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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **First GCSE Results**

This morning we shared with Year 11 their results from their GCSE Religious Studies examination taken in the summer. I am therefore pleased to now be able to share these results more widely.

80% achieved grade 4-9 (a good pass: equivalent to the old A\*-C)  
66% achieved grade 5-9 (a "strong" pass)  
35% of students were in the top band (grade 7-9: equivalent to the old A/A\*)  
23 students achieved Grade 9 (top 5% nationally)

These are fantastic results and are significantly ahead of national figures. The results are even more impressive when you consider that our students take this examination a year earlier than many other students in the country. Huge thanks must go to Mr Greener, Curriculum leader, the RE team and the tutor team for their hard work in preparing students so effectively.

As a new school which hasn't yet been through a full round of GCSE examinations, these are encouraging "first fruits". The results provide strong evidence that the processes and approaches we take in the school to help students to fulfil their potential are appropriate and effective. In short, our "high expectations" culture works.

Mostly though, I want to publicly congratulate the students who achieved so well; ultimately this good news was down to their hard work and focus. Members of staff met with most of the year group this morning to encourage them to build on the positive experience and take this into Year 11.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher