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## Summer 2020 Examination Results Overview

After the most disrupted academic year in BGS history we congratulate all Bexley Grammar students for their resilience through a turbulent process of awarding grades. In the end they received record-breaking 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.

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### Year 13

The 182 students of our second fully IB cohort have set new records: Over 50% of all the grades awarded were 6s or 7s; an average of 5.5 points per subject (world average = 4.6 in 2019); an average of 35 total points per student (world average = 29.6 in 2019). It is remarkable that the average achievement in UCAS points (198 points) of our students exceeds the equivalent of 4 A grades at A level.

Koner Kalkanel and Heather May achieved 43 points out of the maximum 45 points. Six students achieved 42 points: Daniel Constantini, Isabel Hosier, Stacy Kindred, Kate Leadbetter, James Du and Elisabeth Enechi; and another eight achieved 41 points: Kaushik Chinta, Omar Akhtar Gordon, Mariah Bennett, Alice Brayford, Simran Ghag, Erin McDermott, Megan Mitchell-Woodford and Olivia Jenkins. These are remarkable achievements which demonstrate the aspiration and resilience of our students.

Nearly a quarter of our students (24%) gained 38 points or more, a typical Oxford University offer. Perhaps the most pleasing, the value-added measure across the whole cohort (the progress from their GCSE starting points at the beginning of Year 12), is also the highest on record, even when cohorts were half the size or smaller.

I am delighted for, and grateful to, our students, their teachers, their families, indeed for the whole BGS community which celebrates these wonderful outcomes from the world-class education they have enjoyed. As we reflect on the events of the summer, there has probably never been a more important time for our young men and women to flourish in the IB with its outward-looking,

international curriculum. The vast majority have gone on to study at some of the most prestigious institutions in the world this autumn, the ultimate reward.

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## Year 11

191 Year 11 Bexley Grammar School students achieved a record-breaking, outstanding set of GCSE results! Comparisons cannot reliably be made with previous years but we should particularly celebrate the record 37% of all grades that were achieved at 9-8 (the old A\*).

The 9-7 (old A\*-A) measure is 63.2%, an increase of 10% on last year. It is remarkable that nearly two-thirds of all the grades awarded to our students are in this top category. The average point score for the whole year group is 7.0, equivalent to the old A grade - that is the average grade!

Two students, Leyla Cilek and Dilshanth Nagulahas, gained a perfect set of 11 GCSE grade 9s - remarkable achievements! (Last year, only 123 students out of 17,450 who took 11 GCSEs in England secured all 11 grade 9s.)

An impressive 11 students: Joy Hui, Sam Wilson, Jessica Nguyen, Rhys Belsham, Oliver Peetoom, Heather Shaw, Aakankshya Adhikari, Jeffrey Calistus, Tymofi Bekh, Deslyn Doherty and God's Favour Oluwanusin achieved only 8s and 9s (a full set of A\*s on the old measure). 51 students, well over a quarter, secured straight 9-7 grades (old A\*-A grades) and 96 students, over half the cohort, achieved 8 or more 9-7 grades.

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

Subject highlights include:

- Over 25% grade 9s in: Maths (taken by all students), Chinese (12 students), Food (15), Japanese (16), Latin (34) and Russian (13).
- Over 75% grades 9-7 in: Maths (all students), Chinese - 100% (12 students), Food (15), Italian (34), Japanese (16), Latin (34), Music (29) and Russian (13).

These are outstanding GCSE results from a deliberately stretching, grammar curriculum. Students and their parents should be proud of these impressive results; our dedicated staff have been rewarded well for their commitment and belief in our students.

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. It was a particularly stressful time for so many students as national and international policy was made on the hoof in the face of unprecedented circumstances due to the Coronavirus pandemic. 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 results of which they are rightfully proud 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 in particularly challenging circumstances. Similarly, I am indebted 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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