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A-LEVEL RESULTS

Statement from the Minister for Education, Gilbert Licudi:

"I would like to congratulate the many students who have been successful in their A levels.

There are many positive indicators and trends in this year's results. The overall pass rate in Gibraltar is 96%. This represents an increase of 1% over last year's results. In the A* to B category, Bayside has seen an increase of 6% and Westside of 3%. Significantly, the number of students at Bayside obtaining an A* has increased by over 300%. The overall pass rate in the College has increased by 2%. This year, there are 18 Gibraltar Scholars (students who obtained three passes or more with A* or A grades) compared to last year's 12.

There is, therefore, much to celebrate in these results. The students and their teachers can be proud of these achievements.

We must not, however, forget those students who have not been as successful in their results as they might have wished. There will be students who will not be able to match their results to the offers they have received from Universities. Those students will now try to find a University place through the UCAS clearing process. The Department of Education and the schools will be on hand to provide all support, guidance or assistance that these students may need and I would encourage students to make use of this.

The Government will also be providing assistance to those students who may not be going off to University and who now wish to embark on a career or vocational training. The Government will be giving guidance to those students on the options available.

The Government is just as proud of students who enjoy academic success as those who pursue alternative pathways."

Note to Editors:

The A-Level results for both schools and the College are detailed in the tables attached. The individual pass rates are 98% for Bayside, 96% for Westside and 92% for the Gibraltar College. The overall pass rate for all three institutions is 96%, 1% higher than last year.

It is worth noting that the percentage of A*- B grades for Bayside is up from 43% last year to 49% this year. Westside is also up from 45% last year to 48% this year. There was also a significant increase in the number of A* grades at Bayside: from 7 last year to 22 this year.