

## PRESS RELEASE

### Best ever GCSE results for Victoria College students

We are very proud of our Year 11 students and congratulate them on this absolutely superb set of GCSE grades: the best results ever at Victoria College.

20% of all grades awarded were at the highest possible level, grade 9 and 66% of all grades were at 7 – 9 (equivalent to the old A/A\*).

Headmaster Alun Watkins commented: “We have known for some time that this is a special and talented year group. They were always destined to produce a strong set of GCSE grades. We congratulate them for all their hard work throughout their GCSE studies. They have shown great determination and resilience in overcoming the disappointment of not being able to sit their examinations this summer. I would also like to thank their teachers and their parents for the support they have shown our boys throughout these most challenging times.

Achieving excellent examination grades is only one measure of success and these boys have contributed greatly to our school in all aspects of their education. I now very much look forward to welcoming the majority of the year group into our Sixth Form from September; but for the small number who are leaving us, I thank them for their many contributions to Victoria College and wish them all success for their future.”

The Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills commented: “This has been an especially difficult year and due to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the public examinations expected to take place in schools between April and June 2020 were cancelled by the UK Government, and special arrangements were put in place for this year’s results.

The final grades reflect the hard work and dedication students have put in over their two years of study. This should be celebrated. The Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills will continue to focus on the progression of our students and to support them with their future options. The final grades have also contributed to the Island figures circulated today by the Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills.”

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### **Note to Editors**

Our mission at Victoria College is to nurture well-rounded, resilient young men who have the skills, attitudes and values to be successful and make a positive contribution to society.

Since we opened in 1852, we have been providing the highest standard of education to Jersey's boys and young men. We are known for our consistently excellent academic results - but they are just part of the story. At Victoria College, boys thrive and grow in many ways. Ours is a stimulating, friendly environment where they can study to the highest level and be taught by experts.

Beyond the classroom, our rich programme of co-curricular activities includes strong sports teams, music programmes and the popular Combined Cadet Force, offering our boys a wide range of exciting ways to join in, belong and challenge themselves.

On average, the College has approximately 660 students, of which 75% come from our Preparatory school. We also welcome students into our secondary school and Sixth Form from all other local schools or from abroad.

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