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Summer 2015 Examination Results Overview

Congratulations to all Bexley Grammar students; they received some recording-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.

Year 13

The A level results in the middle of August greeted students with record-breaking success. 70% of all the grades obtained were A*, A or B. Five students (Jaiman Gill, Benjamin Gunton, Oluwanifemi Olusola-Ojo, Jamie Pearson and Ramya Sriram) gained 3A* grades and an A. Thirty students gained at least 3 A* or A grades and 89 students (nearly 60%) gained a total point score of 360 or higher, equivalent to 3 A grades.

IB students had already had their results nearly six weeks earlier and most had already had university places confirmed. 83% of all the grades were at the higher grades of 5, 6 or 7. Martina Arandjelovic and Jason Ly gained an outstanding 42 points out of the maximum 45 points in the IB. Arianna Malefora, Alexandra Bird, Sami Djelassi, Samantha Morito and Ifeoluwa Akinytayo all scored 41 points, again, tremendous achievements.

When IB and A level results are combined, all 220 students gained a staggering average of 404 UCAS points each, the equivalent of achieving 4 B grades at A level or a 3 A level equivalence of 2A*s and an A. Over 20% of grades were A*s and 78% were A*-B grades. A remarkable 76% of our Year 13s gained their first choice of university, over 88% their first or second choice and 46% gained places at Russell Group universities. Special mentions go to the six students (four IB and two A level) who gained places at Oxford (Michael Agius, Katrina Collison, Sami Djelassi and Ellen Peirson-Hagggar, Jamie Pearson and Anveer Sodhi) and join two Oxbridge candidates from last year to make a total of eight Oxbridge students this year. The list of other remarkable achievements is long but we should also mention Martina Arandjelovic, Fatima Lee, Zohaib Hussain, Mary Odonkor, Oluwatomilola Olagunju and Thulasi Srikanth who all gained places in medicine alongside Joe Masters who secured his veterinary medicine place. The success of gaining the subjects and universities of choice, regardless of their prestige, is our ultimate prize: BGS remains one of the top-rated schools in the country for securing places in Higher Education for our students.

Congratulations to all Year 13 students – our list of results contains individual successes too numerous to list here. These students have opened doors to potentially outstanding and fulfilling careers. And it should be remembered that they achieved this success while leading our school community by being thoroughly involved in our busy extra-curricular life and in supporting our younger students. They set excellent examples for subsequent years to follow. They should be proud of their achievement, as we are, and excited at the prospects of the next chapter in their lives for which they are now so well equipped.

Year 11

A staggering 86% of all the GCSE grades were awarded at A*-B and well over a quarter (27%) were A* grades – a record for BGS! 6 students gained straight A* grades in all 12 or more of their GCSEs: Daniya Baiguzhayeva (14), Eve Lynch (13), Thomas Booker (12), Lisa Clinch(12), Gurkiran Kalsi(12) and Menaka Santhakumar (12). Thirty students (almost 1 in 6) gained only A* and A grades and almost half the cohort achieved at least 8 A*/A grades. 109 students (58%) achieved all their grades at B or above and 162 students (86%) achieved at least 8 A*-B grades.

It is hard to choose subject highlights but examples include Mathematics in which 95% of the grades were A*-B. Well over half the grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics were A* or A. French, German and Spanish GCSE grades averaged over 90% A*-B across cohorts of about 90 students in each. (Over 60% of the 95 students who studied French achieved A* grades!) These are particularly impressive achievements against national trends and it bears repeating that our curriculum remains as challenging as any in the state or private sector. All students study all three separate sciences, two languages and RS (on one period per week) alongside the usual mathematics, English, English Literature and at least one humanities subject – the majority took twelve GCSEs.

Judged against other national measures of success, 99% of students gained at least 5 A*-C grades, 97% of students gained 5 A*-C including English and Mathematics, 96% gained 5 A*-C including two good science subjects, 99% gained 5A*-C including one foreign language and 97% with two languages. These remarkable headline measures are competitive with the top schools in the country, particularly for languages, even though we seek out the most challenging combinations of courses for our students.

Despite new styles of assessment and more rigorous examinations at GCSE, our Year 11 students have demonstrated again the high standards achieved at Bexley Grammar School and are in a very strong position as they approach the demands of the Sixth Form.

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 teachers 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. I am so proud of what they have achieved and I am deeply grateful for the tireless work of the staff here at BGS, staff who, having invested so much time and energy into their success, on results days are as excited and nervous as the students themselves! 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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