

### Record number of highest GCSE grades celebrated at Mildenhall College Academy

Highlights of GCSE results 2017:

- 72% of the cohort achieved a grade 4-9 English/English Literature
- 68% of the cohort achieved a grade 4-9 in mathematics
- 58% of the cohort achieved at least one A/A\* grade

Pupils at Mildenhall College Academy in Mildenhall, part of Academy Transformation Trust, are celebrating their achievements as GCSE results were revealed today.

The results represent an increase in the number of pupils achieving good GCSE grades, and the figure is expected to rise further as remarks, particularly in the two new linear GCSEs of English and mathematics, are completed. Collectively, 260 A\*-A grades were achieved by this cohort, representing the third consecutive year in which the number of pupils achieving the highest possible grades has increased.

Amongst many pupils at the academy celebrating their success are:

- Rebecca Abeyasekere – 13 GCSEs at grades A\*-A with 9 A\* grades and a 9 in maths - (the highest score possible in the new linear GCSEs)
- Finlay Boyle – 13 GCSEs all at grades A\*-A: with 9 at A\*, and a 9 in maths - (the highest score possible in the new linear GCSEs). Finlay also achieved one of the highest results in the country for Further maths with a score of 171 marks out of a possible 175 and awarding him an A\* with Distinction.
- Kerri Southgate also passed 11 GCSEs all at A\*- A grades
- Charlie Butcher and Katie Costello passed 12 GCSEs all at grades A\*-B.
- Dawson Davidson had two bouts of childhood leukemia and missed a year of schooling during KS2. He made up ground quickly when he joined MCA in Year 7 and has passed all of his GCSEs with 10 at Grades C or above.

Susan Byles, Principal at Mildenhall College Academy commented: "I have never known a year group to work so hard in meeting and overcoming new challenges. I am immensely proud of each and every one of our pupils. This cohort has beaten all previous records in the number of A\*/A grades that have been achieved. They were the first year group to join MCA at the start of Year 7 following the closure of the middle schools and they are the first cohort to have taken the new linear GCSEs in maths and English which are undoubtedly the hardest exams that pupils in this age group have ever had to sit."

Ian Cleland, Chief Executive Officer at Academy Transformation Trust commented: "The Trust celebrates with its academies their continued excellent progress in the achievement of their pupils. Over the last four years, from The Trust's baseline in 2013, there has been a good trend of

improvement. This year results have shown even greater improvement and we are delighted that no academies are below the floor standard. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff at Mildenhall College Academy in gaining reward and recognition for their hard work and commitment over the year.”