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**PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**#TEAM SPH - THE SUCCESS STORY CONTINUES AT ST PHILIP HOWARD,  
GLOSSOP – WELL DONE CLASS OF 2018 ON YOUR FANTASTIC GCSE RESULTS!**

The St Philip Howard Class of 2018 have performed incredibly well in their GCSE public examinations at a time when the bar has once again been raised nationally. For the first time, most of the GCSEs in England are being graded from 9 to 1. The intention is to pitch the exams at the standard of the highest-achieving countries in education, such as Singapore and Finland.

Louisa Morris, Headteacher said *“The pupils at St Philip Howard have excelled themselves this year in their GCSE examinations, congratulations to the #TeamSPH Class of 2018! As the Government reforms kick in to toughen examinations, St Philip Howard is exceptionally well-placed to rise to the new challenges presented. This year’s pupils have been a credit to the school, themselves and their parents. Excellent teaching and a fabulous range of extra-curricular activities ensure our pupils are not just knowledgeable in their chosen subjects but as well-rounded individuals, ready to move*

*on to the next stage of life. We are really pleased with a 100% pass rate in the new course qualification of Engineering at grade 5 and above. On behalf of the teaching and support staff at St Philip Howard, who have enjoyed working with them so much, and the Governors who have watched with interest the progress of this year group in changing and challenging educational times, we wish every single one of them a most happy and successful future. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them”.*

With all pupils doing so well it is hard to single out special praise but we wanted to specifically congratulate the following pupils who achieved on average grade 7 or above in all their exams: **Molly Astbury, Elizabeth Snape, Eleanor Witchalls, Alexander Oswald, Daniel Jackson, Patrick Davies, Lauren Williams, Victoria Kooper and Lauren Statham.**

We are also further delighted with the following pupils who made **outstanding progress** at the school exceeding all their targets: **Emily Moores, Aine Nicholl, Molly Astbury, Samantha Bruce, Olivia Smyth, Patrick Davies, Daniel Jackson, Alexander Oswald, Victoria Kooper, Ellie Bennett and Elizabeth Snape.**

SPH offers a fantastic range of subjects at both KS3 and KS4; however, its education is also designed to equip pupils with more than just good grades. For pupils to succeed beyond the school environment SPH is committed towards their pupils being able to demonstrate independence, confidence and determination. The fact that SPH is a smaller than average community of pupils is their ‘recipe for success’; they are able to focus on their pupils as individuals and can offer more time and support than the average secondary school.

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