**GCSE Results 2017 Press Release**

**Another sensational set of results for Skipton Girls’ High School, part of Northern Star Academies Trust**

In light of significant changes to the GCSE curriculum and the uncertainty that this has brought for all students, parents and schools nationwide, Skipton Girls’ High School is delighted to celebrate its continued academic success with a set of outstanding GCSE results for 2017.

An extraordinary **80% of the Year 11 cohort have achieved 5 or more A\* to A grades and 19 students were rewarded with a clean sweep of 9-7 and A\*, A grades across all of their qualifications. Almost 40% of the top grades 9 and 8 were awarded for English and Mathematics** and the school increased their overall attainment with the average grade of more than an A for the best 8 subjects across the whole school cohort. **94%** of the cohort achieved the **English Baccalaureate measure**, an increase of 9% from 2016, whilst results across all the Arts subjects remain exceptional (50% of all grades were achieved at A\* in Art and Design).

Although it is far too early to communicate Progress Measures, figures show impressive progress has been made across the whole Year 11 cohort.

Whilst celebrating the achievements of all students, there were a number of exceptional achievements this year:

Yasmeen Razaq, who joined SGHS in Year 9, achieved Grade 9s for English Language, Literature and Mathematics and straight A\*s in all her other subjects – an extraordinary achievement.

A thrilled Megan Smith achieved Grade 9s for both English Language and Literature, Grade 8 in Mathematics and 10 A \* for her other subjects.

Amy Ball, secured Grade 9s in English Language and Maths, 7 A\*s and 2 A grades

Maryam Waheed Grade 9s in English Literature and Maths, Grade 8 in English Language and 8 A\*s and 1 A

Grace Homard achieved Grade 9s in English Literature and Language, Grade 8 in Maths and 7 A\* and 1A

Paying tribute to her students, Headteacher Jenn Plews said ‘We congratulate all our students on their tremendous achievements. At a time of significant curriculum change, 2017 GCSE results are fitting testament to the hard work and determination of our students and reflect the dedication of our teachers and the excellent support provided by all our staff’

Head of Academy from September, Andrea Wade, currently, Deputy Head shared ‘At SGHS we are so proud of the myriad of achievements being celebrated today. Our students continue to show resilience, commitment and high aptitude across the board and these brilliant results are fully deserved. It truly is an inspiration for me to work with such fantastic young people, their families and our dedicated staff

**Congratulations to all our GCSE Students** Jenn Plews: Headteacher

**Life after GCSEs: Skipton Girls’ High School offers a vibrant and exciting place to learn at Post 16.**

We believe in offering personalised guidance with your best interests in mind – to find out more about our track record, exceptional 2017 A level outcomes and the expertise we offer in supporting your future aspirations please visit our website or contact **sghs@sghs.org.uk/** **Mr M Blythe: Learning Director Post 16**

Enrolment for Skipton Girls’ High school Sixth Form is now open and Year 12 commences on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 8.50am. We look forward to welcoming our new Sixth Form students.