

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS STATEMENT

Exam Results

- **Key Stage 4**

GCSE results showed a positive picture across many Cardiff schools, with numerous examples of success for schools and learners. This year, GCSE performance measures have changed following new Welsh Government guidance. The changes include the removal of the publication of threshold measures (the Level 1 and Level 2+ threshold), and the introduction of an interim set of performance measures. These measures are intended to help bring about the changes needed to support the new curriculum, which will be taught from 2022.

- **Key Stage 5**

The provisional A-level results show that standards remain high in Cardiff. The proportion of A-levels graded A* to A is 31.5%, which has increased from last year and compares to 27% across Wales. 80.9% of A-Levels are graded A*-C, which compares to 76.3% across Wales and is an increase of 2.6 percentage points from last year.

School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP): Food and Fun

Cardiff's multi-award winning School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP), Food and Fun, continues to expand with the following 16 schools running the programme during this year's summer holidays:

- Adamsdown Primary School
- Bryn Celyn Primary School
- Coed Glas Primary School
- Herbert Thompson Primary School
- Hywel Dda Primary School
- Meadowlane Primary School
- Millbank Primary School
- Ninian Park Primary School
- Pentreban Primary School
- Riverbank Special School
- Severn Primary School

- Springwood Primary School
- St. Alban's Primary School
- St. John Lloyd Primary School
- St. Teilo's High School
- Ysgol Nant Caerau

New schools for this year are Coed Glas Primary School, St. Alban's Primary School and St. Teilo's High School. Like previous years the schools are continuing to offer the programme to KS2 pupils, but have also extended provision this year to include Foundation Phase pupils.

New enrichment activities introduced this year include sessions provided by Network Rail, RNLI, Welsh Rugby Union and Cardiff Story Museum. The First Campus programme with Cardiff Metropolitan University also continues to expand with children spending a day at the Llandaff campus.

The Head of Football at Cardiff and Vale College also provided a football skills session at the Leckwith Sports Dome for children from Ninian Park Primary School. It is anticipated that this provision will be extended next summer.

Cardiff & Vale School Uniform Donation Event

The inaugural Cardiff & Vale School Uniform Donation event was held at Cardiff University on 11th August 2019. This aims to provide school uniform free of charge to any parent that requires it for their children. The event was a huge success and was attended by around 200 adults and children. Ambitious plans are in place for the next event to be on a much larger scale.

Officers from the Central Library Hub were also present at the event to promote a range of services, such as the Summer Reading Challenge, the Reading Well scheme, healthy eating and money advice. I am pleased that all Hubs across the city will become designated donation points for unwanted items of school uniform from where they will be transported to the charity for distribution.

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