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Summer 2018 Examination Results Overview

Congratulations to all Bexley Grammar students; they received some impressive examination results this summer and have been richly rewarded for their hard work and determination, supported, as ever, by the commitment and dedication of staff and parents.

Year 13

Our students have excelled again in their post-16 success. Combining A levels grades with International Baccalaureate Diploma equivalents, 21% (1 in 5) of grades were A*s, 48% were A*/A and 74% were A*-B grades.

At A level, over a quarter (29%) of all the grades were A* or A and 47% of students gained the UCAS equivalent of 3 A grades. Two students achieved 3A*s and 1A while another three gained 4 A*/A grades. 16 students achieved at least 3 A*/A grades. 67 students achieved at least 3 A*-B grades and two-thirds of all students achieved 4 A levels. The average point score for the A level cohort of 138 is equivalent to a little below 3 A grades.

In the IB, 20% of students gained 38 points or more which is a typical Oxford University offer. One student achieved 44 points, three gained 42 points and another three scored 41 points. 99% of students passed the Diploma and 78% of all the grades were at the higher grades of 5, 6 or 7.

152 students gained 556 A levels while 102 students gained the IB Diploma. When combined and expressed as A level equivalents, all 252 students gained a staggering average of 157 new UCAS points each, the equivalent of achieving more than 1A* and 2 As at A level or a 4 A level equivalence of nearly 4 B grades. These grades sustain BGS's remarkable success rate in gaining the best university places for our students. Over 90% of students gained their first or second choice and approximately 40% achieved places at Russell Group universities. We celebrated another very successful Oxbridge intake from BGS: 8 places – 6 Oxford and 2 Cambridge, including one student studying Medicine at Oxford. The success of gaining the subjects and universities of choice is our ultimate prize: BGS remains one of the top-rated schools in the country for securing places in Higher Education for our students.

Year 11

188 Year 11 Bexley Grammar School students have achieved an excellent set of GCSE results which now include the new 9-1 grading for the more challenging, "reformed" GCSEs in 20 out of the 29 subjects we offer. Comparisons cannot reliably be made with previous years because of

these reformed qualifications but we should particularly celebrate the remarkable 27.4% of all grades that were achieved at 9-8/A*. This is higher than last year despite the reformed GCSEs.

One student gained a remarkable ten 9 and two 8 grades, an almost perfect set of results. Four students achieved nothing below an 8 or an A*. 29 students secured straight 9-7 or A*-A grades. 50 students achieved 10 or more 9-7/A*-A grades, and 77 achieved 8 or more 9-7/A*-A grades.

All BGS students studied the three separate sciences, two foreign languages, RS and at least one humanities subject alongside mathematics and both English and English Literature – the majority took twelve GCSEs.

Subject highlights include:-

- Grade 9: 27% in Music (22), 24% in Latin (33) and 22% in Food Technology (9). As a compulsory subject, Maths achieving 20% grade 9s is particularly impressive.
- Grades 9-8/A*: 100% in Chinese (7 students), 57% in Textiles(7), 45% in Italian(38), 44% in Food Tech(9), 41% in Music(22) and 47% in Maths (all!).
- Grades 9-7/A*-A: 100% in Japanese (9) and 82% in Italian (38). Maths tops the 9-7 measure at 73%.

Judged against national measures of success:

- 91% of students achieved a strong pass (grade 5/C or above)
- 97% of students achieved a standard pass (grade 4/C or above).
- Attainment 8 score = 69.6 (in line with last year's 70.8 when the national figure was 46).
- Progress 8 score = +0.23 (2017= +0.38, 2016= +0.27).
- 73% achieved the English Baccalaureate out of a possible 88% (83% success rate).

These are strong GCSE results from a deliberately stretching, grammar curriculum which has made no concessions to the national trend of narrowing down options in order to play to school league tables. Students and their parents should be proud of these impressive results and our dedicated staff have been rewarded well for their commitment and belief in our students, particularly in the new specifications in twenty out of our 29 subjects.

My congratulations go to all our students who received examination results this summer, to their families and to their teachers who give so much of their time and energy to students to make these achievements possible. I know that our staff are delighted with the results of our highest achievers but they also take great pride in the results of students lower down ranked lists who have gained the best results that they possibly could and who have secured places on the courses they wanted in the Sixth Form or at University or equivalent. I am so proud of what they have achieved and I am deeply grateful for the tireless work of the staff here at BGS. Similarly, I am grateful to parents for their support through the years that culminate in these achievements. We are all very proud of our students' achievements.

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