



WE'RE HERE TO HELP: Advice Zone Team at Chelmsford College will guide those whose GCSE results are not what they anticipated

Post-results service is sorting out those whose plans change

Chelmsford College staff give key advice on future

THE post-results service at Chelmsford College has been busy since the GCSE results were published.

The team have welcomed young people every day since Thursday looking for impartial advice on an individual basis.

It may be that they did not get the results they wanted or that they were simply looking to discuss their options.

The team at Chelmsford College consists of specialist careers advisers who are on hand throughout the year to guide new and existing learners through the maze of decisions around courses and future career choices.

During the post-results service, teaching staff are available to talk to people about their specific departments and to discuss the realities of the courses and opportunities beyond college.

Missed

Harrison Prendergast, 16, was planning to stay on to study his A levels at sixth form but he just missed out on the required GCSE results.

When he and his family arrived at Chelmsford College on Friday, he looked nervous but after a long chat with Mary McGettigan - the programme area manager for business, he cheered up.

He now plans to enrol for the two-year EPTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business. "I think it's the right course for me, as it includes sales and marketing," he said. "I'm so much happier now I've got a plan and at last I know what my career path is."

Mary said that having discussed what Harrison was really

interested in she was able to advise him about the options and was pleased that he had chosen a course that not only covered his areas of interest but also could lead him onto university, a higher apprenticeship or into employment after his course.

Another post results service customer was Jack Reeve, who came with his parents to ask advice about his next steps.

The family had been on holiday and returned to discover that Jack's AS results were not as planned and that he would not be continuing his A levels at Sandon School.

Mum Sam said that they all felt apprehensive at first but found that the advice they received was first-rate. They talked to ICT lecturer Tom Mortimer who went through all Jack's options.

"I'm glad I could help him to understand the opportunities available at Chelmsford College - he is an enthusiastic young man," he said.

"I am delighted that he will be joining us to study Level 3 ICT."

Tom started teaching at Chelmsford College after five years working in web development, he says he wanted to pass on his love of the subject.

This sector just keeps on growing - IT and technical support and website development are just a few skills that are in high demand not just here but internationally," he said.

The message from Alison Davies, director of curriculum at the college, is: "Don't panic - there is still time to enrol for this year across a wide range of curriculum areas."



CHEERED UP: Harrison Prendergast with his mum and dad



REASSURED: Jack Reeve, centre, is to study at Chelmsford College

■ GREAT BADDOW HIGH:

The school saw 66 per cent of its students achieve at least five A*-C including English and maths, while in the new A*-C in English and maths was achieved by 70 per cent.

Both figures show an improvement on last year's results and build on the established trend of improved results for the school over the last four years, despite the fact that the year group joined the school with lower key stage two scores than previous groups.

Head teacher Carrie Lynch said: "We are delighted with the results our students have achieved and the significant progress many of them have made since joining us, which reflects how hard they have worked."

"We like to think of ourselves as Team GB and success relies entirely on students and staff working together, with the support and encouragement of their parents."

"We may not have gold medals to show but we do have black and gold school colours of which we're very proud."

■ BOSWELLS SCHOOL:

Pupils at Boswells School achieved "outstanding" GCSE results.

A total of 68 per cent of the school's students achieved five A*-C grades, including English and maths, while 71 per cent got a GCSE in the two subjects.

Boswells also got 21 per cent of its students at A* and A - while 100 per cent passed at A*-G.

Head teacher Paul Banks said: "Every student has worked incredibly hard and deserves their success, particularly in a national context, where top GCSE grades are dropping overall and grade boundaries and pass marks are being pushed even higher."

"The marks required to pass GCSEs are continuing to rise, so it is very pleasing to note that our students, once again, are achieving outstanding results despite the increase in difficulty of the examinations."

He continued: "Our results this year equal the best the school has ever achieved and I would like to congratulate the students on their hard work and dedication."

"I would also like to thank the staff whose expertise and tireless support of the students has helped us achieve these outstanding results."

■ SANDON SCHOOL

Pupils at the Sandon School achieved the school's best ever GCSE results, with 70 per cent of students getting five or more grade A*-C including English and maths.

RATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

School	5x A* - C INCLUDING ENGLISH AND MATHS	A* - C IN ENGLISH AND MATHS
HEMINGHAM SCHOOL	68	70
SANDON SCHOOL	70	72
GREAT BADDOW HIGH	66	70
CHELMEY VALLEY	70	75
ST JOHN PAVINE	63	69
FELSTED SCHOOL	98	96
HYLANDS SCHOOL	54	57
MOLLSHAM HIGH	71	73
NEW HALL SCHOOL	87	85
KEES	100	100
CHELMSFORD COUNTY HIGH	100	100
BOSWELLS SCHOOL	67	71
MALTINGS ACADEMY	-	67
NEW BUCKTONS	-	54
ORMISTON RIVERS ACADEMY	70	69
ANGLO EUROPEAN	-	62
WILLIAM DE FERRERS	58	63
PLUME ACADEMY	55	-
ALEC HUNTER ACADEMY	73	77
THURSTABLE SCHOOL	-	-



DELIGHTED: Sarah Pockett, Madeline Baker and Eva Ke of Boswells School reach for the sky

■ WILLIAM DE FERRERS:

More than 500 A* and A grades were awarded to pupils at William de Ferrers School in South Woodham Ferrers.

A total of 62 per cent achieved a grade of C or higher in English and maths.

Mike Applewhite, acting head

teacher said: "Our students have achieved wonderful results and we look forward to welcoming many of them back into our thriving sixth form."

■ ANGLO EUROPEAN:

Some 70 per cent of Ingatestone's Anglo European School students

got an A*-C in English and maths for their GCSEs. Thirty-one per cent of those got A* or A grades.

All pupils passed, giving the school a 100 A*-G rate.

Seventy seven per cent of students, who normally study anywhere between one to three foreign languages, also achieved one A* to C in a language.

Co-head teacher David Barrs said: "The Anglo offers a very



WE'VE DONE PRETTY WELL: Great Baddow High School students looking pleased with their results



GOT 'EM: Tarik Elkellani, Lucy Jones, Connor Hicks, Louis Deamer, Phoebe Knight and Oliver Wagstaff



DID IT: Alicia Elliot got nine A's; Harry O'Connor and Charlotte Betty



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