



# Marks of respect! Students



**GREAT RESULT:** Freman College pupils Richard Thomas, Tom Noble, Matt Eggington, and Toby Hone.

## We have the top five English Literature pupils in the country

THERE were celebrations across Royston and Buntingford as pupils received their GCSE results.

The top five English literature students in the country were based at Melbourn Village College and Freman College in Buntingford.

Gareth Johnson, Andrew Szopa-Comley and Lizzie Quinlan scooped the top English grades at Melbourn Village College.

Gareth, who will study maths, chemistry, biology, and geography at Hills Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge, said: "The exams weren't easy but I am very pleased with my grades."

Warden Ron Berry said: "The students did very well. This was our best year group yet."

"The 5+ higher grades result improves on last year's score by 9 percentage points."

"The staff are delighted for all the students who have done so well."

"Teachers have worked very hard to help students, and parents have been very supportive."

"These are the college's best GCSE results and I am particularly pleased that they have been achieved in my last year as warden."

Fiona Llewellyn-Beard was awarded 11 A\* grades and will move to Hills Road to study double maths, physics, chemistry, and German.

She said: "The results were great, I'm so pleased. The exams were quite stressful - it was good when they were over."

Freman College, Buntingford, has followed up record A-level results with its best GCSE figures.

Richard Thomas and Tom Armond joined the Melbourn students in the top English literature grades, with Tom picking up 11 A\*s in total.

More than a quarter of grades attained at the college were A\*s or A's, while 71 per cent of students achieved five or more A\*-C's.

Head teacher Helen Loughran said: "This is a remarkable set of results. The students did extremely well."

"They worked hard and really deserved some fantastic grades. The high grades also reflect the expertise and dedication of the teachers here at the college."

Matthew Eggington also recorded superb results, with 10 A\*s and one A. He will be returning to the college to do his A-levels in September.

"I'm pleased with my results. I found English the hardest but managed to get an A\*, so I'm really happy with that," he said.

"I'm going to do A-levels in maths, physics, chemistry, and French, and I think I want to be some sort of engineer."

Another student returning to Freman College next

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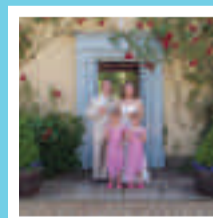
ALEXANDRA Meredith-Hardy and Sarah Wright of Bassingbourn Village College

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year is Toby Hone. He picked up two A\*s and nine As, excelling in geography, where he scored 100% in his exam and coursework.

He puts his success down to plenty of hard studying prior to the exams: "I did about eight weeks' revision, and I'm quite happy with the results, particularly PE and geography," he said.

Amy Smith achieved three A\*s, and eight As. Her mum Louise Gray said: "She worked really hard and I'm so proud of her."

Students have rejected claims that GCSE exams are getting easier. Michaela Moore said: "They're really tough exams. I had to do a lot of revision, even though I didn't admit to it at the time!

"I'm very happy with my results and looking forward to coming back next year."

Students at Bassingbourn Village College were celebrating as 67 per cent of pupils achieved five or more A\* to C grades.

Sarah Wright's top 13 grades included ten A\*s and she will go on to study chemistry, biology, maths and geography at Hills Road.

Alex Meredith-Hardy, who achieved 12 GCSEs including 8 A\*s and will also be studying at Hills Road, said: "I can't believe my results, I'm so happy. I was especially surprised with my English literature result. I thought I had done badly."

Scott Hudson, principal at the college, said: "We are delighted for the many pupils who achieved very good examination results this year and very pleased with individual performances across the whole ability range."

A career treading the boards could await Amy Keen, who is looking forward to starting her A-levels.

She said: "I've done better than I expected in my GCSEs. I'd like to be an actress or perhaps a history teacher, so I'm doing theatre studies, drama, and history at Hills Road next year."

Year 9 student James Dilley was awarded a grade A at AS level archaeology.

There were plenty of smiles at Meridian School in Royston, with 63 per cent of students achieving grade C or better.

The number of A and A\* grades increased, with 20 per cent of all entries gaining at least one grade A.

Michael Hill achieved 12 A\* grades.

Another of the leading pupils was James S Day, with grades that included 10 A\*s.

He said: "Some of the exams were all right, but others were quite hard. I wasn't expecting to get the grades I did."

James will continue his studies at Meridian Sixth Form College in media, English literature, geography, and maths or business studies.

Chris Clark, who hopes to pursue a career in teaching, achieved top grades including six A\*s.

Fellow student Alex Mansfield who was awarded six A\*s, three As and 1 B said: "I did better than I expected. I'd really like to be able to study astrophysics one day."

Assistant head teacher at the school David Atkins said: "The results are a tribute to the students, who have worked hard to achieve so well."

"The majority of these students will now be studying A-level courses here, where we are really looking forward to working with them."



KATE Rolfe, Amy Dear, Olivia Blunn, Alexandra Meredith-Hardy, and Sarah Wright, of Bassingbourn Village College.



CAT Mumford, Jessica Davis, Ellie MacGarry, Jocelyn Sherman, Louise Curtis, and Yvonne Jeziorska of Melbourn Village College.



CHRIS Clark and Alex Mansfield of Meridian School.



WILL Mycoft, Gareth Johnson, Sophie Reeves, Andrew Szopa-Comley, Fiona Llewellyn-Beard.

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