wellings achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 7, 7

Naoise said "I'm thrilled! It was stressful but I am so pleased now. I was totally surprised by some of the grades but glad I did well. The teachers have been really helpful. I am

doing A-levels in English Literature, Double Maths and History. My mum is in the car now waiting to find out."

Ryan Maley achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 8, 7, A, A*

Ryan said "I am so relieved! I wasn't expecting that – I am so happy. I am going to be doing Double Maths, Biology and Chemistry at Newman College as I want to go into Medicine. I am on the school's Oxbridge programme and have visited Oxford and Cambridge and it would be amazing to go there. I am going for a pancake breakfast with my family to celebrate."

Demy Derias achieved 10 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 8, 7, 7

Demy said "I am so shocked! I didn't expect that. I am going to do Biology, Chemistry and Maths at Newman College and hope to get into the Medicine or Biochemistry field. I am going to go home and tell all my family and will then celebrate with friends."

Josh Searancke achieved 11 GCSEs at grade 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 8, 8, 7, 7, 6, A*

Josh said "I am really happy – I got what I wanted! I thought I might have messed up on a couple so did better than I expected. I am doing Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths at Newman College."

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Cardinal Newman Catholic School is an 11-18 Catholic mixed comprehensive school in Hove, East Sussex; established to serve the many parishes that lie on the coastal strip between Newhaven and Seaford in the east and Shoreham on the West.

Newman College is the Sixth Form of Cardinal Newman Catholic School which has a new Sixth Form Centre with state-of-the-art facilities.

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