

## Summer 2014 Examination Results Overview



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SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE  
IB WORLD SCHOOL  
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Congratulations to all Bexley Grammar students who received examination results this summer.

Students have been rewarded well for all their hard work, supported, as ever, by the commitment and dedication of staff. Congratulations to all involved.

### Year 13

227 Year 13 students took the IB Diploma or A level examinations and they matched the standards of excellence established in previous years and most importantly, secured places in many of the country's best universities. When combined and expressed as A level equivalents for performance tables, students gained, on average, 364 UCAS points each, reflecting the demanding curriculum that they follow: 4 A levels or the IB Diploma. (If these UCAS points were translated into a 3 A level equivalence, students on average gained 3 A grades each!) Of the 683 qualifications entered, over 13% of grades were A\*s and 60% were A\*-B grades.

The average IB result was 33 points which is equivalent to 3A grades and a B grade at A level, in line with our performance in previous years. 1 in 5 IB students achieved scores of 39 or above (equivalent to a startling 4A\* grades!). This is particularly impressive considering that the cohort contained the full range of ability based on their GCSE results; it was pleasing to see the second highest valued added scores of the past five years too. Of particular note in the list of results is Lucy Dickson who gained an outstanding 43 points out of the maximum 45 points in the IB – a magnificent achievement which easily secured her place at Cambridge. Linda Hien, Ugne Vaidotaite, Violeta Mitrova and Poppy Barran all scored over 40 points, again, tremendous achievements. Ainalwara Aslam gained a place at Oxford, Winnie Lam goes to Birmingham to study Medicine and Shauna Hilton fulfilled her dream of going to the Royal Veterinary College.

At A level, 5 students (Michael Hutson, Clarissa Ngo, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jason Oakes and Danny Chapple) gained 3A\* grades, 4 of them with an additional A grade. This cohort gained the highest percentage (7.2) of A\* grades since the grade was introduced. Miriam Longman achieved her well-deserved place at Cambridge and Megha Uphadhyaya her place at Birmingham for Dentistry; Merryn Waddy and Olivia Phelan gained places on highly competitive physiotherapy courses – the list is long and various.

Well over 60% of Year 13 students were offered places at their first-choice university and another 20% at their second-choice university. 34% gained places at Russell Group universities, which while not the target for all students, is a measure of the quality of the university places our students gain as a result of their tremendous achievements. 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 throughout it too numerous to list here. These students have opened doors for themselves 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

Our cohort of 192 Year 11 students celebrated an excellent set of GCSE results. Every student studied 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.

17% of all the grades achieved were A\*, 49% of them were A\* or A and over 80% were B or above – an impressive achievement for this challenging curriculum. 4 students (Charlie Britton, Christopher Goring, Daniel Hale and Synduja Jayatharan) gained A\* grades in all 12 of their GCSEs! 26 students gained only A\* and A grades and 83 students achieved all their grades at B or above. The average point score for the whole year group was about 48 points, between an A and B grade.

To give a sense of what the whole year group achieved, about a quarter of all the GCSE entries at BGS were in the three separate sciences and three-quarters of all of these were graded a B or higher (nearly half at A\*/A). One sixth of all the entries were in modern foreign languages and 22% of those, nearly a quarter, were at A\*. English Language and English Literature accounted for a similar proportion of the entries and of those, 86% and 88% respectively were at B grade or above. Over 93% of mathematics grades were at B grade or above.

Judged against other national measures of success, 99% of students gained at least 5 A\*-C grades (one student was unable to undertake his examinations), 97% of students gained 5 A\*-C including English and Mathematics, 94% gained 5 A\*-C including two good science subjects, 98% gained 5 A\*-C including one foreign language and 89% with two languages. These results compare very favourably with previous years. They are also 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 maintained the high standards expected 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. We are all very proud of their achievements.

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