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12 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome

As we start a new school year at the Burgess Hill Academy, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back our returning students and families in Years 8-11. I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that the new academic year will bring.

We are particularly excited to welcome our new students and their families who are joining the Burgess Hill Academy community. We are delighted that you have joined our vibrant school and encourage you to get fully involved in school life.

Congratulations

I would like to share with you the excellent news regarding the school's GCSE results which were published in August. Our Year 11 students worked incredibly hard and achieved results which places the school as one of the most improved schools in West Sussex. Results improved by an amazing 10%, with the number of top-level grades also improving. A full-page article appeared in the Mid-Sussex Times celebrating our success. (please see below)

Key dates

Thursday 18th September	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thursday 25th September	Early school closure: the school will close slightly earlier at 1.25pm in preparation for the Year 6 Open Evening.
Friday 26th September	INSET day. All students will return to school on Monday 29th September.
Thursday 9th October	Year 7: Meet the tutor

Please ensure that you keep these dates in mind. Our website will also have up-to-date information on any changes, so do check regularly.

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Uniform, Equipment and Homework

Our students have started the school year with real positivity. They look extremely smart and are working very hard. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our high expectations.

We would like to maintain our high standards and would ask that you regularly check that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and bringing the necessary equipment to school. The uniform guidelines can be found on the school website, and we kindly ask all parents and guardians to ensure students are fully prepared for the term ahead.

Communication and Parental Involvement

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to stay connected and involved in school life. Regular updates and important information will be shared via email, the school website, and our social media platforms.

Final Thoughts

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term and want every student to be happy and to make progress. If you have any questions, please contact your child's pastoral leader for any welfare matters or the subject leader for any academic queries.

Yours sincerely



Karen Clinton
Principal





Our amazing students

Burgess Hill Academy achieves greatest improvement in GCSE results

Phil Snelling
Contributor

The Burgess Hill Academy is delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 students in this year's GCSE examinations.

We are proud to report that:

- 49% of students achieved Grade 5 or above in both English and Maths, representing a 10% improvement on the 2024 results and exceeding the national average

- 65% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths, a 5% improvement on the 2024 results and broadly in line with the national average (based on 2024 data).

- The proportion of students achieving the very top grades has risen sharply, with Grade 9s doubling to 4.8% and the percentage achieving Grade 7 or above increasing from 15.4% to 20.2%.

- Students, on average,

made one whole grade additional progress compared to 2024 figures.

These outcomes reflect the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the continued support of parents, carers, and the wider community. They mark a significant step forward on last year's results.

Principal Karen Clinton commented: "These results are a testament to the hard work, ambition, and character of our students. We

are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They have shown real resilience, and these outcomes reflect their dedication and belief in what they can achieve."

There were many outstanding individual performances, including:

- Verity C and Lucas C, who achieved six Grade 9s each.
- Jasmine T, Lucas C, Megan M, Aleena N, Beth D, Amy P, and Austin T, who secured Grade 7-9s across all subjects.

These results build on

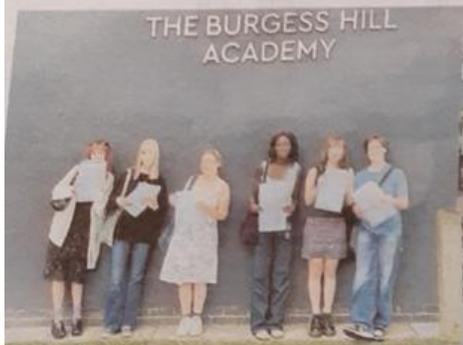
the findings of our most recent Ofsted inspection (December 2024), which recognised the calm and purposeful learning environment, strong relationships between staff and students, and the impact of improvements in curriculum planning and pastoral care.

Vice Principal Phil Snelling added: "Our students should be incredibly proud of what they've achieved. Their hard work, resilience, and determination have

truly paid off. I would also like to recognise the commitment of our staff, who have supported and guided them every step of the way."

Students will now progress to a wide range of next steps, including A-levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships, and other post-16 pathways. We are confident they will continue to thrive and succeed.

Congratulations to all of our students on their achievements—we are immensely proud of them.



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