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GCSE Results

The Minister for Education, Gilbert Licudi QC, has congratulated the many students who have been successful in their GCSE examinations.

The pass rate A*-C was 63% which represents a dip from last year's 68%. Whilst Westside maintained its 2013 result at 68%, Bayside has seen a fall to 58%.

A dip in results was not unexpected following changes to the grade boundaries and tougher marking by the examining boards. Exams regulator Ofqual had already predicted more variability in the results compared to last year. Notwithstanding this and whilst the Government is extremely pleased that Westside has achieved the same pass rate as last year, Government is disappointed with the fall in the pass rate at Bayside.

The Department of Education will now carry out a full analysis of all results and will take all measures that are necessary in order to redress any issues which are identified.

It is, in any event, important to provide support to those students who have not been as successful as they may have wished. The Department of Education, our schools, and indeed the Gibraltar College, will be close at hand to offer them appropriate guidance and assistance. Indeed, it is worth remarking that 71% of students who entered the alternative year 12 programme and retook GCSEs, have achieved a minimum of 5 passes at A*-C. This shows that with the right support and willingness to work hard, good results are possible.