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GCSE RESULTS

Statement from the Minister for Education, Mr Gilbert Licudi QC:

"I would like to congratulate all those students who today have been successful with their GCSE results.

The overall percentage pass rate A*-C remains above 60% and, furthermore, a significant improvement has been experienced in the percentage of students attaining A* or A grades where over 25% of students in both schools attained these grades.

It is nevertheless disappointing to note the overall dip in the percentage of students attaining A* to C which is down to 64% from last year's 67%. There have been reports in the UK media of tougher standards being applied by the exam boards and we will need to consider whether this has played any part in the fall of the pass rate.

The Department of Education will be analysing the results over the next few days. No effort will be spared in helping and supporting our schools and teachers in areas where problems are identified in order to deliver the best possible educational service so that every student is able to maximise his or her full potential."