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### **A-Level Results 2015**

Students from Bayside, Westside and the Gibraltar College have again achieved a good set of A-Level results today. Results were issued as from 8 am to ensure that students were given every possible chance of competing with their UK counterparts in the race to secure the much prized University places.

The pass rate A\* - E was up from 2014 to 96 % consistent with the general pattern observed over the last three years. Each of the three schools had an increase of 2% in the overall pass rate compared to last year. Top grades of A\* - B have been predicted in the UK to suffer a drop. Despite this, Bayside actually achieved an increase of 2% in the pass rate for the top grades. Both Westside and Bayside saw an increase in the top grades for mathematics.

Minister for Education, Gilbert Licudi QC, welcomed the results and said: "There are many positive elements in these results. A considerable number of our students will go off to take up places at some of the top Universities in the UK. Credit must be given to the students as well as to the teaching and support staff. It is, however, inevitable that there will be some students who are disappointed with their results. They will require help and guidance in the coming weeks as they seek to secure a university place through the Clearing process. They should rest assured that all necessary help will be afforded by their teachers and by senior staff at the Department of Education."

There were six Gibraltar Scholars overall: four from Bayside and two from Westside.