



RESULTS: DELIGHT AS SCORES OF A-LEVEL STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE

Pupils' hard work pays off

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Students in Leicestershire were today celebrating after receiving their A-level results.

Nationally, teenagers achieved record results in their A-levels this year, with a 97 per cent pass rate.

The proportion of pupils awarded A grades also rose again, with more than one in four gaining top marks.

There was a 95 per cent pass rate for A-levels at Hind Leys Community College, Shepshed.

The pass rate with A and B grade achieved was 31 per cent.

Principal Yvonne Lee said was delighted with the students' achievements.

She said: "Many of the young people will be able in the light of these excellent results to press forward to higher education courses at a whole range of prestigious universities and to high-powered training providers.

"We are delighted for them individually, congratulate them on their success and wish them well for the future."

She praised the hard work and expertise of the teaching staff.

Among those celebrating was Hind Leys student James Lua,



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RESULT! Hind Leys students Isabel Whitehead (front), Chris Brown, Ceri Sean and James Lua

from Shepshed, who got A grades in chemistry, physics, maths and further maths and a C grade in general studies.

James, 18, who will study chemistry at Oxford, said: "I am really pleased. It couldn't have been much better. I'm thrilled, actually."

Fellow student Isabel Whitehead, 17, from Shepshed, got three As and two Bs.

She said: "I'm amazed. I didn't even think I would get an A."

She is off to Bath University to read biology.

Her friend, Ceri Dee, 18, said she was pleasantly surprised with her two As, a C and an AS-level in further maths.

At Burleigh Community College, in Loughborough, the overall pass rate was 95 per cent, with 21 per cent of those passes

at Grade A and 41 per cent were grade A and B.

Head of sixth form Richard Trigg said: "We have a good set of results this year, which are roughly the same as we managed last time.

"Again, we have a clutch of students who achieved straight As and are going on to study at Cambridge and other top universities."

CLEARING HOTLINES

STUDENTS who do not have high enough grades for their first-choice university go through a process called clearing. Here are some useful contacts:

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY:

08459 454647, e-mail:

clearing@dmu.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER:

0116 223 1069, or see:

www.le.ac.uk/clearing

LOUGHBOROUGH

UNIVERSITY: See:

www.lboro.ac.uk/clearing/

Elsewhere in the county, at Lutterworth College hundreds of students recorded a 97 per cent pass rate and in Market Harborough Robert Smyth candidates achieved a 96 per cent success rate.

Lutterworth College principal Eddie de Middelaer, said: "We're really fortunate to have so many hard-working students."

At Robert Smyth, 12 per cent of the passes were at A grade.

Head teacher Colin Dean said: "Very high standards have been maintained yet again this year."

Tomorrow: Full results round-up

Eye socket 'fractured' in assault

A MAN sustained a suspected fractured cheek bone and eye socket in a savage attack.

The 24-year-old victim was approached by three men at 8pm on Tuesday as he waited at the junction of Prebend Street and London Road, in Leicester.

One of the gang hit the victim before all three made off towards the city centre.

The victim was later admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary.

The attacker was white, 5ft 2in, aged about 18 and of medium build. He was wearing a baseball cap, glasses and black top and trousers.

The other men are not believed to have assaulted the victim.

One was mixed-race, in his early 20s, 5ft 8in and slim. He was wearing a blue tracksuit bottoms and top.

The third man was white, stocky and had a silver, Y-framed bike with blue suspension forks.

Pc Dan Gough, who is investigating, said: "We are appealing for witnesses who may have seen or been approached by this group.

"London Road was busy at the time and we would appreciate any information anybody may have."

Witnesses should call Pc Gough on 0116 222 2222.