



Sixth Form Students Celebrate Success at Mildenhall College Academy

Highlights of results:

- Overall A-Level pass rate – 99%
- 62% students achieving A* - C
- Average A-Level grade – C minus
- Average Applied General courses – Distinction plus

Students at Mildenhall College Academy in Mildenhall, which is part of Academy Transformation Trust, are celebrating their achievements as A-Level and vocational studies results were revealed today.

99 students took A-Level and/or Applied General qualifications at Mildenhall College Academy, with the pass rate increasing to 99% from 98% in 2016. Students taking Applied General courses achieved an average grade of Distinction Plus, which, once again, is well above the national average and represents a further improvement from last year's average grade of Distinction. The academy maintained good A-Level results, with an average grade of C minus for the first cohort to sit the new reformed and more difficult A-Level examinations.

Amongst students celebrating their successes are Jack McConnell and Bethany Field. **Jack McConnell**, aged 18, passed all of his A-Levels despite having a serious medical condition that resulted in long spells in hospital. Despite Jack's concerns about making the grades to get to university, with A-Levels in Media Studies (B), History (B) and Music (D) he can now consider this. **Bethany Field** received her results one week before her 18th birthday. During her time at Sixth Form Bethany was diagnosed with a medical condition that causes her to black out. Despite this, Bethany has achieved amazing results with a B in Sociology, a C in Philosophy and double Distinction Star in Health and Social Care. Bethany is now going to train as a Social Worker at the University of East Anglia.

In other outstanding performances:

- **James Morton** achieved four Grade As in Mathematics, Physics, Design and Technology Product Design, and Extended Project Qualification. James will now go to University of Birmingham to read Civil Engineering.
- **Anna Sobiechowski** achieved A* in Criminology, A in Psychology and B in Biology.

- **Xavier Letimier**, the academy's Head Boy, achieved an A grade in Physics, B in Maths and B in Chemistry and is going to study Chemical Engineering at university.
- **Natasha Buckingham-Redman** achieved the highest possible grades of triple Distinction Star in Health and Social Care and she is going to study Social Work at the University of Suffolk.
- **Ebony Fulham** and **Ella Sanders** also achieved triple Distinction Star in Health and Social Care. Ebony decided on the day to apply to the University of Suffolk and Ella will be starting a Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at a local primary school.

Susan Byles, Principal at Mildenhall College Academy commented: "I am exceptionally pleased with the results from our Sixth Form students. This year sees a further improvement on our overall pass rate, which has risen successively over the past three years. The students who have taken Applied General courses have once again surpassed themselves and our A-level cohort has done extremely well especially as they are the first year group to sit the new reformed examinations. I would like to congratulate all of our students who are so deserving of this excellent set of results and I wish them the very best in the future."

Ian Cleland, Chief Executive Officer at Academy Transformation Trust commented: "The Trust is delighted that once again Mildenhall College Academy students have performed so well at A-Level. A 99% pass rate shows that all students have achieved a worthwhile outcome from their sixth form studies. The distinction plus performance in applied subjects is well above expectations and performance at the higher-level A-Level grades has also been extremely good. Congratulations to all students and staff who have worked so hard to achieve these impressive results."