

Jack scores top results in Ireland



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A St Oliver's student proved he really is a Jack of all Grades after securing the top Leaving Certificate results in Ireland.

Jack Synnott (17) from Sheetland Road in Termonfeckin secured 8 H1 grades, including on in Business Studies which he studied for outside of school on his own time.

He also did a ninth subject, Applied Maths, which he received a H3 grade in.

Jack told the Drogheda Independent: 'I'm over the moon. I was quite nervous before I got the results. I couldn't even believe it really, I was just in shock for the whole day but it was amazing. It was great to see the work had paid off and I had exceeded my expectations.'

The hardworking student managed to keep up his extracurricular activities despite the pressures of sixth year, and is a dedicated member of the Droichead Youth Theatre, even helping to write a play for the group's production 'All Out and Over' last year.

'It was great to have somewhere I could go where there was no stress and no pressure. No matter how difficult it was in class I could go on Saturday afternoon and just completely relax. It was a great release. .' explained Jack. 'I've been with them for three years, but I've been doing drama all my life. I was involved with Little Duke when I was younger.

Jack now plans to study Law and Politics in Trinity and wants to become a political analyst or a political correspondent for a newspaper.

Jack leads the field of 26 students at St Oliver's Community College who achieved in excess of 500 points. Louise Paul, Niall Griffin and Sean Hand were among those who were thrilled to open their envelopes on Wednesday joining the elite group of students passing the 500 point mark.

Students taking the LCA programme at St Oliver's Community College also lead the field nationally with a top performance by Jasmine Cunningham.

Principal, John Halpin said 'we are delighted to see such achievement right across the board and we are thrilled to see Jack join the ranks of our highest achievers'.

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