

## GCSE RESULTS

## Career dreams on track at Elizabeth College

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HOPEs and dreams of life in the military, motor sport and finance industry remain on track for high-flying Elizabeth College pupils who scooped up to 13 A\*s each.

Jack Colley, 16, was among two pupils who secured a clean sweep of an incredible 13 A\* grades on the same day he was celebrating his birthday.

He aims to pursue a career as a lawyer.

'It is my birthday today, so I can have a relaxing birthday now and update my CV,' he said. 'I went out last night instead, just in case.'

'Now I'm very happy to get what I did – a lot of effort went into it.'

T. J. Fitzgerald, 16, was the other pupils who secured 13 A\* grades and hopes to pursue a career in finance.

'I was shocked, but really, really happy,' he said. 'I went to the gym this morning to take my mind off it.'

'It has been very nerve-racking.'

The college said this year's results were particularly strong at the top end, with a total of 15 students achieving at least 10 A\*/A grades.

However, the A\* to C, includ-



**A number of Elizabeth College students achieved several A\* grades this year, with two earning a clean sweep of all their subjects.**

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ing English and mathematics, pass rate had dropped from 98% to 90%.

Principal George Hartley said it was always great to see the boys receive recognition for their hard work.

'It is also important to remember that Elizabeth College has a very broad pupil intake with a particular wide range of abilities in this year group, and there have actually been some very pleasing results across the

whole ability spectrum.'

Another high-flying pupil was Daniel Galpin, 16, who scooped 10 A\*s and an A, but was two marks away from securing an A\* in English language.

He wants to be an engineer in the future, with dreams of a career in Formula 1.

'I just want to get into the motor sport industry as an engineer,' he said.

An F1 engineer would be the dream.'



**Tom Lees wastes no time in spreading the news of his results.**

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'It is a relief to open the results. I plan to go the North Show with some friends to celebrate.'

Michael Firth, 16, landed 10 A\*s and one B grade and now plans to travel to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College in the UK to pursue his dream of a military career, ideally the Navy.

'It really appeals to my sense of adventure and going into the unknown,' he said.