

Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School

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Congratulations to the Year 11 class of 2020.

For this class of 2020, picking up their GCSE results occurred with strict social distancing measures in place, a very different experience to the hustle and bustle of the usual GCSE results day. It is a great regret for us as a school community that this wonderful group of students have not had the opportunity to take their final examinations and celebrate the end of their GCSEs in the usual way.



We are exceptionally proud of their academic achievements and the dedication with which they have approached their GCSE studies but also of the strength of character and resilience year 11 have shown in these extraordinary circumstances. School may have ended for them in March, but many have continued to study to ensure that they are ready for the challenge that Key Stage 5 qualifications hold for them getting a head start on their Year 12 studies. They are a talented and ambitious cohort who we look forward to welcoming back into Sixth Form in September.

Raising Standards Leader, Mrs Farrow, who has tracked the learners' progress summed it up, "In such difficult times for all learners, the commitment from year 11 has been exceptional; they are still striving for their best. I wish them the best of luck in their future pathways."



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Mr Davies, Assistant Headteacher feels “this year’s theme for Year 11 was ‘I can, I will, Watch me’. With the recent circumstances, it was hard to maintain their belief that they could achieve their potential; I’m delighted to say they did. Well done Year 11 – you have made us proud.” Miss Clegg, Deputy Headteacher, said “These pupils have been an inspiration. I know they have very bright futures ahead of them.”

Pupils are “extremely happy with [their] grades” and “looking forward to starting A Levels in September”; they are “thankful that they have achieved the results they need to go on to study their chosen courses.”

And the best is yet to come!

Most of the Year 11 will be returning to study Level 3 qualifications with us here at Archbishop McGrath and with their exemplary GCSE grades they will no doubt go on to achieve amazing things over the next two years. Others are going on to specialist colleges to study vocational qualifications.



The Year 11 class of 2020 have been a credit to themselves and their families throughout their school career. Despite the uncertainties facing them as they start the next stage of their education, I know that this wonderful group of students will go on to achieve great things. I feel privileged to be their Headteacher and look forward to hearing news of their many future successes.

Frances Clegg

Deputy Headteacher