

BOW VOICE

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- GCSE and Sixth Form Class of 2024 are World and Career Ready!
- Meet our 2024 Graduates



OUR VISION | **WORLD READY**
CAREER READY

OUR VALUES

DETERMINATION
RESPONSIBILITY
ADAPTABILITY
CURIOSITY
RESPECT



MEET OUR COMMUNITY

We're proud of a lot of things at Bow School, but nothing makes us prouder than our students and wider community. They embody our values and vision for the future and are passionate advocates for the school. Here, we catch up with a few of them...

MARGARET, YEAR 8 Gainsborough Primary School

"I was nervous about starting secondary school and was worried about making new friends, but I had nothing to worry about at Bow! Before starting, I attended lots of events at the school – open evening, open mornings, Friendship Afternoon, taster sessions, Induction Day and Summer School – I made plenty of new friends before I even started!"

SHABNA Parent Ambassador

"I jumped at the opportunity to be part of the Parent Ambassador network. It offered the chance to be part of the school community, meet other parents and work with the school in partnership, to enhance the student experience offered at Bow. Having worked with the Parent Ambassador group, I have gained a greater understanding of what the school stands for and its values.

There are so many strengths of the school – the rich learning environment, incredible enrichment programme, strong safeguarding, academic excellence and the range of parental engagement opportunities, as well as being recognised by Ofsted as a Good school. I know that at Bow School they will achieve their vision for my child, that they will create the next generation of World and Career Ready students. As a Parent Ambassador, I look forward to continuing to work together, and effecting positive change, to make Bow School the very best, and the school of choice".

HAKEM, YEAR 10

"This year I became an Anti-Bullying Ambassador, a role which is a great privilege and comes with a lot of responsibility. I make it my priority to ensure that students are happy and comfortable, and support those who aren't. I am also part of the School Council, meeting with my peers to discuss how we can improve the school experience for everyone".

YEAR 7 PARENT

"I am so pleased with the progress my son has made since starting secondary school at Bow School. He found his feet very quickly, and often comes home motivated to work on homework and projects. He has grown so much in confidence, always willing to try new things and blossoming in independence. The school maintains a strong sense of pastoral care, the highest standards of teaching and exciting extra-curricular programme".



Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to the latest edition of the Bow magazine, and the first of the new academic year.

This edition of our magazine is a celebration of the fantastic exam results our students achieved – in the summer, our whole school community came together for two days filled with joy and elation. Our Year 11 and 13s achieved impressive personal achievements, and all are now progressing on to exciting new pathways. Their success is a testament to their hard work and commitment, and we are very proud of them all. We were thrilled to welcome so many Year 11s back in September as part of our sixth form and look forward to welcoming our newest alumni back soon to share their latest experiences and successes.

September marks a new beginning. Already this year, our school has witnessed many successes, developments and achievements, exciting enrichment experiences and engaging classroom activities, all part of our commitment to raising the next generation of World and Career Ready students.

It was a privilege to welcome the new Year 7 cohort to our school in September. Year 7 began their school year ahead of the rest of the school to allow them the opportunity to settle in and begin to navigate their way round, and it was a pleasure to hear so many of them speak highly of Summer School and realise that many had already built friendships during the transition programme.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many new faces throughout our highly attended open events, and I hope to see many of you again soon, during the transition into Bow School. In the meantime, I hope this edition of our magazine offers an insight into our school for those thinking about joining us, and that our current families enjoy celebrating our fantastic exam results with us. You can keep up to date with our latest news by following us on Twitter: @BowSchool and Instagram: @BowSchoolOfficial.

Danny Lye, Headteacher

Find out more about what has been happening at Bow School on our website!



IMPRESSIVE PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND GRADES ABOVE TARGETS SECURED IN 2024 RESULTS

Our vision is to raise a generation of young adults, who are World and Career Ready, and we are confident that the results achieved in the GCSE examinations are not only the deserved rewards of students' hard work and the dedication and support of our staff, but also the environment we have carefully cultivated. Students can academically thrive, but also flourish into confident, well-rounded, and informed young adults.

Students have excelled across a number of subjects and the percentage of students achieving top grades remains impressive, alongside many individual stories of dedication and achievement. Subject highlights include:

- Over 550 of all individual grades awarded were at least a Grade 6.
- 16% of grades awarded in English were at least a 7, with 53% achieving a strong pass (5+) and 70% achieving at least a Grade 4.
- 15% of all grades awarded in Business were 7+, this was above target, 50% achieved a strong pass, and 61% at least Grade 4 – at all levels an improvement on 2023.
- 10% of grades awarded in Maths were at least a 7, with 45% achieving a strong pass (5+) and 60% achieving at least a Grade 5.
- In Biology, 34% of students achieved at least a Grade 7, with 88% achieving a strong pass (5+) and 100% at a least a Grade 4.
- In Chemistry, 28% of students achieved at least a Grade 7, with 67% achieving a strong pass (5+) and 98% achieving at least a Grade 4.
- In Physics, 24% of students achieved at least a Grade 7, with 72% achieving a strong pass (5+) and 94% achieving at least a Grade 4.
- In Spanish 32% of Grades awarded were a 7+ (above target), 68% achieved a strong pass (5+), and 82% achieved at least a Grade 4.

Following the outstanding results, many are now confirming their places for further study on a wide range of courses, and we are delighted that Bow Sixth Form is firmly the destination of choice.

Headteacher, Danny Lye, commented: *“Congratulations to all of our GCSE students. You deserve every success you have achieved, and all of us at Bow are incredibly proud of your determination, ethic and passion in achieving your ambitions. It is my promise to all students when they walk through the door at the start of Year 7 that they will not only receive the very best education, but they will benefit from an all-encompassing student experience, strong values, a clear vision which all members of the community are committed to and access to life-changing opportunities. I am looking forward to welcoming many of you back in September to Sixth Form, to build on these strong foundations you have created”.*

Head of Year 11, James Parsliffe, said: *“I am so proud of this cohort of powerful, strong-willed, confident and ambitious students, and the fantastic results attained this year. You should all be delighted with what you have achieved and the opportunities you have afforded yourselves. The results illustrate the commitment from both staff and students to making Bow School a successful local community school and I feel privileged to be part of the team, supporting students to reach and exceed their potential.”*



GCSE CLASS OF 2024

Behind each grade is a personal story of hard work, commitment and perseverance, and we are incredibly proud of all that our students have achieved. Among the class of 2024, there have been a number of standout performances. Here are just a few...

NI'MAT ALI Marner Primary School

Ni'Mat achieved an impressive 9999888888 in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer science, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Maths, RE & Spanish. Ni'Mat truly went above and beyond attaining an average of 2.6 grades above her target. She is living proof that you can achieve anything (and more), when you set your mind to it. Congratulations!



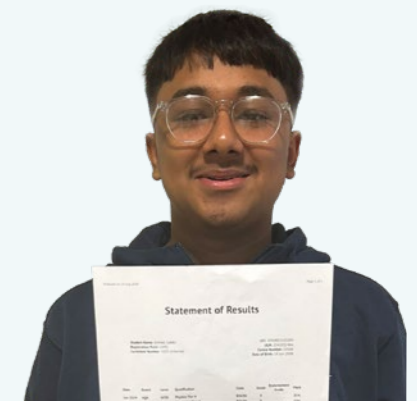
MEHJABIN ALAM Cyril Jackson Primary School

Having secured 9987776666 in Citizenship, RE, English Literature, English Language, Maths, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, Physics & History. Mehjabin looks forward to embarking on her next chapter at college and has her sights set on an Oxbridge University to study Medicine. Praising her teachers for their support and help in achieving in her goals, she cites their high standards of teaching for keeping her motivated, the endless careers workshops and guidance which helped her to ascertain what she wants to do in the future and the emphasis on wellbeing as well as the academics which fostered a positive learning environment.

SABBIR AHMED Marner Primary School

Bow School's highest achiever Sabbir achieved a truly impressive set of results 9999999998 in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English Language, English Literature, History, RE, Business Studies, Geography and Maths, and hopes to study Natural Sciences at Cambridge University, before progressing on to a career in Medicine or Microbiology.

Sabbir speaks highly of the supportive staff, after school interventions and careers education alongside the resources and advice given, regarding exam preparation, future pathways and careers: *“I am so grateful to my teachers for the interventions and support outside of school hours and working 1:1 with me, it was like having a mentor. Not only that, but the enrichment programme, careers days and fairs, personal development days and opportunities including work experience, taster days and open days have been incredible. The network of ambitious and supportive staff and teachers at Bow is unlike anything else”.*



LABA HOSSAIN Solebay Primary School

At Bow School, our vision is to ensure every student is World and Career Ready, and one of the fundamental ways we achieve this is by striving for excellence in all that we do – in the standards of teaching, in how we nurture students, challenge them and encourage them to aspire towards their ambitions. Laba celebrates 988888776 in English Literature, English Language, History, Spanish, RE, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths & Art], but also averaging two grades above her target across the board. Congratulations Laba, we are so proud!

AN OFFER FROM OXFORD AND EXCEEDING PREVIOUS OUTCOMES: BOW SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ARE WORLD AND CAREER READY

With the 2024 results matching or exceeding last year's outcomes, including the number of students achieving at least 3A-C increasing by 15%, Bow Sixth Form is proud to announce outstanding student achievements in this summer's A Level and Vocational results.*

Students have excelled across a number of subjects and the percentage of students achieving top grades remains impressive, alongside many individual stories of success.

Subject highlights and spectacular individual performances include:

- 92% pass rate at x3 A Levels.
- Average Level 3 Applied (BTEC) outcome: x3 Distinctions.
- 12% of all grades awarded were grade A* or equivalent.
- 39% of all grades awarded were grade A*-A or equivalent.
- 48% of all grades awarded were grade A*-B or equivalent.
- 76% of all grades awarded were grade A*-C or equivalent.
- 80% of all grades awarded in A Level Art were A*-A; 100% were A*-B.
- A third of all grades awarded in A Level Computer Science were A*-A; 50% were A*-B and 81% were A*-C. Overall pass rate was 100%.
- 25% of all grades awarded in A Level Economics were A*-A; 53% were A*-B and 78% were A*-C. Overall pass rate was 100%.
- 78% of all grades awarded in A Level History were A*-B; 89% of grades were A*-C. Overall pass rate was 100%.
- 25% of all grades awarded in A Level English were A*-A; 100% were A*-B.
- 6 out of every 10 grades awarded in Maths were A*-C; overall pass rate was 100%.
- Sciences – Average pass rate of 92.5%, with average 50% A*-C across the three disciplines.
- Applied Science average outcomes x3 Distinction.
- Applied Business Studies average outcome x3 Distinction.
- Average A Level Grade improved and is now in line with LBTH average (2023).

Head of the Bow Sixth Form Atif Khan commented:

"This cohort of strong, determined, ambitious and passionate young adults have worked exceptionally hard, not only in their examinations, but to seek out every opportunity to enhance their academic and personal development in pursuit of their aspirations. I am certain that this is just the beginning of many more successes to come, and I have felt privileged to witness them carve out ambitious careers and pathways. Congratulations to all"

Headteacher Danny Lye added: *"I, the school's governors and staff, are truly inspired by the Year 13 students. As a close, tight-knit community, we are deeply committed to supporting each young person in achieving the best possible outcomes. Our world ready, career ready vision, and our core values, inspires our students to seize, and make the most of, every opportunity and the results celebrated are proof of that. It is a pleasure to see so many overjoyed students accepting places at their universities and embarking on exciting apprenticeships and successful careers, and that is a testament to their own commitment, ambition and the unrivalled support and high-quality teaching that defines our sixth form. I wish them every success and hope to welcome them back as part of our alumni"*



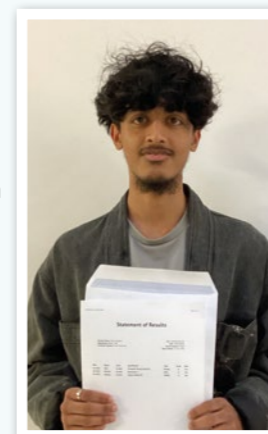
A LEVEL CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the class of 2024! We are proud that our students are now well placed to progress on to the next chapter of their lives with confidence, with a number of students securing career opportunities and places at respected universities and organisations across the country. We caught up with a few students to find out more about their next steps...

Raheem Miah

Clara Grant Primary School

After achieving A*AB in Economics, History and Computer Science, the world is Raheem's oyster – although he has his sights firmly set on a career in Software Engineering, and the first stop is City of London to read Computer Science.

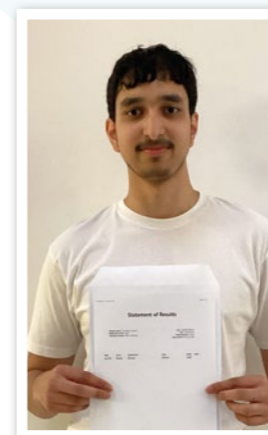


"I am so proud of what I have achieved, but without the sixth form team I wouldn't be celebrating like I am. All of the teaching and support staff are incredibly approachable, striking a balance between challenging us to succeed and nurturing our personal development through dedicated PD days. I would recommend the Bow Sixth Form to all students who are willing to put in the hard work – the teachers will return your efforts and you will benefit from a positive learning environment which is professional and consistent, with plenty of exciting opportunities, such as work experience!"

Raihan Chowdhury

Cyril Jackson Primary School

With his sights set firmly on Reading University, Raihan celebrates not only the impressive achievement of D*DD in Business, but the offer from his first-choice university, to study Real Estate Management.



"Bow Sixth Form is incredible. The endless opportunities are second to none, and I can't believe how lucky I have been over the last two years to gain insights and exposure to a wide range of sectors, universities, organisations and experiences. I really have benefitted from many once in a lifetime opportunity. From working with the National Talent Academy to the Construction Youth Trust, achieving the Industrial Cadets Gold Award, work experience with Overbury, my own mentor from Savills and an internship with a real estate company, it is all been amazing. As a result of all of these enrichment and careers activities, I have stepped outside my comfort zone, learnt life enhancing skills, developed my confidence and so much more. I am incredibly grateful to the teachers and departments for providing so many different opportunities to support my learning, both in and beyond the classroom."

Muhammed Yamin

Sir William Burrough

Muhammed has encapsulated the Bow School vision of becoming World and Career Ready, as he proudly celebrates outstanding results of A*A*A in Computer Science, Maths, Physics and Economics, respectively. With these incredible results under his belt, he looks forward to his next challenge: reading Economics and Management at the University of Oxford.



"I was so pleased with what I achieved in my GCSEs at Bow, that I decided to stay on for the Sixth Form and repeat my success – alongside the subject choice offering me exactly what I wanted to study! When I was asked if I thought the sixth form achieved its vision, the answer was of course. The teachers are passionate about their subject delivery, the resources including iPads, endless support and study sessions, the careers advisor and variety of trips to universities and organisations have really opened my eyes and helped me to get to where I am today!"

Fatima Arshad

Arnhem Wharf Primary School

With D*D*D in Business Studies under her belt and an offer to read Human Resources at Greenwich University, Fatima is ready to take her next steps with confidence. She looks forward to returning to Bow School and Sixth Form as part of its successful alumni network, to give back to the community that helped her achieve what she is now celebrating.



"One of the highlight of my Bow experience is celebrating and revelling in the results of two years of hard work, commitment and dedication. The other highlights are the personal development days – days filled with exciting opportunities and new experiences that focus on developing all aspects of our lives. They were always so much fun and I am so grateful to my teachers for offering these and their endless support."



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