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DOUBLE CELEBRATION AT IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Imberhorne School is celebrating another successful year as Y11 students receive their GCSE exams results today. **This success comes only a few months after being recognised as an "Outstanding School" in the Ofsted Inspection that took place last term.**

269 students were entered for around 2400 GCSE examinations. Over 69% of students achieved 5 or more A*-C passes **including English and Mathematics** which equals the school record set last year.

26% of all the grades awarded were A or A* with 28 students gaining 8 or more passes at grades A or A*; the overall pass rate at grades A*-C was more than 75% of all entries again this year.

The "Core subjects" were all particularly successful:

- 82% of students achieved a grade C or above in **English** (including **record results for the boys** of 77% A*-C).
- 74% of the students achieved a grade C or above in **Mathematics** (over 70% for the sixth year in a row).
- 82% of students achieved a grade C in at least one **Science** subject whilst 21 students opted to take extra lessons to study **Biology, Chemistry and Physics** as three separate GCSEs – every one of these students achieved an A* or A in all three disciplines.

Jon Ford, Headteacher states:

"I am very proud of the students' achievement this summer; they have worked extremely hard and have been very positive, both in their studies and in their contributions to the life of the school. The proportion of students achieving 5+ A*-C including English and Maths increased by 10% from 2007-09 and this improvement was maintained this year.

The high attainment of the students and the outstanding progress that they have made was recognised earlier this year by Ofsted and reflects the hard work of staff and students. There have been many outstanding individual achievements but what matters most is the progress of each student. My congratulations go to the students and my gratitude to the teachers and parents who have supported them so well in their preparations for these examinations."

Bob Darvill, Chairman of Governors, adds:

"These results are a credit to the students and a testament to the persistent hard work and effort that they have put into their studies over the past two years. The school is justly proud of their many and varied achievements to date, and is confident of their continued success in all their future endeavours."

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Matthew Swan, Head of Year 11, comments:

"I really enjoyed working with Year 11 this year and I am delighted that they have done so well in their GCSEs. Students across the whole ability range have worked hard to reach their ambitious targets and deserve their success."

The vast majority (about 200) of the students will return in September to join the Sixth Form although some will be attending colleges or starting full time employment.