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CABINET STATEMENT

TITLE: GCSE Results (2010)

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GCSE Students in Rhondda Cynon Taff have received their results this morning. I was pleased to welcome First Minister, Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM to Treorchy Comprehensive this morning, to share in the success of our young people. A staggering 98 per cent of the County Borough's young people attained a pass rate (A-G) in GCSEs. Over half – 60.1 per cent - secured grades A*-C.

While the number of passes fell slightly on recent years, the 2010 figures show the continuation of the success of 2009, in which the highest-ever grades were attained.

Once again, the teenagers have done very well and we warmly congratulate all of them on their results today.

Today's results are because of hard work by students and staff at our schools, as well as the vital support provided by families who are committed to helping young people reach their potential.

Results such as those seen today are a result of months of dedication and commitment by everyone involved.

I would also like to sincerely thank the staff who have made the recent successes in A levels and GCSEs possible."

Year after year we continue to be proud and pleased with the achievements of our young people.

They have been striving to secure the experience and qualifications needed for their next stage in life and education. We wish them all the best of luck."

It is important to remember figures released and analysed today are based on WJEC statistics only.

The following statistics in this release are based on WJEC GCSE results only and should be treated with a degree of caution as schools will have entered varying, but possibly significant, proportions of students for examinations with other examination boards.

The results also do not include vocational qualifications, which have a GCSE level equivalence and will need to be added to the totals when results are available.

GCSE Examinations RCT

| | 2010 LA | Variation from 2009 | 2010 Wales | variation from 2009 |
|--------|---------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| % A*-G | 98.0 | -0.2 | 98.7 | +0.2 |
| % A*-C | 60.1 | -1.0 | 66.4 | +0.9 |
| % A*-A | 14.4 | -0.8 | 19.2 | +0.3 |

Entries

| | LA | LA | Variation from 2009 |
|------|-------|-------|---------------------|
| GCSE | 22814 | 23833 | -1019 |

WJEC GCSE results: trends over time

Rhondda Cynon Taf LA

| | % Grades A*-G | % Grades A*-C | % Grade A*-A |
|------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1996 | 96.4 | 48.5 | 10.3 |
| 1997 | 96.3 | 49.0 | 10.6 |
| 1998 | 96.4 | 50.5 | 12.7 |
| 1999 | 97.3 | 55.2 | 13.8 |
| 2000 | 97.7 | 56.4 | 14.1 |
| 2001 | 97.4 | 56.6 | 14.4 |
| 2002 | 97.1 | 56.0 | 14.6 |
| 2003 | 96.8 | 55.4 | 12.7 |
| 2004 | 97.0 | 57.1 | 14.9 |
| 2005 | 96.8 | 54.6 | 14.4 |
| 2006 | 97.1 | 57.4 | 14.5 |
| 2007 | 97.2 | 59.2 | 14.9 |
| 2008 | 98.0 | 57.8 | 13.4 |
| 2009 | 98.3 | 61.1 | 15.2 |
| 2010 | 98.0 | 60.1 | 14.4 |

Wales

| | % Grades A*-G | % Grades A*-C | % Grade A*-A |
|------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1996 | 97.7 | 54.1 | 13.0 |
| 1997 | 97.9 | 55.6 | 13.5 |
| 1998 | 97.9 | 57.8 | 15.6 |
| 1999 | 98.1 | 59.2 | 16.4 |
| 2000 | 98.1 | 59.8 | 16.7 |
| 2001 | 98.0 | 59.9 | 16.9 |
| 2002 | 97.9 | 60.4 | 17.6 |

Wales (All Boards)

| | % Grades A*-G | % Grades A*-C | % Grade A*-A |
|------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2002 | 97.9 | 59.7 | 17.0 |
| 2003 | 97.6 | 59.7 | 17.1 |
| 2004 | 97.8 | 60.7 | 17.6 |
| 2005 | 97.7 | 61.3 | 17.8 |
| 2006 | 98.1 | 62.3 | 18.3 |
| 2007 | 98.0 | 63.0 | 18.6 |
| 2008 | 98.4 | 65.0 | 18.9 |
| 2009 | 98.5 | 65.5 | 18.9 |

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|------|------|------|------|
| 2010 | 98.7 | 66.4 | 19.2 |
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WJEC Entry: trends over time

Rhondda Cynon Taf LA

| | GCSE |
|-------------------|-------|
| 2004 | 23325 |
| 2005 | 22519 |
| 2006 | 22925 |
| 2007 | 23728 |
| 2008 | 22243 |
| 2009 | 23833 |
| 2010 | 22814 |
| Change 2009-10 | -1019 |