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## Summer 2016 Examination Results Overview

Congratulations to all Bexley Grammar students; they received some incredible 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 had greeted students with tremendous success. One in three grades was an A\* or an A and 61% of all the grades obtained were A\*, A or B. Jake Carmen, Fiona Pereira and Felicio Lobo each gained 3 A\*s and an A. 14 students gained four grades at A\* or A and 24 students gained at least 3 A\* or A grades; nearly half (59) our A level students 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 at the beginning of July and most had already had university places confirmed. A record in recent years of 86% of all the grades were at the higher grades of 5, 6 or 7. Christopher Goring gained an outstanding 44 points out of the maximum 45 points in the IB, Daniel Hale 43 points and Dermot Cudmore scored 42 points. All three also achieved the full 7 points in 5 out of their 6 subjects.

When combined and expressed as A level equivalents, all 185 students gained a staggering average of 385 UCAS points each, the equivalent of achieving, on average, 1A\* and 2 A grades at A level or a four-A level-equivalence of nearly 4 B grades. A remarkable 72% of our Year 13s gained their first choice of university, over 86% their first or second choice and 42% gained places at Russell Group universities. Special mentions go to the record-breaking **eight** students (five IB and three A level) who gained places at Oxford and Cambridge (Luke Bennell, Charles Britton, Alice Caddock, Dermot Cudmore, Oluchi Ezech, Christopher Goring, Daniel Hale and Matthew Ward). The list of other remarkable achievements is long but we should also mention Joe Friel, Maisie Lau, Fiona Pereira and Astha Tanwar who all gained places in medicine (alongside Ade Titiloye from last year) and Synduja Jeyatharan who secured her dentistry place. 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.

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

We celebrated the best GCSE results in three years on some measures, an outstanding set of outcomes in which nearly 60% were A\* or A grades and an inspiring 87% of all the grades were awarded at A\*-B. Consider that the average point score of 50 for the whole year group is just under an A grade (52 points)!

Three students gained straight A\* grades in all of their GCSEs: Karina Gukhool (13), Sapphira McBride (12) and Isabelle Howard (11). Eleven students achieved 10 or more A\* grades and 36 students (1 in 5) gained exclusively A\* and A grades. Over half the cohort achieved at least 8 A\*/A grades. 105 students (56%) achieved all their grades at B or above and 165 students (88%) achieved at least 8 A\*-B grades.

It is hard to choose subject highlights but the following give a flavour of the success: 96% of grades in mathematics were A\*-B; Over 60% of the grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics (all compulsory) were A\* or A, as were those in Geography (78 students) and History (77); French, German and Spanish GCSE grades averaged about 80% A\*-B across cohorts of over 90 students in each; (Over 60% of the 32 students who studied Italian achieved A\* grades!) Chinese (18) and Textiles (11) achieved 100% A\*/A grades while Drama (22), Japanese (6), Product Design (13) and Russian (14) all achieved 100% A\*-B 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, 98.4% of students gained 5 A\*-C including English and Mathematics, the Attainment 8 score was 69.71 (national = 48.06) and the Progress 8 score was +0.30 (national = 0). In addition, 96% gained 5 A\*-C including two good science subjects, 97% gained 5A\*-C including one foreign language and 92% with two languages.

Yet again, our students have triumphed in a challenging and rigorous curriculum at both GCSE and in the Sixth Form. (The Telegraph ranked our results this summer top of all the Bexley schools in both.)

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. 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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