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**“Students match best ever GCSE results at Riddlesdown Collegiate”**

Students in Year 11 have once again produced superb GCSE results at the outstanding school in Purley, matching their best ever 2018 record of top grades. Performance was strong across the curriculum, and especially in English and Mathematics which remain amongst the school’s most successful subjects. In English, 89% of students passed with at least a Grade 4 whilst in Mathematics, 80% achieved the same standard.

Lucy Robinson was one of the school’s highest achievers with 10 Grade 9s – aimed at the best 2% of candidates nationally. Proud of her results, she said: “I am so happy with these results. The hard work has really paid off and I am so grateful to my teachers for helping me to achieve these grades.” Meanwhile, Leah Couch, who achieved 5 Grade 9s including full marks in English Literature, was looking forward to her next steps: “I am ready for College VI where I will study A Levels in English Literature, Geography and Psychology”.

Lucy and Leah were not the only students with excellent results – a stunning 156 Grade 9s were awarded to Riddlesdown students in total. In fact, 26% of all grades were at 9-7 and more than a quarter of all students achieved at least four Grades 9-7 grades.

In other subjects, best performances came in Media Studies, French, Spanish, Economics and Art.

The **Principal, Soumick Dey**, commented;

*“I am delighted to see our students achieve the success that they deserve today. Students and staff have worked incredibly hard and today’s results are testament to their effort and determination. There is no doubt that GCSEs are getting more difficult, but with excellent teaching and outstanding attitudes to learning, we are continuing to see students achieving their very best and I am very proud of that success. Consequently, we have much to celebrate and much to look forward to as students move into College VI, our specialist post-16 provision. I would like to congratulate students and thank staff and parents for their hard work and support – together we remain ambitious for all that we achieve and continue to deliver the very best for our students.”*

These excellent GCSE results have come just one week after students in College VI, the sixth form at Riddlesdown Collegiate, celebrated record breaking A Level results with almost 60% of grades at A\*-B. With a wide range of successful courses across a number of subject areas and a personal development programme recognised to be outstanding, it is clear that College VI is the place to be for sixth form success.

Riddlesdown Collegiate was judged to be an outstanding school in May 2016 and the OFSTED report made many very positive comments about the standards achieved, the quality of teaching and the impeccable behaviour of the students.

For more information, contact the Principal, Soumick Dey.

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