

# A-level and Welsh Baccalaureate students congratulated by Kirsty Williams

This year's A-level results show:

- 75.3% gained A\* to C, the highest since 2009, with 25% achieving A\*-A.
- In maths, Wales again outperformed England at A\* and A\* to C, with 19.4% gaining A\*, and 80.4% gaining A\* to C.
- There have been increases at A\* in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- At A\* to C the results have gone up in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography.
- For All Subjects the performance of both male and females learners has improved across all of the grades.

The Welsh Baccalaureate results show:

- 94.1% of candidates achieved the Skills Challenge Certificate.
- 77.5% of candidates passed the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate.

Over the last year the Welsh Government has taken action to improve A-level results. This includes working with regional consortia, reviewing performance measures and ensuring professional learning support programmes are available for staff.

On a visit to John Frost School in Newport, Kirsty Williams said:

"I want to congratulate everyone receiving their results and thank pupils, teachers and staff for all their hard work.

"These set of results show an encouraging increase in the number achieving the top grades, with improvement in results across maths, biology, chemistry and physics.

"We have also seen the results go up across a range of subjects and I want us to continue to build on this.

"I am committed to making sure our education system provides pupils with the skills and knowledge they need for the modern world.

"Our ongoing reform of A-levels is an important part in our national mission to raise standards and extend opportunities for all our young people."