



# SUCCESS AT BGS

GCSE & A LEVEL RESULTS 2023



# GCSE A REMARKABLE SET OF GCSE RESULTS WITH A WHOLE HOST OF STAR GRADES.



Many congratulations to our Year 11s who have achieved a remarkable set of GCSE results with a whole host of star grades. Pupils, parents, and staff are elated with their achievements in a year in which marking returns to tough pre-pandemic levels.

- A third of all grades are stellar 9s and 8s (A\*\*-A\*), over 50% of results are at the very top level of 9-7s (A\*\*-A) and almost 90% of grades are 9-5 (A\*\*-B).
- This A grade cohort have between them gained a stunning total of **570 grades at 9-7 (A\*\*-A)** which, for those who are well versed in the School's history, is a number which resonates, 1570 being the year in which Bury Grammar School was founded. A fitting nod to the past for a group of pupils with such bright futures ahead!
- **Two** pupils have achieved a perfect score of grade 9s (A\*\*), five pupils have a stunning set of nine grades at 8 and 9 (A\* and A\*\*), **twenty-four** pupils have all 7-9s (A-A\*\*) and **sixty-four** pupils have more 7-9s (A-A\*\*) than any other grade.

**Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal said,**

"We're all absolutely overjoyed for our pupils and parents. To open results envelopes and see such stunning sets of grades is immensely uplifting. Our pupils have worked so hard and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Many have overcome challenges only they will know about and some of the hardest won grades might not be those seen in the headlines, but those young people themselves will know what they have achieved and can take great confidence and strength from their achievements in the future. I must also say, on behalf of our pupils, an enormous thank you to all our teachers and support staff who provided such expert teaching and who gave tremendous moral support where it was needed. The fact that there are so many more top grades than expected, 570 grades 7-9 in total, is in significant part down to the great teamwork and partnerships between pupils and staff. When someone pointed out that 570 echoes the year BGS was founded, 1570, that added to the poignancy of the day. GCSE results day 2023 is an important day in these pupils' personal histories. Well done to all – a fabulous two years in Sixth Form awaits!."

**Mrs Vicky Leaver, Deputy Principal in charge of academic provision, added,**

"The GCSE class of '23 have so much to look forward to. The significant investment in our Sixth Form facilities over the last two years, including the full refurbishment of the Sixth Form Centre this summer, combined with outstanding teaching and university support make BGS the very best destination for A Level study – we cannot wait to see what they will do next!"



# A LEVEL

## EXCITING FUTURES & OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS!

Many congratulations to the leavers of 2023!

The hard work and excellent results of our 2023 leavers has given them lots of exciting future options.



In all, the class of 2023 achieved 98 A\* and A grades between them. Their results were characterised by outstanding individual achievements across a wide range of subjects, with **two thirds** of grades at the 'gold standard' of A\*-B, 90 grades A\*-C and, once again, a perfect 100% pass rate!

We are delighted that our students have continued to excel and that their enormous hard work and determination have paid off.

Mrs Holly Simmons, Head of Sixth Form, commented,

"Despite the well-publicised headlines regarding increasing competition for university places our students at BGS have surpassed themselves yet again. The class of 2023 have an eclectic mix of interests and ambitions, which are reflected in the diverse range of career choices they have made. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such resilient, kind and determined young people. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck in the future."



# 100% PASS RATE

# UNIVERSITY OUTCOMES 2023

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.

Bury Grammar School continues to provide excellent preparation for our students committed to studying the most competitive courses.

The hard work and excellent results of our 2023 leavers have given them lots of exciting future options. Russell Group universities in the Northeast and Northwest remain extremely popular destinations amongst our BGS students.

Our students are now preparing to move on to courses including Computer Science, Chemistry, Pharmacology, Medicine, Nursing, Biomedical Science, Dental Therapy, Law, Psychology, Engineering, Business Management, Economics, Chemistry, MFL, Architecture, Geography, Theatre & Performance, and Sport Management/Science at universities throughout the UK.

Computer Science is a popular degree choice amongst our students again this year along with Engineering, Psychology and Law. Degrees in clinical courses have also historically been highly sought-after career choices at Bury Grammar School, and our students continue to achieve places in these fields this year. It may be of no surprise to hear that sport has also been the driving force behind a number of our 2023 leavers following this pathway at university.

There is no single pathway for a BGS student, but our pre-university experience here in Sixth Form certainly encourages our students to excel and achieve when they leave us.

School Captain, Emily will study Psychology at Northumbria University after achieving top A\* & A grades in Economics, Business and Psychology.



Adam has achieved A\* & A grades in Computing, Further Maths, Maths, Physics, and his Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and will study Computer Science at the University of Sheffield.



Katie is heading to Durham University to study Computer Science after gaining top A\* and A grades in Computing, Further Maths, Maths and German.



Dylan has achieved A\*, A and B grades in Biology, Chemistry & Psychology and will study Medicine at the University of Leeds.



Sports Captain Beth has achieved A\* and A grades and has secured herself a place at Newcastle University to study a Joint Honours degree in Psychology and Sport.



Saifullah will study Civil & Structural Engineering at the University of Leeds after achieving A\* and A grades in Chemistry, Maths, Physics and his EPQ.



Lucy is heading to Lancaster University to study Chemistry after gaining A\* and A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Art.



Matthew is heading to Lancaster University to study Psychology after achieving A\* grades in History and Psychology and a B in English Literature.



Rachel our Deputy School Captain will study Dental Therapy at the University of Liverpool after gaining A\* to B grades in Biology, Chemistry and History.

Katie is heading to the University of Liverpool to study Psychology after gaining A\* and A grades in Economics, Psychology and Business.



# GCSE AND A LEVEL GRADES HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

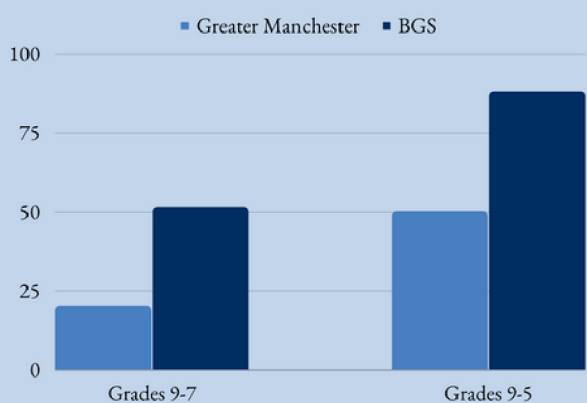
Our pupils emphatically outperformed their own expectations by achieving A Level and GCSE results way ahead of the levels indicated through tests of their 'innate' ability (predicted grades).

BGS students have continually achieved well above the national and regional averages; these graphs show the difference between performance at BGS compared with the North West.

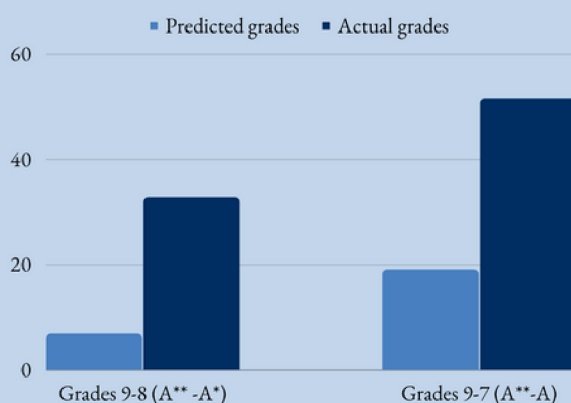


## GCSE

GCSE Results 2023 in Greater Manchester and BGS

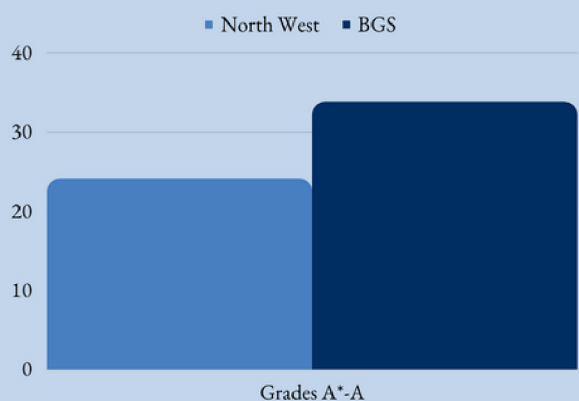


'Value added' at GCSE 2023 'Predicted grades' v. actual grades

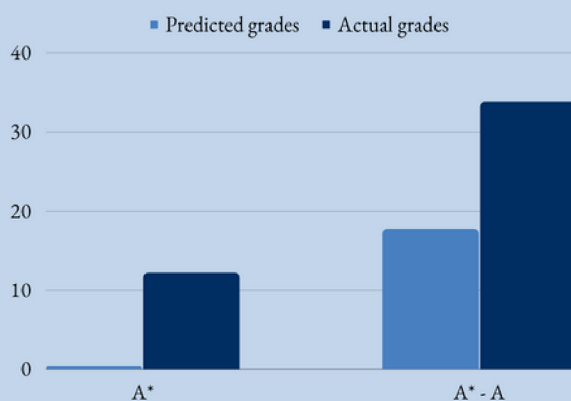


## A LEVEL

Top A Level Results 2023 in the North West and BGS



'Value added' at A Level 2023 'Predicted grades' v. actual grades



# ★ REFLECTIONS ★

*"I've been here 15 years and couldn't have chosen a better place for my education. Thank you to everyone, especially the Sports Department, for the amazing support through the years."*

Beth, Sports Captain & A Level Student

*"I couldn't have done it without the support of all my teachers. Being here has meant I could have fun, explore other interests whilst achieving the grades I hoped for."*

Madeleine, A Level Student

*"My son's 15-year journey at BGS has been nothing short of remarkable. The exceptional academic and pastoral support he received has paved the way for his future endeavours. We would like to thank the staff for their tireless dedication and support for students in ensuring they can follow their dreams."*

Parent of A Level Student

*"I would like to thank my friends and teachers for all the amazing support they have given me since I joined the school five years ago."*

Zaid, GCSE Pupil

*"Bury Grammar School has really given me the ability to achieve my full potential. Thank you."*

Ismail, GCSE Pupil

*"We are very grateful to BGS for providing such a supportive and happy environment for our son. He has really enjoyed his time here and this has enabled him to achieve his potential."*

Parent of A Level Student

*"The BGS class of 2023 demonstrate the potential that the winning combination of ambitious students, excellent teaching and supportive parents has to overcome adversity and excel in education."*

Mrs Vicky Leaver, Deputy Principal

*"We are so proud of our A Level students who have been in the unique position of sitting A Level examinations set at tough pre-pandemic levels while not previously having had the opportunity to learn from the experience of taking formal external examinations. No generation has been through this before. I am over the moon for our students that their immense hard work, accompanied by great teaching and superb support, have resulted in some exceptional results – at the top level, significantly higher than expected. Just as importantly, we celebrate our sixth formers' success with them today knowing that they leave BGS ready to navigate the world as confident, articulate, kind and intelligent human beings ready to make their mark. Well done to all of them and a huge 'thank you' to their teachers and parents for their unwavering support."*

Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal



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