**I am my unlocked potential. *I am Grovian***

Or Year 11 pupils have every right to be as proud as their A Level compatriots as the school celebrates another year of great GCSE results.

This year has seen the biggest change for a number of years for GCSEs with the grading system changing from letters to number grades. This has made analysis of our results particularly tricky as the results are made up of a mixture of letter and number grades – sometimes even within the same subject.

The newly introduced marking scheme has not however phased the youngsters one bit with 25 of our pupils achieving 6 GCSEs at 7 or above (equivalent to last year’s A\* or A). 83% of the cohort achieved 5 GCSE passes including mathematics and English, compared with 79% in 2017.

The Woodhouse Grove ethos of helping each student become “the best that they can be”, uniquely gives co-curricular activities such as sport, music, drama and art equal emphasis to academic work. The school goes to great lengths to help individual students balance their extra curricular interests with their academic study, aiming to develop well rounded, happy and resilient individuals who have a determination to succeed.

And succeed they have. Some individual success stories include:

Congratulations to our top performers, with numbers of top grades, A\*/8/9, in brackets, were Edward King (10), Maisie Bickerton and Abigail Nott (9) and Ellie Nott, Michael Cavaliere and Rory Gallagher (8).