



Laurence Jackson School Press Release – Thursday 27 August 2009

GCSE RESULTS – NEW SCHOOL RECORD AT LJS

Head pays tribute to students and staff.

Laurence Jackson School at Guisborough is proud to announce the best GCSE results in the school's long and distinguished history.

The excellent results of 2008 laid down the gauntlet but the class of 2009 responded well to the challenge and have raised the bar to a new high of **75% 5A*-C** which is well above the national average and exceeds even the school's ambitious targets. The figure represents a **12% increase** over the past 2 years which is a fantastic achievement.

5A*-C's including English and Maths also showed a healthy improvement to 56% which represents a 5% increase on last year and an increase of 11% over the past 2 years. **100%** of students who completed their courses at LJS achieved at least one C or above which is also a significant achievement by the whole year group.

Headteacher at LJS, Tony Gavin, was delighted with the outcome and paid tribute to staff and students.

"The class of 2008 were a hard act to follow but there was a real sense of determination and purpose amongst students and staff and we were quietly optimistic of exceeding their benchmark.

72% was the ambitious internal target which was based on Fischer D (top 25% performing schools in the UK) so to achieve 75% speaks volumes for the dedication and support of staff and the aptitude and application of students. As well as a very good outcome for the whole year group, there were record numbers of A's and A*'s together with some outstanding individual performances (please see below).

As a sports college we focus a great deal on teamwork and this year's outstanding results are the culmination of a genuine team effort with many staff – both teachers and support staff – going the extra mile and students responding to the delicate balance of support and challenge.

This doesn't happen by accident and I am particularly proud of the positive relationships between students and staff during the countdown to exams. Even in a large school like LJS personalisation is the key and staff worked incredibly hard to provide individualised programmes for ALL students not just the most talented or borderline.

Whilst record 5A*-C figures will grab the headlines I am also delighted that 100% of students achieved at least one higher grade which confirms that every individual learner is valued at LJS. Our stated aim is to Improve the Life Chances of **Every Individual** by offering a vibrant, varied curriculum but where academic achievement remains a priority. This particular year group worked hard and played hard, involving themselves in a wide range of activities within and outside school and proved to be excellent role models and ambassadors to the school and the town.

Year 9 SATs results demonstrate a similar improvement over the past two years and together with this year's record GCSE's present a platform for future improvement. We will allow ourselves a temporary smile and then get on with the important business of embedding rigorous systems to build on this success and ensure that future year groups benefit from improved practice.

Well done to the class of 2009 for creating a new record and setting the tone for future year groups at LJS, I would like to wish them all the best for the future in whichever path their lives take and thank them for being such positive ambassadors."

Here is a selection of students who have achieved 10 or more A**s/A's or 15 or more A*-C's or equivalent level 2 passes.

Top 15 students with 10 A-A**s and above	
Hugh Wilson	13
Luke Tonks	13
Levi Lawrence	13
Matthew Goldring	12.5
Bethan Turner	12
Elizabeth Tindale	12
Callum Moffat	12
Dorothy Longley-Cook	12
Rebecca Walker	11.5
Helen Wardell	11
Claire Makinson	11
Katherine Watkinson	10.5
Hannah Payne	10
Emily Glass	10
Daniel Entwistle	10

Students gaining 15+ A*-C grades	
Nicole Sunley	17.5
Courtney Paynter	17.5
Andrew Thomson	16.5
Thomas Prest	16.5
Ryan Garrett	16.5
Rachel Ealand	16.5
Ben Robinson	16
Josh Sedgwick	15.5
Benjamin Porte	15.5
James Mayhew	15.5
Sean Fox	15.5
Alaethea Gamblin	15
Benjamin Gallant	15
Neil Briggs	15

Any students unable to collect their results on Thursday 27 August can do so from the school main office between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm.



Mr T Gavin
Headteacher