



# Mixed fortunes as GCSE results tables revealed

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A HEAD teacher is 'confident' of turning around exam results after figures revealed an alarming drop in pupils achieving GCSEs at his school.

Mark Howell, of Paget High School, in Burton Road, Brantston, was left 'shocked' after finding that only 28 per cent of pupils achieved five A\* to C GCSEs, including English and maths, last year – dropping from 42 per cent the previous year.

The findings come after the Department for Education revealed mixed results for

schools and college performance across East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire.

Mr Howell said that plans were already in place to improve results for this year.

He said: "The results came as a huge shock to the system.

"The reason for the large dip is due to a downturn in the English results. Some of the past errors can be attributed to people who have now left the school.

"We have put a huge amount of time and resource into this and have a relatively new team of staff.

"I am confident that we can turn this around. Going into the summer we will be back with a stronger performance.

"We want to achieve a min-



**MARC Howell** said he was confident of achieving better results at Paget.

imum of 42 per cent."

Despite the bad results it was not all doom and gloom for other schools.

Pupils from John Taylor High School, in Barton, did the best in the area last year, with 77 per cent of pupils achieving five A\* to C GCSEs.

A total of 66 per cent of pupils at de Ferrers Academy, in St Mary's Drive, Burton, saw their hard work pay off.

The accolade for the school with the biggest improvement went to Abbot Beyne School, in Osborne Street, Burton, which saw 60 per cent of pupils accomplish good results, compared with last year's figure of 47 per cent.

Annabel Stoddart, head teacher at the school, said she

was 'delighted'.

She said: "We have worked really hard with the pupils and parents, while a significant improvement has been made in maths.

"It is not something that has happened overnight. During the past three years we have been building towards this. It is pleasing to see us doing better in the town. We can hold our own."

In South Derbyshire the only institution to show significant progress was Granville Sports College, in Burton Road, Woodville.

It saw 44 per cent of its pupils get a minimum of five GCSEs, compared with 37 per cent in 2014.

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## HOW DID SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA DO WITH GCSE RESULTS?

PARENTS can now see how well schools are performing when it comes to GCSEs.

The Department for Education has released the statistics of pupils that achieved a minimum of five A\* to C GCSEs at schools across East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire.

It was a mixed bag of results

for pupils studying in East Staffordshire:

- Abbot Beyne School saw 60 per cent of pupils successful;
- Abbots Bromley School had a success rate of 50 per cent;
- Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Sports College had 59 per cent of pupils get the results;
- John Taylor High School had a

success rate of 77 per cent;

- Paget High School saw 28 per cent of pupils get the minimum amount of GCSEs;
- Paulet High School had a success rate of 46 per cent; and
- The de Ferrers Academy got 66 per cent.

Across South Derbyshire the results were as follows:

- Granville Sports College received 44 per cent;
- John Port School had a pass rate of 58 per cent;
- The Pingle School saw 45 per cent of pupils get the minimum number of GCSEs needed; and
- William Allitt School saw 47 per cent of pupils achieve the marks.