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Minister for Education, Employment & Training, The Hon C G Beltran

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The Minister for Education and Training, Clive Beltran, congratulates students on this year's excellent results at GCSE. Our Secondary Schools have maintained their high standards with an overall pass rate of 66% (A\*-C), above the national average for England and Wales of 65.7%. The Gibraltar College has also achieved a high standard.

Schools have achieved an average of 26% A\* and A grades, again exceeding the figure for England and Wales of 20.7%.

The Minister further commented that, added to the success rate of the 'A' levels, the high pass rates at GCSE this year again reflect a sustaining of high standards in public examinations locally. Mr Beltran pointed out that this is the outcome of motivation and hard work from our students, directed by a skilful teaching profession and support by their parents. The Minister added that once again the priority and investment afforded to education by Government is vindicated.

Note: The GCSE results are detailed in the tables attached.