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As September draws to a close, I want to thank you all for the purposeful and positive start to the year. It's been inspiring to see our students engaging with learning, building relationships, and showing real pride in their school.

This year, our commitment to being World Ready, Career Ready is more visible than ever. Whether in classrooms, corridors or conversations, our values—Determination, Adaptability, Curiosity, Responsibility and Respect—are shaping the culture we're building together.

This bulletin is a space to celebrate the work happening across our community, spotlight achievements, and share what's ahead. From quiet wins to standout moments, every contribution matters.

Thank you for your continued energy and care. Let's keep moving forward with purpose and pride.

Mr. Lye - Headteacher

OUTSTANDING EXAM SUCCESS AND A TOP FLIGHT SIXTH FORM

As the academic year begins, we proudly celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students in both GCSE and Sixth Form examinations. We are so pleased to celebrate the success of our young people who are truly on the way to being world and career ready - equipped not only with academic excellence but with the values of Determination, Adaptability, Curiosity, Responsibility and Respect.

At KS4, this summers GCSE results reflect significant progress across subjects and remarkable individual performances from students, including:

- Biology: 98% at Grade 5+, 47% at Grade 7+
- Chemistry: 89% at Grade 5+, 38% at Grade 7+
- Physics: 80% at Grade 5+, 31% at Grade 7+
- Spanish: 84% of grades were 4+
- English: 79% at Grade 4+, 59% at Grade 5+
- Maths: 64% at Grade 4+, a 5% increase on last year
- Art: 25% of grades were 7+
- Media Studies: 30% gain at 4+, 25% gain at 5+ compared to 2024

Among our standout GCSE students, we have young people picking up a A levels in a broad range of subjects including economics, maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Computer Science, Philosophy and Ethics, Business Studies, Applied Science, English and Government and Politics at our Sixth Form, aiming for such diverse degrees as Aerospace Engineering, Medicine, Architecture, and English amongst others. Many of the students were very thankful and praise their teachers for their “endless support and passion.”

Our Sixth Form, too, has once again proved itself to be a launchpad to prestigious destinations with outcomes, against a range of measures, which officially sees Bow Sixth Form as the highest performing post-16 provision in the borough! Highlights of these results include:

- 3 A-A grades*: Number of students doubled
- AAB+ outcomes: Increased by 24 percentage points
- 81% of students achieved at least one A*-B grade
- Ancient History, English & Art: 100% A*-B
- Psychology: 88% A*-C
- Government & Politics: 80% A*-B (40% A*/A)
- Maths: 79% A*-B
- Sciences: Significant gains across Chemistry, Biology, and Physics
- Computer Science: 64% A*-B
- Economics: 61% A*-A, 100% A*-C
- Applied Science & Business Studies: Average grade DDD (equivalent to 3 A grades)

These outstanding outcomes mean that our students are now taking up places at top universities and apprenticeships, including Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, Queen Mary, Warwick, and Ernst & Young.

In celebrating these successes we know that a young persons future potential is not just measured in grades, but how confident, informed and ambitious they are. We are proud of every student and excited to see how they continue to shape their futures.



A day in the life of a new Y7 student



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Starting secondary school felt like stepping into a whole new world—but now, a few weeks in, I’m finding my rhythm. The induction period really helped. We learned how to organise our timetables, use our planners properly, and follow the routines that make the school day run smoothly. I’ve even mastered the one-way system!

Each day starts with line-up, where we’re reminded of our school values: Determination, Adaptability, Curiosity, Responsibility and Respect. I’ve found that being adaptable is key—especially when moving between subjects and learning new things quickly.

One of my favourite lessons is science. I didn’t expect to enjoy it so much, but asking questions and exploring ideas has helped me feel more curious and confident.

As one of my classmates said, “It’s not just about learning facts—it’s about learning how to think.”

Break and lunch are great for making friends. Everyone’s been really welcoming, and I’ve learned that showing respect goes a long way.

Being in Year 7 is about more than just settling in—it’s about becoming World Ready, Career Ready. And every day, I feel like I’m taking another step in that direction.

ACADEMY OF REAL ASSETS SUCCESS

We are thrilled to share that Arian (9M1) and Tameem (11X1) are among the latest winners of the Academy of Real Assets annual Essay Writing Competition. Their essay will be featured in the newest collection of student essays, “If I Could Build My Neighbourhood from Scratch.”

This will be Arian’s second entry; he was also featured in last year’s book, “In 2050, Cities Will Be...,” which is currently displayed in the cabinet in Reception. Arian attended the Academy of Real Assets book launch party, 15th July at Legal & General, where he also participated in the student panel at the event. Well done both!



DEBATE MATE SUCCESS

We are excited to share the fantastic achievements of our Bow School Debate Mate team. The Debating clubs have helped our students develop empathy and resilience, learn how to listen and constructively disagree and most importantly build confidence.

Trained mentors from Debate Mate programme help our students develop debating skills and discuss current, political, social and moral issues in the UK as well as abroad.

last year, students from each year group have shown exceptional dedication and commitment by consistently attending their Debate Mate club sessions in preparation for competitions.

Our students began their journey with Round 1 of the Urban Debate League at Buxton School on Tuesday, 28th August. Their outstanding performance placed Bow School 2nd out of 88 schools in the National Secondary Urban Debate League.

In Round 2, the team continued to impress, securing 6th place in London and 9th place nationally in the Secondary Core Division.

Most recently, they reached the Debate Mate Cup competition. Although they did not win the final cup, their progress, resilience and teamwork have been truly inspiring.



Safeguarding - Staying Safe Online: What the new online safety act means for our young people

As we settle into the new academic year, it's vital to reflect on how we continue to safeguard our students in an increasingly digital world.

With the Online Safety Act 2023 now in place, schools across the UK are being encouraged to strengthen their approach to online safety—and Bow School is no exception.

The Act, which aims to make the UK the safest place to be online, places new responsibilities on tech companies to remove harmful content and enforce age restrictions. Platforms must now act swiftly to prevent children from accessing material related to self-harm, abuse, suicide, and eating disorders, and ensure under-13s are not using social media.

While these changes are welcome, they do not replace the safeguarding duties of schools. We remain committed to educating our students about online risks, helping them recognise manipulation, misinformation, and unsafe behaviour.

As part of our World and Career Ready vision, we teach students to be responsible digital citizens—curious, respectful, and aware of their digital footprint.

This term, we'll continue embedding online safety into our curriculum and pastoral programme, ensuring students know how to report concerns and seek support. Parents and carers are encouraged to stay informed and talk openly with their children about their online lives.

Together, we can help our students navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

Mr Emin.

HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE



KEEP YOUR INFORMATION AND PASSWORD PRIVATE



BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU POST ONLINE



CHECK YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS



SHOP SAFELY IN TRUSTED WEBSITES



CHOOSE STRONG PASSWORD



PROTECT ALL YOUR DEVICES WITH AN ANTIVIRUS



REMEMBER TO LOG OFF



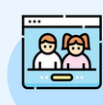
CHECK WEBSITE URL



CHECK E-MAILS



AVOID PHISHING



KEEP KIDS SAFE ONLINE



RESPECT YOURSELF

UK Online Safety Act



Upcoming Dates and Events

- 02.10.25 - Y6 School Tours
- 02.10.25 - KS4 Information Evening
- 08.10.25 - Parent Coffee Morning
- 08.10.25 - Y6 Open Evening*
- 13.10.25 - Y6 School Tours
- 15.10.25 - 6th Form Opening Evening
- 16.10.25 - Y6 School Tours
- 22.10.25 - Parent Coffee Morning
- 24.10.25 - Last day of half-term

*school closes at 14:15 for all students

