



SUCCESS AT BGS





BURY GCSE

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A STELLAR YEAR GROUP ACHIEVED A STUNNING SET OF GCSE RESULTS WITH A WHOLE HOST OF STAR GRADES



Pupils, parents and staff were jumping for joy at our Year 11 pupils' outstanding achievements - a group of young people who were just 14 years old during the first lockdown and who overcame a series of unprecedented challenges during their formative years. We were thrilled with the standards our pupils reached and were impressed by the personal qualities they displayed.

- More than 40% of all grades were stellar 9s and 8s (A**-A*), over 60% of results were at the very top level of 9-7s (A**-A) and more than 90% of grades were 9-5 (A**-B).
- In all, there were a magnificent **240 grade 9s (A**)** and **690 grade 7-9s (A-A**)**: a superb constellation of top results!
- Two pupils achieved a perfect score of nine grade 9s (A**), eleven pupils had a stunning set of nine grades at 8 and 9 (A* and A**), thirty-one pupils had all 7-9s (A-A**) and eighty of our 130 pupils had more 7-9s (A**-A) than any other grade.
- Thirteen academic departments at BGS averaged a grade 7 (A), including Mathematics, English and Science and 100% grades in Further Maths were a grade 9 (A**).
- Very many congratulations to all our GCSE pupils on their truly sparkling results!

Quotes:

Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal said,

"Many congratulations to our Y11s and to their teachers! The scale of their achievements should not be underestimated – these were young people who were just 14 years old when the pandemic began and who spent much of their formative years learning from home, supported by their teachers and parents. To have achieved the stellar results, given the challenges faced, was absolutely incredible. The average grade was a grade 7 (A) and there were a stunning 465 grades at the 8-9 (A*/A**) level but some of the most extraordinary achievements lay behind the headlines and were personal triumphs over adversity known only to the individuals involved. This was indisputably an A grade yeargroup – academically, as the results demonstrate - but even more importantly, in terms of character. To say we were over the moon for our pupils and teachers is an understatement."

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

"We could not have been prouder of our Year 11s who achieved a tremendous set of GCSE results. As a year group they were well known for making the most of every opportunity and embraced the challenges of GCSE study with maturity and dedication. Their results are a shining example of what happens when hard work, great teaching and talent come together!"



Mr Devin Cassidy, Vice-Principal, also commented,

"I was so pleased and warmly congratulated our pupils on their achievements but also paid tribute to their teachers who taught and supported them so well over what had been a difficult period at times owing to the pandemic."



FABULOUS A LEVEL RESULTS AND PLACES AT TOP UNIVERSITIES

A LEVEL

Many congratulations to the leavers of 2022!
The generation who lived through a pandemic were over the moon to be celebrating some fabulous A Level results and places at top universities - and we could not have been happier for them.

- 45% A*-A
- 71.1% A*-B
- 100% pass rate

In all, the class of 2022 achieved well **over 100 A*** and **A grades** between them.

Twenty-one students, over a quarter of the cohort, had a clean sweep of A and A* grades.

Half of our students reached the 'gold standard' with a suite of grades at B and above.

And there was, once again, a perfect 100% pass rate!

So many challenges had been overcome on the journey to this point: we are absolutely thrilled that our students' and teachers' hard work had paid off.



Quotes:

Mrs Holly Simmons, Head of Sixth Form, commented

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Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal, said

'Good luck to all our students for the future: we are so proud of you, and we know you have the knowledge, skills and confidence to go far! A huge thank you to our parents, teachers and support staff for all they did for a generation we will never forget.'

Mr Devin Cassidy, Vice Principal, added

'I warmly congratulate all our students on some fantastic results but would also urge them to remember that long after their paper qualifications have been achieved, it is their resilience and strength of character which have been developed whilst at BGS which will carry them far in life. I wish them all the very best of luck for the future.'



100%

PASS RATE ONCE AGAIN AND EXCEPTIONAL UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES

A LEVEL UNIVERSITY OUTCOMES 2022

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.

Education is all about the journey through life and learning, but it is also about where that journey leads. We were thrilled that all of this year's leavers were delighted with their destination post BGS and **over 75% of them** had a place on their 1st or 2nd choice course. **Almost half are attending Russell Group universities** and a number are headed for highly competitive courses at universities such as **Oxford**, King's College London, Durham and Bristol.

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UNIVERSITY OUTCOMES 2022

The hard work and brilliant results of our 2022 leavers provided lots of exciting future options whether that be attending a Russell Group university or taking up a place on a prestigious apprenticeship.

The number securing their 1st/2nd choice course was fabulous to note, as was the success rate among those who have opted for prestigious apprenticeships.

BGS students have now moved on to courses ranging from Medicine, Engineering, Architecture, Business, History and Psychology to Law, History, Art, Economics, Politics, Fashion Design, and Languages at universities throughout the UK and further afield.

Computer Science was particularly popular this year, with many choosing a year in industry as part of their course. Psychology continued to be both a very popular A Level and degree level choice and courses in the Humanities took our students to universities the length and breadth of the country this September.

Medicine, dentistry and nursing have also historically been highly sought-after career choices at Bury Grammar School, and our students have continued to achieve places in these fields this year. It is probably no surprise that sport was also the driving force behind a number of our 2022 leavers following this pathway at university.

Whatever had been our students' dream option was the one with which we have supported them.

School Captain **Joe** is reading Philosophy and Theology at The University of Oxford after achieving top A*s and A grades in Biology, Mathematics, Religious Studies and his EPQ.



Vice School Captain **Ben** achieved A* and A grades in Business, Economics and English Language and is studying Business Management at Newcastle University.

Head Girl **Chloe** secured a place on the highly competitive Ernst and Young degree apprenticeship programme after gaining top grades in Business, Economics and German - an incredible achievement!

Deputy Head Girl **Nadia** achieved A*, A and B grades in Biology, French, Psychology and her EPQ and is studying Paramedic Science at Liverpool John Moores University.



Daneyal achieved a clean sweep of A*s in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and his Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and is studying Computer Science with a Year in Industry at the University of Liverpool.



Mackenzie is studying for his degree in War Studies and History at King's College London, after gaining all A* grades in Economics, History and Politics.



René is studying Natural Sciences at the University of Leeds after gaining all A* grades in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics.



Natasja is studying History of Art and Japanese at SOAS University of London after achieving A* and A grades in Economics, French, German, Spanish and her EPQ.



Connie gained A*s and A grades in Business, Economics and Geography and gone to Newcastle University to study Geography.



Madelene is studying Medicine at King's College London after gaining all A* grades in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and her EPQ.

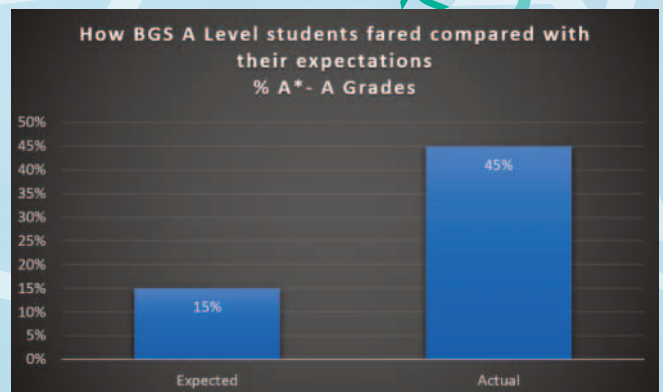
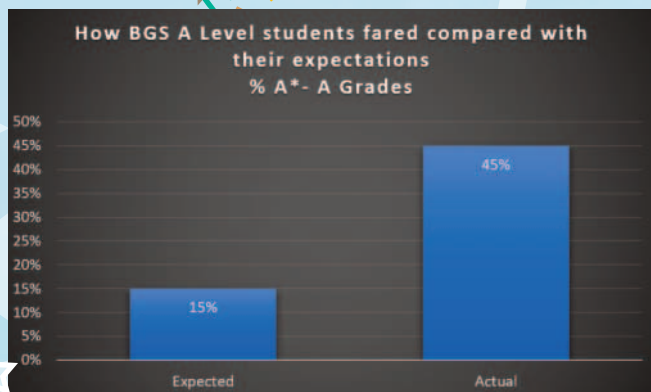


Madiha has gone to study Medicine at the University of Sunderland after gaining top A* and A grades in Biology, Chemistry, Religious Studies and her EPQ.

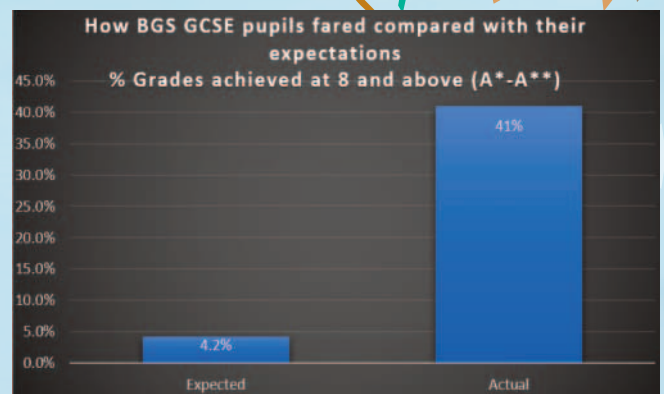
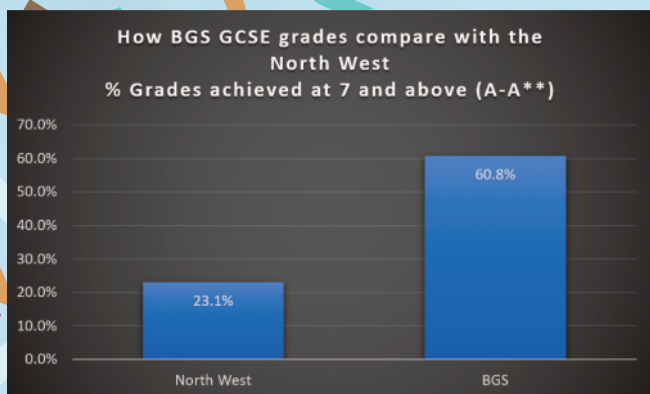


GCSE AND A LEVEL GRADES: HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

A Level



GCSE



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.

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.



REFLECTIONS

"My 14 years at BGS have been the best years, thanks to my teachers and friends. I'll be sad to leave but I'm sure I'll be back soon"

Nadia, Deputy Head Girl



"We are over the moon; we are so thankful for everyone at BGS!"
Parent of A Level student



"Thank you to the languages faculty for being like a second family. I've really enjoyed my time at BGS and I leave with friends for life."
Natasja, A Level student



"BGS has given me great skills and I'd recommend school to all younger years!"
Daneyal, A Level student



"I'm so so grateful for all the support and help everyone has offered me. Especially in my EPQ and beyond. A fantastic 14 years!"
Madeleine, A Level student



"I will miss so much about this place. Be it the wisdom, passion, and support of my teachers, to whom I owe a lot of my accomplishments, or my peers and friends who have made my school experience unforgettable. It is with excitement but also tenderness that I close the door on what has been an incredible 11 years at BGS. I only hope this great school will continue to be a beacon of academic and social improvement in the lives of young people in the North-West. My sincere thanks for all the support!"
Joe, School Captain

"I am very proud of my results and couldn't have done it without BGS!"
Maya, GCSE pupil



"Thank you so, so much to all the teachers for their continued support throughout the years. Their unwavering enthusiasm and optimism has been unparalleled. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"
Amelie, GCSE pupil



"The decision to study at BGS in Year 7 was one of the best decisions of my life, my results would not have been possible without the support of my teachers and peers, and the wonderful atmosphere of the school."
Helena, GCSE pupil



A message from the Chair of Governors, Mrs Gillian Winter:

In both the A levels and the GCSE results, the pupils and students of BGS have shown their commitment to hard work, their interest in their education and their respect for their exceptional teachers whose expertise and professionalism have led them to fulfil their academic goals. Many congratulations!

The Chair of BGS Education Committee, Mrs Suzanne Gauge, commented:

Congratulations to all our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils on a great set of results. After two challenging years, these successes are testament to their hard work and the support of their dedicated teachers.

The Chair of the Old Girls' Association and former Head of the Kindergarten, Mrs Diana Robinson, added:

Many congratulations on a fabulous set of results. The pupils are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team teaching them and overseeing their studies. I am so proud of you all!

Mrs Jo Anderson, Principal, concluded:

We could not be prouder of our pupils nor have asked more of any member of our community. Pupils have truly surpassed themselves; teachers' professionalism and strong compulsion to do the absolute best by our pupils meant they went above and beyond in their work; and our parents have supported the School every step of the way on the long educational journey which leads to results days. Thank you, everyone!



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