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Summer 2017 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

Bexley Grammar School Year 13 students have excelled themselves again in their post-16 success. Combining A levels grades with International Baccalaureate Diploma equivalents, over 20% (1 in 5) of grades were A*s and 69% were A*-B grades.

At A level, one in five grades was an A* or an A and 35% of students gained the UCAS equivalent of 3 A grades. Sophie Tyler achieved a perfect 4 A* grades, including mathematics and two languages. Philip Hagelberg, Roshni Patel and Ella Tournes each gained 1 A*, 2 As and a B. 46 students achieved at least 3 A*-B grades and 61% of students achieved 4 A levels.

In the IB, 14% of all the grades were at level 7, our highest in 5 years for these elusive top grades (nearly double the worldwide average). 30 students gained 38 points or more which places them in the top 17% in the world. Daniya Baiguzhayeva achieved the perfect maximum point score of 45, a startling achievement; last year only 201 students out of about 150,000 students (0.1%) from across the world achieved this perfect score. In addition, Thomas Booker achieved 44 points, Isobel Robb, Maya Kirby, Joshua Masters and Sam Sherr gained 43 and Lisa Clinch, Zoe Greenwood, Chloe Grewal and Robert Grogan scored 42 points. 81% of all the grades were at the higher grades of 5, 6 or 7.

142 students gained 498 A levels while 103 students gained the IB Diploma. When combined and expressed as A level equivalents, all 245 students gained a staggering average of 151 new UCAS points each, the equivalent of achieving 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. The remarkable highlight which deserves particular celebration is that students broke two successive years' records by gaining 9 Oxbridge places. (10 places were offered – a new BGS Oxbridge record - but one student did not take up her 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

191 Year 11 Bexley Grammar School students have been celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE results which now include the new 9-1 grading for the more challenging, “reformed” GCSEs in English Language, English Literature and mathematics. Comparisons cannot reliably be made with previous years because of these reformed qualifications but we should particularly celebrate a remarkable 63% of those English and maths grades which were achieved at 9-7 (equivalent to A*/A), higher than recent years in the old specifications! Across all other (“heritage”) subjects 56% of grades were A*/A. These are tremendous achievements which more than measure up to previous years despite the rigorous new specifications.

3 students, Corinna Dunzendorfer, Samuel Masters and Ore Ogunbiyi, gained perfect grades, both straight A* grades and 9s in all 12 of their GCSEs! Lucile Oster, Jaskiran Matharu and Evie Tonks also gained straight 9s in their two English and maths while Shreya Prasai and Lucy Sargent gained 10 straight A* grades in their heritage subjects. 70 students achieved 10 or more A*/A grades, and 99, over half of the cohort, achieved 8 or more A*/A grades.

The average point score for the whole year group equates to just below an A grade! All BGS students studied the three separate sciences, two foreign languages, RS and at least one humanities subject alongside the new mathematics, English, English Literature specifications – the majority took twelve GCSEs.

100% of the grades in Chinese (9 students) were A* and nearly 50% in Latin(34) and Russian(17). Highlights at A*/A in compulsory subjects: 74% in mathematics; over 60% in Biology, Physics and English Literature; and 55% in Chemistry and English Language. In optional subjects at A*/A: 88% in Food Technology(8 students), 78% in Drama(23), 74% in Italian(50) and 72% in Geography(109). French(115), German(106) and Spanish(64) averaged over 85% A*-B.

These are remarkable 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 outstanding results and our dedicated staff have been rewarded well for their commitment and belief in our students, particularly in the new specifications in maths and English.

Judged against national measures of success:

- 97% of students achieved a strong pass in English and maths (grade 5 or above)
- 99% a standard pass in English and maths (grade 4 or above).
- Attainment 8 score = **70.79** (up on last year's 69.71 when the national figure was 48.06).
- Progress 8 score = **+0.38** (up on last year's +0.29 (national = 0)).
- 83% achieved a strong pass (grade 5 or C or above) in the English Baccalaureate out of a possible 88% (94% success rate).

Yet again, our students have triumphed in a challenging and rigorous curriculum at both GCSE and in 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 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. 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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