

## THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

### GCSE RESULTS DAY – THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020

The Buckingham School is today celebrating some of the most impressive GCSE results in the school's history. Congratulations to the class of 2020, they have set the standards for future Year 11s to follow!

Headline Grades:

- 66.3% 5 GCSEs or more at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths
- 41.7% 5 GCSEs or more at Grade 5 or above, including English and Maths

This year our students have achieved twenty-eight Grade 9s, the highest grade achievable at GCSE. These fantastic results are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students.

There are many individual success stories amongst this cohort including:-

- Adam Davies for achieving six GCSEs at Grade 9 in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, Mathematics and PE, a Grade 8 in Computer Science and two Grade 7s in English Literature and English Language.
- Nikita Kalsi for achieving three Grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry, History, Grade 8s in Physics, Mathematics, English Literature and Grade 7s in Art, French and English Language.
- Daniel Pepler for achieving three Grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry and Maths, a Grade 8 in Physics, Geography and Computer Science, a Grade 6 in Spanish and Grade 5s in English Literature and English Language.
- Morgan Shann for achieving five GCSEs at Grade 8 in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography and Psychology, two Grade 7s in French and English Language and a Grade 6 in English Literature.
- William Smith for achieving five Grade 8s in Mathematics, Combined Science (two GCSEs), Business Studies and English Literature and four Grade 7s in Spanish, History, PE and English Language.

Headteacher Andy McGinnes said, "Following the government's decision to ditch the infamous algorithm, we were delighted that the right decision had been made to accept the grades that we proposed for our BTEC Level 2 and GCSE. This was until 4.30pm yesterday, when Pearson, the company, which is the custodian of BTECs, told schools that the qualifications will be regraded to "apply consistency across teacher assessed internal grades" following the government's U-turn for GCSEs and A-levels.

Pearson has asked schools not to issue BTECs results today as they are now being regraded, along with the level 3 nationals. It does seem incomprehensible that such changes were being made this late in the day.

We completely understand the level of additional uncertainty the decision may cause students. However, we are determined to acknowledge and continue to celebrate the best prepared cohort of examination students the school has ever had. The last two and half years have seen rapid improvements in all areas of the school, and this Year 11 were the first real beneficiaries of the improved curriculum, improved teaching and improved support all students now enjoy.

I am proud beyond belief to lead this wonderful school. This cohort of Year 11 was like no other I have seen for many years. They have been so bright, vivacious, hard-working and ambitious. I am just so pleased that they will get the results that they deserve so much. In our recent inspection, the school's rapid improvements were reported to Ofsted by staff, students

and parents alike, and these results are a key moment in our school's continuous improvements. Well done to the class of 2020, you have set the standards for future Year 11s to follow.

As well as thanking students for their hard-work, immense dedication and resilience (especially during recent months), I would like to take this opportunity to, yet again, thank our amazing staff, and also to extend my thanks to parents and carers for their continued support. We are extremely proud of our students, our school and of our community."

We are excited to be holding an Open House on Friday 21 August for Year 11 students to come and talk about their plans for their Post 16 education. We can offer support, careers advice and talk about what life is like in Sixth Form at The Buckingham School.

Our Sixth Form provides a wonderful opportunity for students to truly fulfil their potential in a caring and vibrant community. The curriculum is wide, with a variety of traditional academic A Levels and vocational BTEC qualifications, as well as a breadth of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. For those Year 11 students who are undecided on their Post 16 education pathway, there's still time to apply for the 2020/21 academic year. For further information and to learn more, please contact Kate Bones at [kbones@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:kbones@buckinghamschool.org)

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