

Francis Combe Academy celebrates students' success at GCSE, following best-ever A-level results last week.

It is an amazing experience to welcome back our Year 11 students when they come to pick up their GCSE results. Students enter the Academy with some understandable anxiety, coupled with a sense of excitement. This quickly changes to the audible sound of success and excitement...and we had that in bucket-loads this morning! There are so many success stories to celebrate, including students achieving the highest 'grade 9' (equivalent to grade A**) in the new English and maths GCSEs.

The Academy is also celebrating record results in maths at GCSE. This is particularly pleasing as it follows our best-ever A-level results reported last week.

Students have spent time today speaking with Academy staff and discussing their next steps. Many students plan to stay on into the Sixth Form at Francis Combe Academy, with others choosing to embark upon further education in the form of an Apprenticeship or at local Post 16 providers.

Deborah Warwick, Principal said: "Our purpose here at the Academy is to *'Transform our students' lives through learning'*. These results show that our students are being given every opportunity to go on and succeed in life. Students and teachers have worked extremely hard this year, and today's results are a testament to that dedication."

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our students for their hard work and success and to wish them all the very best for the future.