

Class of 25 make the grade with impressive GCSE results

STUDENTS across the county were celebrating after getting their GCSE results last Thursday (August 21).

At St Martin's School, Brentwood, pupils returned to collect the results of their exams.

Once again, the art department ensured 100 per cent of students passed the subject, with 86 per cent securing high passes of Grade 5 and above and 36 per cent scoring the top grades of 9 to 7.

In business studies – the school's most popular GCSE choice – 20 per cent of students achieved top grades of 9 to 7, with 60 per cent picking up high pass grades 9 to 5.

The music department scored its best results ever, with more than 17 per cent of students passing with the highest grades of 9 to 7 and 60 per cent picking up high pass grades of 9 to 5.

In French, 64 per cent of students passed with higher grades of 9 to 5.

Among the top performing students this year were Alex Rebel, with five grade 9, three grade 8, three grade 7; Joni Reeves, with five grade 9, one Grade 8, two grade 7, one grade 6; and Kelechi Uko-Emmanuel, with four grade 9, four grade 8, two grade 6

Annabel Day, deputy headteacher, said: "We are immensely proud of our GCSE students, who began secondary school in the shadow of the pandemic, missing the end of Year 6 and much of Year 7.

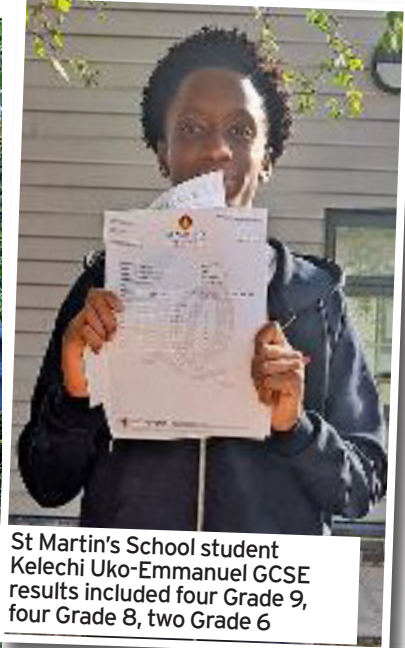
"Despite those challenges, they have shown remarkable resilience and determination, and their success this year is a testament to their hard work and perseverance.

"Their success this year is a reflection not only of their dedication in the classroom, but also of the extra effort they have shown in attending revision sessions and masterclasses to push themselves further.

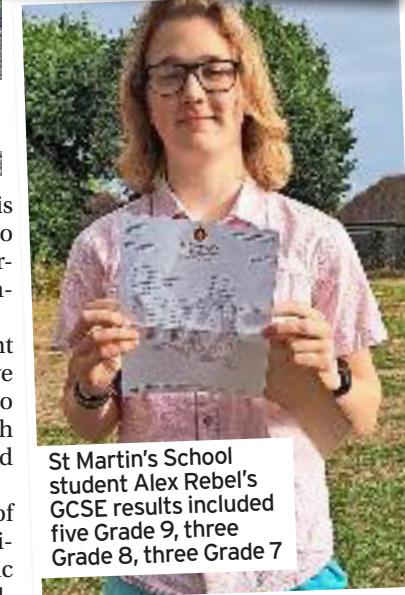
"These achievements are the result of sustained commitment over time, and we could not be prouder of the maturity and deter-



Mayflower High School students celebrated their GCSE results



St Martin's School student Kelechi Uko-Emmanuel GCSE results included four Grade 9, four Grade 8, two Grade 6



St Martin's School student Alex Rebel's GCSE results included five Grade 9, three Grade 8, three Grade 7

mination they have demonstrated. "We are delighted that so many of them will now be continuing their studies with us in St Martin's Sixth Form, and we look forward to supporting them as they take this important next step in their education."

At Brentwood School, no fewer than 17 students achieved 70+ points in total, with some 139 grade 9s and 30 grade 8s between them, an outstanding achievement.

The vast majority will continue into Brentwood School's Sixth Form, where they can choose from three pathways: A Levels, the International Baccalaureate Diploma, or BTEC qualifications.

Head of Year at Brentwood School, Adam Clarke said: "A huge congratulations to all of our Year 11 students receiving their GCSE results.

"This year group has faced the

inevitable ups and downs of adolescence as well as having started their Senior School journey in challenging circumstances, but they have demonstrated maturity, perseverance, and a strong sense of community.

"They should be proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown throughout their GCSE courses. We wish them every success in their next chapter."

The Mayflower School in Billericay saw a leap by three per cent compared to last year in the number of students passing their GCSE English and maths courses – with a Grade 4 or higher.

For the most disadvantaged students, in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the achievement has risen by 16 per cent on last year.

Headteacher Damian Lee said: "We are incredibly proud of our stu-

dents and their achievements this year. Their results are a testament to the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout their time at the school.

"This cohort has really bought into the positive changes we have made at the school over the past two years and have benefited with results increasing in English and maths.

"Across the country, this cohort of students did not get to complete primary school due to the pandemic and so it's fantastic to be able to celebrate some amazing results.

"We wish all our leavers the very best as they move on to the next exciting stage of their education or training."



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