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Unrivalled Holistic Excellence

# GCSE SUCCESS REFLECTS TRUE WESTHOLME SPIRIT!



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DR ROBSON, PRINCIPAL

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GCSE RESULTS SPECIAL 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**I would like to say a huge congratulations to Year 11. I know how hard you have all worked throughout the last two years and today is an opportunity for Year 11 students and their families to celebrate!**

With, 'official figures showing that teenagers in the North West lagged far behind those in London in the first exams since Covid,' we are thrilled to announce this was certainly not the case at Westholme! This is a memorable day for academic accomplishment at Westholme with a remarkable 81% at grade 7 or above. What a phenomenal achievement right across the whole year group and I am so proud of each and every student.

The national picture is one of decreased top grades but we have increased ours at Westholme since the last public examinations in 2019. I have been so impressed with the way our students have all navigated uncertainty, national lockdowns and online learning with an unfailing determination to remain prepared for every eventuality. Well done!

I know that this year, most of our students have decided to progress straight into our INSPIRED Sixth Form and are very excited about our new provision. I too am thrilled that they will be embarking on their A Level years with us at Westholme. I have articulated many times just how important a vibrant and amazing INSPIRED Sixth Form is to the success of the school and it is going to be a brilliant final two years!

For those few that are leaving Westholme today, we wish you the very best of luck. Always remember that you are very much part of the Westholme family and come back to see us from time to time to share your successes and inspire future Westholmians.

Last week, I'm sure you will have seen that we also achieved our best ever A Level results and smashed the school records again! I know that you will be keen to emulate this amazing feat in the INSPIRED Sixth Form in two years' time!

In the meantime, thank you to all parents for your unfailing support of your children and of Westholme. It has been a turbulent two years, but now is the time to celebrate with your friends and families and I very much look forward to seeing you in September for the start of our momentous Centenary academic year.

**Dr Robson**  
**Principal**



**“Today’s GCSE triumph is testament to the true Westholme spirit that our students personify.”**



## FROM GREAT RESULTS STEMS A GREAT CAREER

Congratulations to Ahmad Saidan who was delighted to get eight grade 9s in Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, German and Computer Science, as well as three grade 8s in English Literature, English Language, Business and Geography.

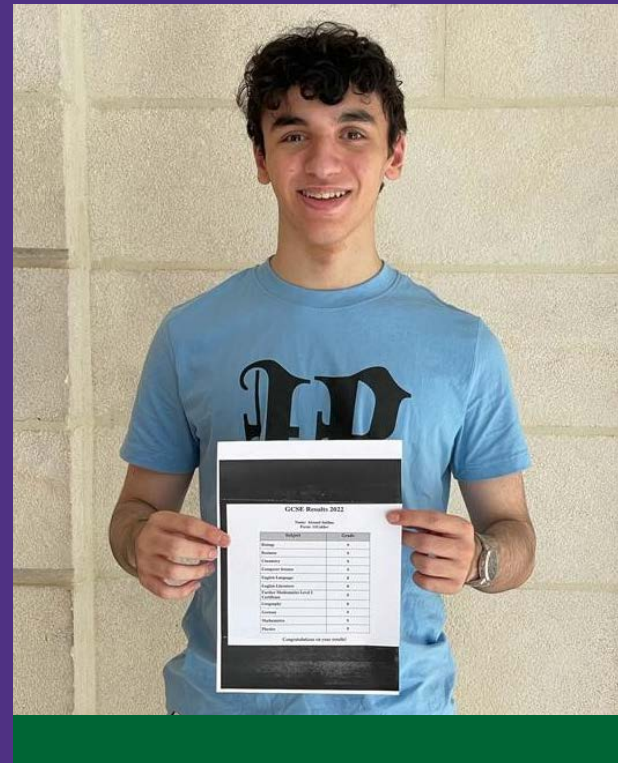
Ahmad, who has been with us since Reception, will further his studies by undertaking his Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science A-Levels at INSPIRED Sixth Form.

He said: "Overall I had high expectations for myself especially in more mathematical subjects and more logic-based subjects as these tend to be subjects I enjoy very much."

Ahmad is looking forward to a career in the STEM field, adding: "I feel this is the most meaningful career path I can take."

At the Senior Prize Giving, Ahmad was awarded the Year 11 Biology Subject Prize and prior to this won the Physics Subject Prize. Outside of school, Ahmad is a big fan of cricket and he often plays for Chorley Cricket Club as a bowler. He also likes to play tennis.

Ahmad said he had a plethora of highlights during his time at Westholme – most of which are related to the close family feel of the school.



## FREYA WRITES GCSES SUCCESS INTO HER STORY

Freya Milligan is thrilled to have achieved six 9s, three 8s and a 7 in her GCSEs. Freya achieved GCSEs in Computer Science, Spanish, Art, History, English literature and English language, Maths, Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

Freya has dreams of pursuing a lifelong love of writing and plans to be either a journalist or a novelist – after continuing her education at INSPIRED Sixth Form.

Freya said, "I am delighted to have done so well and especially after all the upset Covid brought to schools during lockdown. I feel very lucky that Westholme reacted so quickly and my teachers have been amazing all the way through.

"I'm looking forward to studying Classics, English Literature and History at INSPIRED Sixth Form and couldn't imagine going anywhere else."

Outside of school, Freya volunteers for an international animal charity, helping to raise awareness and re-home stray animals from Eastern Europe within the UK.

"I can't thank my teachers enough, for the support, extra resources, exam techniques and wellbeing advice they have provided. I wouldn't be the person I am today if I had studied somewhere else – Westholme School allows you to be you."



## SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR ETHAN



Congratulations to Ethan Colman for achieving three 9s, five 8s, two 7s and a 6 in his results. Ethan will continue his education at INSPIRED Sixth Form, choosing to do A Levels in Maths, Physics and Biology.

He said: "I am very happy with my results. It was difficult but it was rewarding in the end. Getting these results has been the best part of the five years!"

"I wanted to stay at Westholme because it's familiar here. I know the teachers and the people, it's all I have ever known. The teachers were brilliant. They really encourage you to work hard and it has all paid off."

Ethan puts his results down to hard work and credited the teachers for the time and effort they put in. Ethan carries that work ethic outside of his studies too and is a keen swimmer and swims for his local club, Blackburn Centurions.

**"I've been at Westholme since infant school and I wouldn't want to go anywhere else. My teachers have been great throughout and it's such a friendly and supportive environment."**

## NUMBERS ADD UP FOR HANNAH WITH FANTASTIC GCSE RESULTS

Well done to Hannah Edge who is celebrating after achieving seven 9s and two 8s in her GCSEs. Hannah looks forward to studying Spanish, Mandarin and Business A Levels at INSPIRED Sixth Form.

Hannah said: "I am absolutely thrilled with my results, in particular with my language results because I have loved studying Mandarin and Spanish."

"I would love to have an international career within Accountancy, and work in either Spain or China."

Hannah credits Westholme's family feel and huge range of extra-curricular activities for making learning so enjoyable.

"I'm really looking forward to being part of the school's INSPIRED Sixth Form in September and looking ahead to university."

A keen piano player, Hannah plans to take her Grade 7 in September and continue volunteering with vulnerable communities.



**"It is the extra-curricular activities that really add to your learning experience at Westholme and the range of trips and performances on offer."**



## FOOTBALLER CHARLIE KEEPS HIS CAREER OPTIONS OPEN AFTER GCSE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Charlie Moore for receiving three 9s, five 8s, a 6 and a 5. Charlie said he is most proud of his double 9s in Combined Science – exceeding his own expectations and predicted grades.

He added: “I thought I would be more nervous – but I have put in the work. The staff here at Westholme have been great.”

Charlie, whose mum teaches History at the school, will be continuing his studies at INSPIRED Sixth Form where he will study Business, Maths, PE and English Language.

In his spare time, Charlie plays for Adlington Football Club and Astley and Buckshaw, and is keeping his future career options open. Charlie said the highlights of his time at Westholme so far have included getting his results this morning.

**“Today has been a big day – definitely a highlight for me!”**

## BEN IS SET FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN SCIENCE AFTER TOP GCSE GRADES

Congratulations to Ben Dang who is planning for a career in science after achieving 9s in Physics, Chemistry and Biology in his GCSEs. Ben also achieved two 8s, three 7s and two 6s. Ben will continue his studies in these three A Level subjects at INSPIRED Sixth Form.

Ben is considering a career in the medical field, potentially pharmaceuticals after receiving his incredible results.

He said: “I’m very happy with my results. I have been nervous, but I have put in the hard work. It was a surprise when I did so well in all the sciences.”

His Physics teacher described his grades as “a special set of results”.

Ben also has a passion for drama, playing football and writing narratives in his spare time.

**“All the teachers have been a blast. All the extra-curricular activities and the general vibe make Westholme very special. It’s a friendly place to study.”**



## CHARLOTTE CRUNCHES THE NUMBERS

Congratulations to Charlotte Backhouse who achieved three grade 8s in her GCSEs. Charlotte, who is “most proud” of passing her Chinese and Further Maths, is looking forward to continuing her studies at INSPIRED Sixth Form. Charlotte also received two 7s, three 6s and two 5s – well done! She will be studying A Levels in Maths, Business, Economics and Textiles and hopes to pursue a career in economics.

Charlotte, former school Hockey and Netball captain, also studies ballet and gymnastics. In her spare time, Charlotte volunteers as a gymnastic coach, and has worked part time during the summer at a legal firm as an accounting assistant to gain work experience.

“I love the people and the teachers at Westholme. The teachers really care about the students and if you need help they do all they can to support you. You really do have their support.”



## OLIVER HAS HIS SIGHTS ON THE FUTURE AFTER GCSE SUCCESS

Well done to Oliver Brogan after achieving four 9s, an 8, four 7s and a 5 in his GCSEs. Oliver said he’s “happy with his results” and mentioned the highlight of his time at Westholme was “meeting new people in an environment with a family feel.”

Oliver, who enjoys playing golf, will be continuing his studies at INSPIRED Sixth Form and will be undertaking his Economics, History and Maths A Levels.

“I’d like to aim for a career in economics in the future as it’s a job where I can have an impact.”





# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND GOOD LUCK TO WESTHOLME'S CLASS OF 2022!









## FATIMAH AHMED

Well done to Fatimah Ahmed who achieved seven 9s and four 8s in her GCSEs. Fatimah will study A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Maths at INSPIRED Sixth Form.

Fatimah said: “I would like to do something scientific or even something in maths, perhaps accounting or dentistry.

“I have not really decided yet and I want to keep my options open, but I have an idea of the route I want to go on.”

Fatimah’s results saw her sail into INSPIRED Sixth Form, but she admitted that she wasn’t at all confident this morning. Fatimah exceeded her own expectations and was particularly proud of her maths, further maths and science results.

She continued: “I was nervous. The nerves started to settle in last night but I was so happy when I opened my results.

“Today has been one of the highlights of my time here, I am really proud. All the teachers really helped me get what I did, they always mad time for me and were so supportive.”

“I can’t thank my teachers enough, for the support, extra resources, exam techniques and wellbeing advice they have provided. I wouldn’t be the person I am today if I had studied somewhere else – Westholme School allows you to be you.”



## FASHIONISTA ISABELLE CELEBRATES IN STYLE

Congratulations to Isabelle Hudson for achieving three 9s, one 8, three 7s, two 6s, while also tackling Economics for the first time. Isabelle will continue studying Business, Geography and English Language in September.

She said: “Westholme is such a nice school; everyone is so helpful, but the teachers go above and beyond for you – that is the best bit about it.

“They always have time to help you and give you any extra assistance you need, it makes you feel really supported.”

Isabelle would like to pursue a career in the fashion industry, but is keeping her options open, with the hope of studying business at university.

She added: “I want to work in the fashion business, but it is really competitive. I did well in business and will continue studying it next year.”

“I love fashion, I love shopping. That’s what interests me and that is how I’m going to celebrate today!”



## ASPIRING LAWYER MAGGIE DELIGHTED WITH GCSE RESULTS



Well done to Maggie Pearson, who achieved three 9s, five 8s and two 7s and has plans to pursue a career within family law. Maggie will be studying A Levels in Modern History, English Language and Sociology.

Maggie said: "I'm so relieved and delighted with my results – it's a great feeling to finally know."

"I've just come back from an amazing school trip to Vietnam and Cambodia and I am really looking forward to starting my A Levels in September."

Maggie has been a pupil at Westholme since Year 3, and credits the opportunities she has been offered at the school for raising her confidence.

Maggie said: "Performing on the stage of The Croston Theatre stage has really helped to develop my self-confidence and I've been grateful for the support of my teachers."

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## GCSE RESULTS ARE MUSIC TO WILLIAM'S EARS

William Kenny, is delighted to have achieved one 9, four 8s, three 6s in his GCSEs and is looking forward to starting A Levels at INSPIRED Sixth Form where he will be studying Business, Food Technology and Drama.

William has big plans to pursue a career within international hotel management and plans to attend university after his A Levels. He said: "I have loved studying at Westholme School, and in particular, studying Drama in Westholme's impressive, Croston Theatre."

"Being able to perform on such a large stage on a regular basis really helps to develop self-confidence, public speaking skills and a love of theatre. It has made learning so much fun, and a really interactive process."

William has just played a lead role in the school's summer production, The Sound of Music.

A keen home cook, he credits the facilities at school for providing opportunities beyond most schools' capabilities. Bill added: "Learning at Westholme School is always really interesting and fun. Teachers go above and beyond to make sure you're ok, academically and personally."





## BUSINESS PLANS ARE BEING DRAWN UP FOR ADAM



**Congratulations to Adam who received one grade 9, four grade 8s and four grade 7s.**

He is most proud of his grade 9 and 8 in Dual Science which exceeded his own expectations.

Adam is looking forward to studying further at INSPIRED Sixth Form, where he will be undertaking his Business, Geography and Design Technology A Levels and dreams of owning his own business one day.

Outside of school Adam competes at boxing and plays football for Adlington. Adam praised the school for helping him throughout the learning process.

“The teachers have been really supportive and always encouraged me.”

## TRUE CRIME FAN LEAH ON HER WAY TO BECOMING A SOLICITOR

Well done to Leah Oates-Readett who achieved six 8s and three 7s in her GCSEs and is on her way to pursuing her dream of becoming a solicitor. Leah said she was most surprised with her Spanish result – saying it has higher than she expected but she ensured she put in the hard work, and says she is most proud of her Business grade.

Leah will now go on to study for her A Levels in English Combined, Religion, History, and Psychology. She said she has wanted to become a solicitor for a while.

Last year Leah was presented with the Lomax Cup for Fortitude for her dedication to her studies despite challenges.

She said: “The teachers have been amazing. They have helped me through my studies and I’m really grateful.”

Leah says one of the highlights of school was attending the recent Cambodia and Vietnam trip where she and her fellow students helped to paint schools out there.

“I have always been interested in Law and I’m good at reading text and taking it all in. I really want a career where I can help people too.”



## FINAL THOUGHTS FROM MR CORNWALL & MISS PARKINSON, HEADS OF YEAR 11

The Year 11 students have faced many challenges since starting their GCSE studies, and we are incredibly proud of how they have navigated through to this point. They should be immensely proud of the efforts they have put in and the results they have received.

Having now successfully made it halfway through their four-year journey into the INSPIRED Sixth Form, we are incredibly excited to see what the next step will hold for each student as they become the senior role models of the school and embark upon their personalised A level journey.

Today we are supremely proud!

**Mr Cornwall and Miss Parkinson**  
Heads of Year 11

“Congratulations to everyone on your results and thank you for your amazing and varied contributions to school life.”







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