Dear Parents

I am delighted to write to you all to give you news of our successes in public examinations. I am so pleased for the very many boys who have exceeded expectations: they should be very proud indeed.

**A Level**

Our students have excelled at A Level this year and we were absolutely delighted with their results. In a year in which the new reformed A Level courses have been so much tougher than A Level examinations in previous years, our students did not disappoint. The **100% pass rate** bucked the national trend and was **an improvement on last year**: this is testimony to our students’ hard work, their teachers’ talent and dedication and the positive, happy and supportive atmosphere of Bury Grammar School Boys. I warmly congratulate the boys and my colleagues on their achievements.

The highlights were:

- A stunning **45%** of grades were A*/A (set against a national average of 26%)
- 71% of grades were at A* - B
- 24 students achieved a string of grades at A*, A and B.
- 100% pass rate A*-E.

These outstanding resulting confirm BGSB as a **leading school at A Level** in the area.

**The Extended Project Qualification**

The EPQ is a prestigious qualification which enhances entry to university and is widely thought to prepare students exceptionally well for Higher Education. An impressive 80% of our students who entered for the EPQ achieved the **top grade A**.

**University successes**

As a consequence of the excellent A Level results and exceptional UCAS advice from the Sixth Form team, a marvellous **76%** of our boys achieved their **first or second choice university** destination and a staggering **61%** are going up to **Russell Group** Universities. These outcomes are significantly up on last year.

Notable successes include:

- Ben Crofts achieved A*AA and goes up to read Veterinary Science at The University of Liverpool.
- Usman Yukubu achieved AAA and will study Medicine at The University of Bristol.
- George Batchelor achieved A*AAB and will read Theology at Durham University.
- Freddie Bearn A* AA and will read Modern Languages at Durham University.
- Sam Sweeney, last year’s School Captain, A*A*A and will read Philosophy, Politics and Econmoics at Durham University.
- Aamir Ibrar achieved a staggering A*A*A*A and will read Maths at The University of Warwick, widely regarded as the most prestigious course nationwide.
- Oliver Shewan achieved AAA and will read International Business at The University of Leeds.
- Saleem Raza achieved A*A*A and will study Nuclear Engineering at Imperial College London.
GCSE Results

At GCSE this year our results were also very pleasing. The A*-C% was *92%* and the number of grades awarded A*/A was *44%* which has exceeded expectations by some way. 20% of boys achieved an average grade profile of at least grade A and for many boys, their achievements in terms of these top grades were **staggering** and indicative of the value that a BGS education adds.

Again, behind every boy there is a story which statistics somehow diminish but should not be forgotten. I pay tribute to the incredible work of our pastoral teams in supporting the boys to achieve these splendid results. I would also like to congratulate subject teachers and Heads of Department who have ensured that the array of personalised interventions for the boys have resulted in actual results surpassing expectations by some way.

Many congratulations to the boys on their successes: the hard work and dedication has paid off and they should be proud of their achievements. I also urge them to remember that there is so much more to an education than simply exam results. The mature, personable, articulate and considerate boys who leave BGS will go far in life and when exam results become just a memory, these personal qualities will enable them to lead fulfilled and happy lives.

I firmly believe that BGS’s winning combination of high aspirations, excellent teaching and hard work in a happy and supportive atmosphere where all achievements are recognised and individuals’ talents nurtured, is one of the keys to our students’ success.

We are thrilled for pupils, parents, teachers and everyone who has played a part in inspiring and supporting our young people this year. It is clear that bright futures await not only this summer’s exam students but younger generations who are coming through: we are proud to be doing the right things for our pupils and taking the School from strength to strength with your support.

Congratulations once again to everyone who has worked together to enable our boys to shine.

DP Cassidy
Headmaster