



Hartland High School celebrates historic improvements to GCSE results, with disadvantaged pupils making the biggest gains

Hartland High School staff and students are today celebrating historic improvements in GCSE results, with preliminary data showing student performance up across all key measures and with particular gains for disadvantaged students.

The percentage of students achieving a standard pass (grade 4 or above) in both English and maths was up 10% on 2025's data, as was the percentage of students achieving a strong pass, at grade 5 or above.

Attainment 8 for all students was up 3%, while for disadvantaged students the same measure increased by over 11%. Nationally, disadvantaged students finish year 11 nearly a year and a half behind their peers, about 10 points below non-disadvantaged peers for Attainment 8, whereas at Hartland High School, the gap of just 1.12 reflects only six weeks of learning.

Headteacher Emily Davey said:

'The students in our community deserve the very best. This cohort of year 11s have shown tremendous resilience and adaptability through periods of change at the school. We are so delighted that their hard work has paid off and we are thrilled to see the changes we've implemented since we joined Greenshaw Learning Trust starting to bear fruit.

Our school has the highest proportion of disadvantaged students in Reading and nearly double the national average for students eligible for free school meals, so it's particularly pleasing today to see that the data suggests we have *almost* closed the disadvantage gap.

Hartland High School is on a rapid improvement journey and this year's data is rock solid evidence that the strategies we've implemented to improve teaching, culture and attendance are having a significant impact.

I'm so proud of all our staff and students and so excited for what's ahead for the school.'



Staff and students came together to open results and celebrate successes (Niyam, Rahul, and Will)



Mati and Kyrsteen celebrated exceptional results, with 7s and 8s in the sciences, English and Maths, among others.



Raheem and Shakur both performed brilliantly, with top grades in all their core subjects.



All students had the opportunity to meet with a member of SLT, to provide guidance about their post-16 destination, with many students making the grades to stay at Hartland High School for sixth form. (Kyrsteen, Mati, Naomi, Eshan, Kye, Raheem)



Grace celebrating a 7 in English Language with Ms Brawn.



Ruby-May achieved strong passes across the board, with a standout performance in English Language.

Haider wowed us with 7 in English, 8 in Maths, 7 in Biology, 8 Physics and 9 in Chemistry.

