

Magnificent seven for brave teenager

A COURAGEOUS teenager who, only a year ago, was battling to attend school despite gruelling cancer treatment, has been rewarded with 11 passes – seven of them A* grades.

This time last year, Laura Proctor, of Stoneyrold, Whitworth, was suffering the effects of being treated for Hodgkins Disease, a cancer of the lymph nodes.

It caused her to feel weak and frequently in pain.

But she was determined to attend classes at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School whenever she could.

Her bravery moved her teachers to nominate her for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award, which she received five months ago.

But perhaps the best reward of all came on Thursday when she went into school to learn of her amazing GCSE success.

She scooped A* grades in dual science, geography, history, religious

education, IT and French, three A passes in maths, design technology and English literature and a B in English language.

Animal lover Laura will now continue at BRGS in the sixth form, working towards A levels in physics, biology, chemistry and business studies.

She then hopes to go on to university and pursue her goal of becoming a vet.

Proud

Her mother Benedicte Proctor said: "We are very proud of Laura, she has taken everything in her stride.

"She was determined to carry on going to school during her treatment, although at times she couldn't. The results show how hard she has worked.

"Laura went for her hospital check up earlier this month and everything is fine, she is doing very well."



PASS master ... Laura Proctor grabbed seven A*s among her 11 passes.

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