



SUCCESS AT BGS

GCSE
GRADE
9S UP
40%
ON LAST
YEAR





BURY
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

GCSE

Bury Grammar pupils were over the moon with their stunning sets of record breaking GCSE results.

RESULTS ARE - BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS - AN IMPROVEMENT ON LAST YEAR'S EXTRAORDINARY GRADES, MAKING THE BGS GCSE PUPILS OF 2019 A GROUP OF RECORD BREAKERS.

- We are just thrilled that half of BGS pupils celebrated having gained at least one of those 'out of reach' grade 9s. To put this into context, when a third of our pupils were in the same extraordinary position last year we had thought that to be an unsurpassable feat. Overall, one in seven GCSE results is an 'impossible' to attain grade 9.
- In all, a third of grades are 8/9 (A*), another stellar achievement, also up on last year.
- Sixty pupils in total – well over half of this super talented year group – obtained more grades at 9-7 (A/A*) than at any other level.
- We are immensely proud that 90% of GCSE results are at grades 9-5 (A*-B), once again representing an increase on last year.
- The 98% pass rate (grades 9-4) is another area in which results show an improvement on 2018.

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BGS Community overwhelmed by the outbreak of grade 9s in this year's GCSE results: our pupils are stunned to have gained an astonishing 140 grade 9s between them, up on the magnificent 100 grade 9s achieved last year. We are all amazed at the news of this 40% increase at the very top level (equivalent to A) – grades which had previously been thought to be almost beyond reach.**



Quotes from the Heads

Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal and Headmistress, said, 'Many congratulations to all our talented pupils and staff who worked so hard together. We simply could not believe the results as they were coming in – in particular the extraordinary number of grade 9s (A**) : all 140 of them! We couldn't be more proud of our pupils who deserve every success and we can't wait to see what they might go on to achieve in our Sixth Form. It's a close contest as to who is more excited today: pupils, parents or staff. As a close knit community, we take genuine delight in this team effort: it is a very proud day indeed for Bury Grammar School.'



BURY GRAMMAR PUPILS ACHIEVED A STUNNING SET OF GCSE RESULTS: THERE IS AN INCREDIBLE 40% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF GRADE 9S (A**) AWARDED, A THIRD OF ALL RESULTS ARE AT GRADES 9/8 (A*) AND 90% OF GRADES ARE 9-5 (A*-B).

Results at a glance

- BGS pupils have gained an astonishing total of 140 grade 9s (A**) between them this year - up on the 100 grade 9s achieved in 2018
- A phenomenal one in seven results is a grade 9 (A**)
- A third of grades are stellar 8s and 9s (A*)
- 90% grades are 9-5 (A*-B)
- 98% grades are 9-4 (A*-C)
- The majority of BGS pupils have more grades 9-7 (A*-A) on their results slips than any other grades
- Results are up on last year across the board
- There are numerous outstanding individual performances

Exceptional individual performances

We would like to congratulate all our pupils and staff wholeheartedly on these magnificent results. We are bowled over by a multitude of 'record breaking' performances - but the Bury Grammar community will know that we value and relish the successes of every single one of our pupils. There will be many pupils who will not necessarily 'make the headlines' but who have completely outperformed all personal expectations and perhaps faced considerable challenges during their education to date: we are extremely proud of them and their achievements.

A trend of ever improving results with the 'new' GCSE

Three-year trends at GCSE at Bury Grammar School show a real strengthening of results across the board - despite us having entered a new era of tougher examinations.

We are absolutely thrilled with the results Edward has achieved and it is great to see such a high level of attainment across the year group. Thank you to all the staff for their effort in making it possible'

BGS Parent

Quotes from the Head

Mr Devin Cassidy, Vice Principal and Headmaster, commented, 'I am absolutely over the moon for our pupils today and their achievements have surpassed all expectations. It is a real reflection of the hard work put in by the pupils and their teachers and an endorsement of the support which their parents have provided. Indeed, it is no surprise that when this three-way partnership works, it results in amazing success and we are all very proud of being associated with Bury Grammar School today.'



NEW RECORDS BROKEN IN CERTAIN KEY AREAS

Nearly 4 in 10 grades at the exceptionally demanding A-A* level,
in contrast to national statistics released

100 % pass rate once again and exceptional university successes

Grades even stronger year on year at each end

Oxbridge successes in science,
modern languages and history

A number of medics and dentists
have places on prestigious courses

The vast majority of BGS students will
be starting on the university course of
their choice next month – with a high
percentage of students set to begin
courses at Russell Group universities.

100%

PASS RATE ONCE AGAIN AND EXCEPTIONAL UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES

A LEVEL

**Bury Grammar School is
enjoying some of its best
ever record breaking results
as our sixth formers continue
to excel**

Sixth Form students at Bury Grammar School are celebrating yet another year of record-breaking A Level results and achieving the university places of their choice. Last year's results bowled us over, but of course we always aim to build on our success, and we are delighted to share the news that this year's students have done this in a spectacular fashion. The aim of the reformed, more rigorous A Levels sat by students this summer was to offer greater academic and intellectual challenge – a challenge which BGS sixth formers have clearly relished, as the rise in A Level grades for a third consecutive year indicates.

Quotes from the Head

Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal, says 'A number of our students overcame significant personal challenges during their Sixth Form careers and were exceptionally well cared for by teachers, tutors, the pastoral team and the health team. While these stories are unlikely ever to appear in the headlines, it is important to recognise the extent to which BGS staff and parents have worked together to offer the very best support and guidance to our young people; in certain cases, it is absolutely true to say this support has changed the course of students' lives. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all BGS staff who have offered such support: it is what Bury Grammar School is all about.'

Mrs Lindsay Anderson, Senior Health Support Worker at BGS, has supported many students pastorally throughout their BGS experience, she added 'So lovely seeing the successes of today's A level results having shared the journey with some students since Year 3, wishing them all the very best as they leave us to move onto the next chapter.'

'This impressive outcome would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff at BGS, who go above and beyond to support our Sixth Form students on a daily basis. The Sixth Form team have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the UCAS application process, apprenticeships and other Higher Education routes. Each of our students receives individual support, tailored to their future aspirations. As is the case every year, we are sad to see our Year 13 students depart, but we know they remain a part of our Bury Grammar School community and we hope they will keep informed of their future achievements' **Mr Dave Newbury - Deputy Head of Sixth Form**



WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH OUR EXCEPTIONAL EXAMINATION RESULTS THIS YEAR.

A LEVEL

They acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students- and are all the more impressive when we consider their commitment to the wider Bury Grammar School community. These students have embraced a variety of enrichment opportunities within the Sixth Form and many of them have regularly demonstrated high levels of leadership qualities, through their involvement within our Sixth Form Leadership Team. Alongside phenomenal academic success, our Sixth Form students are talented musicians, gifted actors, elite sportsmen and women and mature leaders. We are today, as always, an extremely proud school as our students embark upon their next steps as well- rounded, determined and successful young adults. We wish them all the very best.'

Mrs Holly Hammond- Head of Sixth Form

The key aim of BGS Sixth Form is to prepare students to win places on the course and at the university of their choice and it appears that the vast majority of students have, once again, succeeded in gaining a place on the course and at the university of their choice.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES

Medicine has been the elected subject of choice for many of our students who have also been successful in securing places on their chosen courses.

Iggy Kozlowski will read Medicine at Nottingham after achieving a clean sweep of A* grades in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Zahra Rezai also leaves us to read Medicine at Manchester after achieving straight A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Maths, Sanjush Dalmia leaves BGS to read Medicine at Leeds after achieving an impressive 3 A*'s in Chemistry, Biology and Maths and an A in English and Rachel Shepherd, who gained A* grades in Biology and Geography, and an A grade in Chemistry will take up her place at Birmingham also to read Medicine.

"Really proud of what I have achieved. Huge thanks to all the staff for the support" – Ignacy Kozlowski

As all BGS students look positively towards the future, one student in particular has his sights set firmly on the stars. Jack Smith leaves BGS with an impressive set of grades; A*, A & A to study Astrophysics at The University of Edinburgh.

Sam Littler has secured a place to study Economics at the University of Leeds after achieving A* grades in Economics and Business Studies and a grade A in Politics.

"I am very excited at the prospect of continuing my education and feel BGS have prepared me in good stead. Special thanks to the great standard of teachers over the past two years." Sam Littler

Anisha Patel secured a place to read Civil Engineering at Nottingham. She is just one of many BGS girls from recent years who have elected to study a STEM subject at degree level.

Aliza Mahmood attained an A* in Geography and A grades in Economics and German. She leaves BGS to study Civil Engineering at the prestigious London School of Economics.

"I am so happy that I got into my first choice university LSE. I could not have done it without the help from my teachers who constantly pushed me to do better!" Aliza Mahmood

Maria Bracegirdle achieved a clean sweep of A grades in Physics, Maths and Computer Science and leaves BGS for the University of Warwick to study Computer Systems Engineering.



Oxbridge SUCCESS

Elizabeth Ealing achieved straight A* grades in Physics, French, Maths and Further Maths, as well as being awarded an A* in her EPQ. Elizabeth will read Physics at Oxford.

Kate Higgins has secured a place to read History with French at Cambridge after successfully achieving an A* in both History and Politics, and an A grade in French.

Thrilled, proud and delighted that Kate will be leaving BGS to study History with Modern Languages at Cambridge. Her outstanding A level results are a testament to her hard work, the first class teaching she's received, the support with her UCAS application, subsequent interview practice and the advice and guidance with university offers. Every single one of her teachers without exception have invested time, care and effort above and beyond in ensuring the best possible outcomes. We will always be grateful to BGS for allowing her to fulfil her potential and know as her parents that a BGS education is the best investment we have ever made.

BGS Parent

Two students have successfully secured places on extremely competitive courses at highly-sought after Oxbridge colleges.



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CAMBRIDGE

THE FUTURE – A THREE YEAR GCSE COURSE AND ADDITIONAL TEACHING TIME AT A LEVEL

At Bury Grammar School, we are always looking to the future and seeking to improve still further. Following the changes we made to our curriculum last year, future generations of GCSE pupils will have three rather than two years to prepare for these truly demanding qualifications and should, we would anticipate, be therefore aiming to do even better.

In addition, the extra teaching time we have allocated to each A Level subject (more than any other school or college we know of in the area) also means that future A Level generations really should also be setting their sights high. We would certainly encourage them to do so.



AS WE ENTER THE
MILESTONE OF OUR 450TH YEAR,
WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK
AHEAD AS A SCHOOL AND PLAN
STRATEGICALLY TO DO THE VERY
BEST FOR OUR PUPILS.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT



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