



Proud of Our Students, Proud of Our Community, Proud to Be Backwell

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 students as they receive their GCSE results. These results reflect not only academic success, but also the resilience, determination and character that this year group has demonstrated throughout their time at Backwell.

We are incredibly proud of all that our students have accomplished. Their commitment to learning, willingness to embrace challenges and support for one another have embodied our school values of being Kind, Curious and Ambitious. These qualities have enabled them to achieve excellent outcomes and prepare confidently for their next steps.

This year's results are particularly pleasing. 10% of students achieved a remarkable set of results consisting entirely of Grade 8s and above, while 22% of students secured all Grade 7s and above. Across the year group, the average Attainment 8 grade was 5.25, reflecting strong performance across a broad range of subjects. In addition, 33% of all grades awarded were at Grades 9-7, 78% were at Grades 9-5, and 94% were at Grades 9-4.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, but they are also the result of a collective effort. I would like to thank our exceptional staff, whose expertise, care and unwavering commitment have supported students every step of the way. Their passion for education and belief in every young person have been instrumental in helping our students realise their potential.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to parents and carers. The encouragement, guidance and support provided at home have played a vital role in these successes. Strong partnerships between school and families are at the heart of student achievement, and we are thankful for the trust and support shown throughout the years.

We are delighted that the majority of our Year 11 students will be returning to Backwell to continue their studies in the Sixth Form, and we look forward to supporting them in the next stage of their educational journey. We also extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to those students embarking on apprenticeships, college courses and other exciting opportunities locally. We know they will continue to thrive and make a positive contribution to their communities.

As we celebrate today's results, we do so with immense pride in this exceptional year group and everyone who has contributed to their success. Their achievements reflect not only academic excellence, but the strength of our community and the values that underpin everything we do.

Congratulations, Year 11. We are incredibly proud of you. Wherever your next steps may lead, we wish you every success for the future, and always remember, *'We are Backwell'*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Penny".

Will Penny
Headteacher