

BOW VOICE

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Meet our 2025 Graduates
GCSE and Sixth Form Class of 2025
are World and Career Ready!
Joining Bow – The Year 7 Story
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SCHOOL

OUR VISION | WORLD READY
CAREER READY

OUR VALUES

DETERMINATION
RESPONSIBILITY
ADAPTABILITY
CURIOSITY
RESPECT



JOINING BOW SCHOOL

Check out our Primary to Secondary Transition Guide to find out more



Research shows that the transition between primary to secondary education is the most challenging and has been shown to affect attainment and well-being in the longer term. As such, we are committed to ensuring a smooth and successful transition, so that they are positive about school, enjoy their learning and are well positioned to thrive.

To welcome our new Year 7s, and to ensure their transition is positive, we have carefully curated a transition programme, highly regarded by our families and students. The induction programme starts the moment every child is offered a place at Bow School, incorporating events and activities that allow them to get to know their new teachers, begin building friendships and familiarise themselves with their new environment and curriculum, allowing them to feel like part of the Bow family long before their first day in September.

We caught up with a new Year 7 student about their transition into Bow, and a Year 8 student about their first year.

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Bow Voice magazine, and the first of the 2025/26 academic year.

This edition of the magazine is a celebration and a testament. A celebration of the incredible exam results achieved by our GCSE and Sixth Form cohort, and a testament our students and staff hard work and ethic.

Over the summer break, our school community came together for two days of elation and joy. Our Year 11 and 13 students achieved impressive personal achievements, and all are progressing on to exciting new pathways. We are all incredibly proud of them and are thrilled to welcome so many Year 11s back in September to our highly successful Sixth Form, and to welcoming our graduates back to our school as part for our alumni network, to share their experiences and successes.

September marks a new beginning. It was a privilege to welcome our new Year 7 students to school this term, when they began their school year early, to allow them

the opportunity to settle in and begin to navigate their way round. It was a pleasure to hear so many of them speak highly of the transition programme and realise that many had already built friendships during this time. We look forward to welcoming the next generation of Bow students to school during our open events.

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.

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 Instagram: @BowSchoolOfficial.

Danny Lye, Headteacher



AIMEE, YEAR 7
Bonner Primary School

How did the school support you to settle in to Bow School?

The teachers are amazing. They are always there to support you if you need help.

What was your favourite part of the transition programme?

Summer School! We took part in some really fun activities such as bubble football, laser tag and debating.

What 1 word would you use to describe your first year at Bow School?

Safe, because the whole school community is very welcoming and friendly.

What was the highlight of Year 7?

I am looking forward to the trips and all the clubs that you can sign up to, especially trampolining.

What advice would you give to a Year 7 student?

I aspire to be a veterinary nurse because I love animals and want to play a part in helping them.



GEORGE, YEAR 8
St Mary & St Michael RC Primary School

How did the school support you to settle in to Bow School?

There were lots of events and activities to help us feel welcomed and settled before we joined in September, including Induction Day and Summer School. Once we started, taking part in clubs helps you to make new friends and your Form Tutors are always there to support you.

What was your favourite part of the transition programme?

I enjoyed the Friendship Afternoon because of the fun taster sessions and meeting new students as well as Summer School because we visited a university for a cyber security workshop!

What 1 word would you use to describe your first year at Bow School?

Exciting!

What was the highlight of Year 7?

There are so many! The trips, Drama Club, Cooking Masterclasses, workshops and being part of the TFL Ambassador Group, where we helped the school achieve the Gold Award.

What advice would you give to a Year 7 student?

Have fun, be yourself and be open to making new friends.

BOW STUDENTS ARE WORLD AND CAREER READY: PROSPEROUS FUTURES SECURED ONCE MORE

Once again, our commitment to raising a generation of 'world and career ready' students has been proven, with improving subject results in many areas and outstanding individual performances in this year's GCSE outcomes.

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 half of students attained Grade 4+ in and a third achieved Grade 5+ in English and Maths.
- Biology (Triple Award): 98% of all grades were 5+ & 47% were 7+
- Chemistry (Triple Award): 89% of all grades were 5+ & 38% were 7+
- Physics (Triple Award): 80% of all grades were 5+ & 31% were 7+
- 84% of grades in Spanish were 4+
- 79% of all grades were 4+ and 59% of all grades were 5+ in English
- 64% of all grades in Maths were 4+, a 5% increase on the previous year
- 25% of all grades in Art were 7+
- In Media Studies, there was a 30% gain at 4+ & 25% gain at 5+ (compared to 2024).

Our vision is to raise a generation of young adults, who are World and Career Ready, and we are confident that the results achieved today 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. Our students are looking forward to a successful future, and many looking forward to being welcomed back at Bow School's Sixth Form.

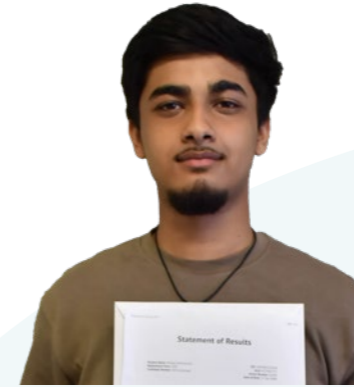
Headteacher, Danny Lye, commented:

"I am extremely proud of what our students have achieved this summer; the results we have seen are proof of their admirable determination, hard work and diligence. In conjunction with their academic studies, we believe that by supporting the development of a wide range of life and interpersonal skills we will help ensure our students are well-rounded citizens with the confidence and ambition to become successful leaders of the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and parents for their ongoing invaluable support and contribution to our students' achievements. Our aim is to provide a dynamic and exciting education to develop confident and ambitious young people; these fantastic results illustrate the commitment from both staff and students to making Bow School a successful local community school."



GCSE CLASS OF 2025

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 2025, there have been a number of standout performances.



SHUAIB - Wellington Way Primary School

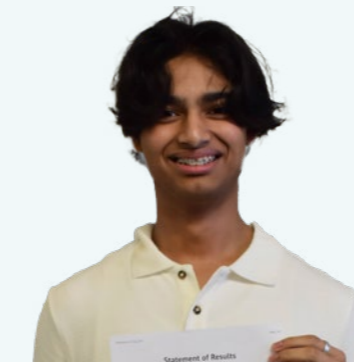
Shuaib, Bow School's highest achiever, attained an impressive 9999888877 and looks forward to his next chapter at Newham Collegiate Sixth Form, to study Economics and Maths, with ambitions to study Aerospace Engineering at university. For Shuaib, his greatest achievement today was achieving a Grade 9 in Economics, an incredible increase of 9 Grades since his mock in Year 10, a true testament of hard work, and display of his commitment.

"Our school vision is to raise the next generation of young adults to be World and Career Ready, and I firmly believe that they achieve this. The teachers are amazing, always on hand to offer help when you need it whether it be school or exam related support or teaching us the importance of positive wellbeing. Not only that, but the number of different clubs, leadership opportunities, experiences and initiatives on offer is incredible – all designed to help us develop different skills that will serve us well in the future. Duke of Edinburgh was the most eye-opening experience of my life!"

DAMLA - St Luke's Isle of Dogs C.E School

Damla, Bow School Senior Prefect, celebrates 99988888777 and looks forward to attending Sixth Form in September, praising her teachers their endless support and passion for their subject.

"I am so proud of myself and all that I have achieved in the last two years. The teachers are inspiring, all so passionate about their own subjects which results in exciting and engaging course content, and go above and beyond to provide support, resources and advice to help us achieve our very best. I feel really happy".



ZAIN - Clara Grant Primary School

Having secured 999988765 in his GCSE examinations, Zain plans to attend university to read Medicine, following the achievement of his A-Levels. He credits the school environment and support in helping him to achieve his results and chosen destination, describing his school experience as 'rewarding'.

"What truly makes Bow School stand out in the crowd is the tight-knit community and the incredibly supportive staff, who form strong, positive relationships with us. I believe that the positive relationships built with teachers has been vital to my success, as I had an incredible network of support and guidance, with teachers, particularly my Science teacher Mr Singh, providing the best advice and feedback on how to improve".

NASIR - Manorfield Primary School

With an impressive portfolio of 988888776, Nasir looks forward to embarking on his next chapter at Bow Sixth Form to study and has his sights set on university and training as an Architect.

"My teachers helped me to stay on track by motivating and encouraging me, constantly pushing and challenging me to keep trying and to do my best and to keep improving, and now I am celebrating results I am incredibly proud of, and look forward to repeating my success at Bow Sixth Form. In two years, I hope to be just as happy and proud – if not more!"



ABBIE - Chisenhale Primary School

Praising the school for instilling self-confidence and motivation and inspiring a love for the sciences, Abbie is thrilled with her results of 988877776. Her next adventure is to embark on her A Levels at the Bow Sixth Form, before attending university.

"There are so many great opportunities offered at Bow School – extra-curricular activities, competitions, careers advice, trips, visits, work experience placements, it is endless. Younger students, make sure you take advantage and strike a good balance between these and studying, it will help you in the future. If I had to use one word to describe my school experience, it would be fulfilling".

OFFERS FROM OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE, RUSSELL GROUPS AND ERNST & YOUNG: BOW SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ARE WORLD AND CAREER READY

BOW SIXTH FORM, CLASS OF 2025

We are proud to announce outstanding student achievements in this summer's A Level and Vocational results.

The 2025 results have exceeded last year's outcomes, with the number of students achieving 3A*-A doubling, the number of students achieving AAB+ increasing by 24 percentage points and 81% of students achieving 1 or more A*-B.

Students' success, work ethic and determination was celebrated across a wide range of subjects and as they progress on to impressive apprenticeships, coveted careers and respected universities across the country to take up studies in specialist subjects, including University of Warwick, Queen Mary University of London, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, University College London and apprenticeships offered by Ernst & Young.

Highlights include:

- The first Ancient History cohort saw 100% of grades achieved at A*-B
- 100% of all grades achieved in English were A*-B
- 100% of all grades attained in Art were A*-A
- 88% of grades achieved in Psychology were A* -C
- 80% of all grades achieved in Government and Politics were A* - B, with 40% attaining A* and A grades
- 79% of all grades achieved in Maths were A* - B
- 76.5% of all grades achieved in Chemistry were A*-C and 57% of all grades achieved in Biology were A*-B, both increasing 32% in 2024; 77% of all grades in Physics were an A* -C and 46% A*- B, an increase of 33% and 21% respectively
- 64% of all grades achieved in Computer Science were A*-B
- 61% of all grades achieved in Economics were A*-A grades, with 100% attaining A* - C
- An average grade of DDD (equivalent to x3 Grade A's) were achieved in Applied Science and Business Studies.



Headteacher Danny Lye said: *“Every year, our Sixth Form continues to flourish, as a result of our hardworking students and a commitment across the board to our student’s development. The Bow Sixth Form is bursting to the seams with targeted and engaging opportunities and a bespoke approach to education – it is carefully designed to excite and inspire students and help them to realise and achieve their aspirations. I am so proud that they have all worked so hard over the two years. Wishing the class of 2025 every success in the future and we look forward to welcoming them back to share their success stories with us as part of our alumni.”*

At Bow Sixth Form, our goal is to prepare students for life beyond Sixth Form, rooted in our vision. Through a carefully planned personal development programme, aspirational curriculum and an extensive range of university, apprenticeship and career initiatives and programmes, Bow Sixth Form remain confident that every student achieves their vision to ensure every student is World and Career Ready, and today celebrates their delighted Year 13 cohort who are proudly accepting places at their first-choice universities and embarking on exciting and successful career and apprenticeship placements.

“This exceptional group of Year 13 students should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Over the last two years, they have sought out every opportunity to grow academically and personally, to achieve what they wanted in pursuit of their aspirations. I feel privileged and inspired to have led these students during their time at Sixth Form and wish them every success in their future endeavours”.

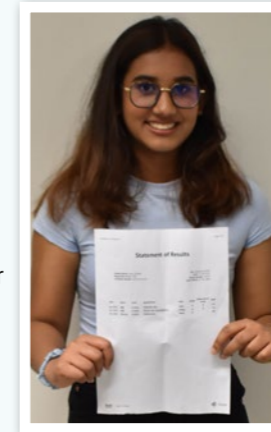
Mr Khan, Head of Sixth Form

Congratulations to the class of 2025! 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...

Tasfiha

Sir William Burrough

There's no stopping Tasfiha, who achieved A*AA in Maths, Physics and Chemistry and has bold plans for the future, including a university degree and PhD in Physics. She praises the sixth form for helping her to discover passion for physics and her teachers for helping her to build a strong work ethic, a key skill that will put her in good stead whilst in higher education and her career.

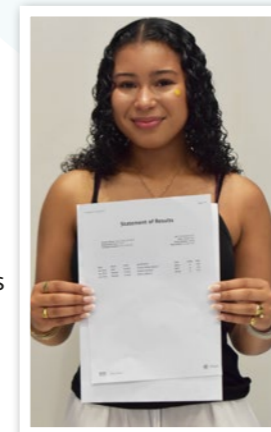


“Bow Sixth Form has equipped me with the skills, qualifications, opportunities and confidence to pursue my dreams. I am so grateful to my teachers, their support and the incredible sense of community that has helped me to build strong relationships with all of those around me. I would advise younger students to set high expectations of themselves, as no matter what you decide, the support network will help you to achieve it”

Rochelle

St Marys and St Michaels Primary School

Young Deputy Mayor for Tower Hamlets and Year 13 Bow Sixth Form student Rochelle is elated with her outstanding results of 3 A grades in English Literature, Politics and Ancient History, and proudly accepted her place at first-choice university, University of Warwick to read Politics and International Studies. Rochelle has big plans and bold aspirations for the future, to undertake a law conversion at a Russell Group university upon completing her degree, before a career in Finance or the Civil Service.

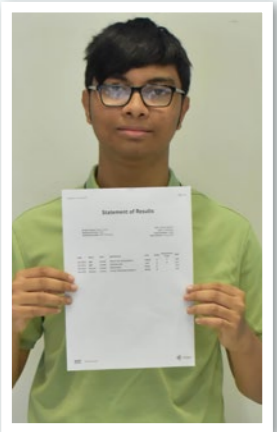


“Sixth form was a complete rollercoaster ride, and I wouldn't change it for a thing. I am so grateful to my teachers, they were my biggest supporters and advocates and not only understood me in ways no one else did, but they saw my potential when I couldn't. To younger students – work hard and listen to your teachers and take advantage of every opportunity BowExtra offers you. The programme is designed to enrich your life at sixth form, and it truly does, trips, clubs, leadership prospectus, application support, mentoring, you name it, it will help you stand out from the crowd.”

Yusuf

Redlands Primary School

A bright future and the architectural gems of Oxford lie ahead for Yusuf, who proudly accepted an offer to read Maths at the University of Oxford, renowned for its academic excellence and attracting top talent. Yusuf attained an impressive A* and double A grades in Maths, Physics and Chemistry and praises his teachers for their support and instilling a sense of self-confidence and inspiration in him.

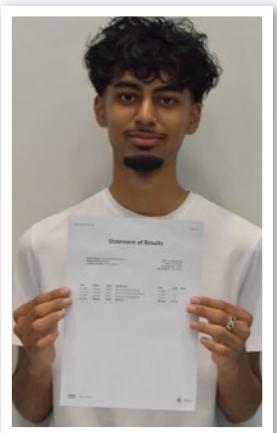


“I am so glad I chose to stay at Bow for the sixth form. It felt like the right decision, as I had already built solid foundations for my future at GCSE level and had formed strong relationships with my teachers, who were able to offer bespoke guidance and support. The teachers here are fantastic, they really are passionate about the delivery of their subjects and have been a positive influence on my work ethic, high standards and strong aspirations”

Kamran

Arnhem Wharf Primary School

Kamran proudly celebrates attaining D*D*D in BTEC Business and looks forward to his next chapter – having been offered a place at the prestigious University College London to study Business and Health..

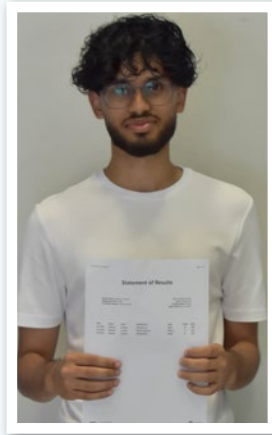


“I would describe Bow Sixth Form as challenging, yet fun, with the perfect blend of support and independence, to prepare us for university life and beyond. My teachers instilled a great sense of belief in me and supported me across my 7 years at Bow, and now I am looking forward to my next chapter at university and hopefully gaining my PGCE and training as a teacher. I hope to inspire the next generation, just as my teachers did for me.”

Minshad

Trinity Primary School

Minshad was thrilled to discover he had secured his place at Ernst & Young, to begin a degree apprenticeship in Level 7 Auditing. He leaves Bow Sixth Form with an impressive portfolio of results under his belt of A*A*A in Maths, Economics and Politics and describes his time at Bow as 'challenging, yet very rewarding'.

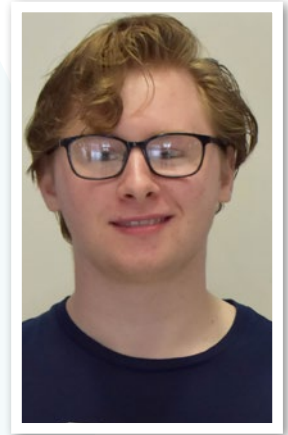


“The sixth form has provided me with endless support when it came to careers guidance and deciding what was the best next step. I was able to meet with the career’s guidance team on numerous occasions to discuss my plans for the future and what I wanted to achieve, and from there was provided with opportunities to help me achieve this, both inside and out of the classroom. Not only this, but they opened by eyes to the world of possibilities – I didn’t have to go to university, they showed me different routes to becoming an accountant and the ability to work with a prestigious company like Ernst & Young straight out of school is an achievement I will be proud of for the rest of my life.”

Harry

St Saviours CofE Primary School

High achiever Harry celebrates an incredible triple set of A* grades in Biology, Chemistry and Maths and was elated to accept his place at his first-choice university, the University of Cambridge, to study Medicine..



“I am so happy that I chose to continue my education at the Bow Sixth Form. Over the first 5 years at the school, I was incredibly supported, and this continued right through into the sixth form. Looking back over the last two years, I am certain that I would not be taking my next steps with such confidence without the sixth form team, their belief in me, and their endless wisdom and knowledge which made the difference in every lesson. The support received has encouraged me to challenge myself and excel, and now I have accomplished the best possible results and the university destination of my choice. I have a long way to go, but I look forward to the future and returning to Bow as part of their alumni”



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