



Tollbar Telegraph

We celebrate another Outstanding Year

Yet again Tollbar BEC students have proved they are the best by achieving phenomenal results at GCSE and A levels.

This year the 367 GCSE students smashed all previous exam records here, with 81.5% of them achieving five or more A* to C passes, including English and Maths.

An incredible 98% of students (360 out of 367) achieved at least five GCSE passes at grades A* to C this summer, compared to 82% in 2007.

At 'A' level with an increase in the average point score per entry, and 62% of students scoring A-C grades, there were also

exceptional achievements. In Maths 78% of students achieved grade A and 100% of students achieved an A-C grade in Further Maths.

Other outstanding subject achievements came in Economics, with 75% of students scoring A-B; in Business Studies with 74% of students scoring A-B; and in English with 86% of students scoring A-C.

The results cap an amazing year for our school, which was described by Ofsted inspectors earlier in the year as "outstanding."

Principal David Hampson attributed the success to the hard work and commitment of

the students and to the Tollbar team of staff, who give 100% support to them.

"What particularly pleases me is that our students, as Ofsted has said, enter Tollbar having achieved broadly average results in their primary schools and leave with exceptionally high standards. These astonishing results confirm this," he said.

"These achievements are only possible with the continued support we provide for students in the form of mentoring, Saturday morning classes and revision classes during school holidays. We work very closely with parents to ensure that their children achieve the best they can."

Tollbar Telegraph GCSE Round-up



Having passed a total of 14 subjects Joe will now stay on at Tollbar Sixth Form to study the International Baccalaureate.

Mum Irene said: "He has worked very hard for this and he deserves his success."



Kate Smith from Scartho is another GCSE high-flier, passing 11 subjects, including nine A* grades and two As.

Joining her friend Joe Ward to study the International Baccalaureate at Tollbar Sixth Form, Kate will eventually go on to university to study medicine.

Mum Jill said: "Kate is a self-motivator, she works hard but there is no doubt that she is a talented girl. We are very proud of her."



James Blake (16) expected Bs in his GCSEs but came out with seven straight As.

The New Waltham teenager will be among the first intake studying the International

Baccalaureate this year at Tollbar and he is excited at the prospect.

"It sounds like a very interesting course that offers much more scope for learning and, as I would like to eventually become a dentist, I like the idea of a broader curriculum," he said.

Mum Michelle was on hand to hear her son's good news and immediately promised a party to celebrate.

Naturally gifted **Joseph Ward** from Waltham was predicted to score highly in his GCSE exams. But this summer he surpassed his own expectations by achieving seven A* grades, five As and two Bs.

Tollbar Telegraph A level Round-up



Double triumph for twins

Twins Jade and Gemma Charlton from Scartho passed 23 GCSEs between them this summer giving the pair and mum Bridget cause for a double celebration.

Jade passed 12 subjects with three A grades, seven Bs and two Cs. Gemma passed 11 subjects, among them six A grades and one A*.

"It is a fantastic achievement for them and I am so proud," said Mum Bridget, who was on hand to see the girls collect their results.

Being twins worked to the girls' advantage as they revised together and will go on to college to study A levels. Both girls would like to become PE teachers.



Natasha battles illness but comes out on top

Sixteen-year-old Natasha Whitworth has battled slimming disease anorexia nervosa for the last two years, but the teenager still managed to pass 10 GCSEs this summer.

At one point Natasha's weight dropped below seven stone, and she had to study out of the main classroom for five months, struggling to keep up with her course work.

But with extra tuition and a solid determination Natasha is now on the mend and will go on to study A levels at Grimsby College.

Mum Dawn accompanied Natasha to pick up her GCSE results and said: "It has been a really tough period for Natasha and for us all, but she has done amazingly well in her exams and we are all so very proud of her.

"We are particularly grateful to Mrs Hornby for her patience and assistance throughout this last two years."

Natasha said: "I am really happy today and so grateful to Tollbar for helping me to achieve these results. I would now like to go on to study law or journalism."

Tom is top of the class

Top student Tom Love is on his way to his dream of becoming an aerospace engineer following an outstanding performance at A level.

Tom scored three A grades in Maths, Economics and Physics, plus a C in Further Maths, which will take him to Bath University to study.

The 18-year-old from Waltham paid tribute to Head of Sixth Form Diana Shelton, for helping

him to achieve his grades.

"Mrs Shelton has been there all along the way to help me when I needed it and without her I would not have done so well. I needed two As and I got three and I know that is down to the extra help I got from Diana."



Gary Cowlam (18) will be studying Maths at the University of Newcastle this autumn after achieving A grades in Maths and Further Maths at A level and a B in Physics.

"I needed these grades to get in to university so I am very happy," said Gary, from New Waltham.



Elliott Heward's long-term ambition is to join the Police Force, but before that the 18-year-old from Grimsby is celebrating passing four A levels.

Elliott scored an A in Business, B in Economics, a C in Law and a D in Psychology and will now go on to the University of Northumbria to study Business with Economics.



Shaun Dolby is convinced that the extra tuition available to him at Tollbar is the reason he scored so highly in his A levels this summer.

Shaun (18) achieved As in Biology and Maths and a B in Chemistry and will now go on to study Biochemistry and Genetics at Nottingham University.

"I'm so proud of myself, and so very grateful to Mrs Shelton for helping me to achieve my goal," he said.



Hannah Cornall is Tollbar Sixth Form's highest achieving A-level girl this summer with an A in History, B in Geography, B in Chemistry and A in Maths.

Hannah admitted she worked very hard to achieve her passes but also thanked her sixth form tutors for their extra tuition in holiday times.

Hannah will now study for a Masters in Chemistry at Durham University. She eventually hopes to work in industry or become a teacher.



Ben works his way to an award

Work experience is an established part of the school year – but one Tollbar student got far more out of it than he expected when he spent a week at Kingsway Tyres in Grimsby.

Ben Bonner not only earned a part-time job with the company, but picked up the Humber EBLO award, for the pupil who has benefited most from work experience.

Ben, who will receive his trophy next month at an awards ceremony in Hull, was nominated by his tutor Mr Trafford, and by Assistant Principal Mr Colbert after securing the job with the local tyre fitters.



"Our neighbour is the area manager for Kingsway Tyres so I asked him if there was any chance of work experience and he organised it," Ben explained.

"The people there gave me a lot of help and then offered me a part-time job now I've finished college."

Ben will work for Kingsway until he joins the RAF later in the year, where he believes the experience gained will stand him in good stead.