High year sees drop in results

North Walsham and Stalham High School reported tougher marking in English, through the sweeping changes brought in this year, which had an affect on their headline five A*-C with maths and English figure.

At Stalham it dropped from 68pc to 46pc and at North Walsham it fell from 56pc to 42pc. Caroline Brooker, headteacher at North Walsham, said it was “disappointing statisticians are playing with children’s lives in this way”. “Aside from the English results we are pleased with the overall performance,” she added.

Sheringham High also saw a drop in the headline figure from 76.3pc to 72pc, along with Aylsham High, where it fell from 79pc to 72pc, and Gresham’s in Holt, where it dipped from 97.2 to 94pc.