

12-year-olds leap ahead at maths

TWO 12-year-olds and a 13-year-old have secured high grades in GCSE maths exams, making it a first for an Exeter school.

Magdalen Court School, in Victoria Park Road, encourages pupils to take GCSEs early if they are ready.

In the past, 12-year-old pupils there have passed a range of GCSE subjects, but this is the first time successes in maths have been registered.

This year's November exams saw 18 Magdalen Court youngsters attain grades A to C in English and maths up to four years early, a 100 per cent success rate.

Particular successes included maths candidates Tim Spring, 12, who gained a B grade, Tim Hackett, 12, with a C, Charlie Grylls, 13, with a C, and Charles Brine, 15, with an A.

Jason Tucker, in drama, and Tania Welsman, in childcare, also gained GCSEs at 12.

Headmaster Jeremy Bushrod said he would consider putting someone through an exam at eight if they were good enough.