

2023 GCSE Results - Press Release

The Burgate School & Sixth Form: we are delighted with the performance of students at The Burgate School and Sixth Form.

Year 11 students at The Burgate School & Sixth Form received their GCSE results today and have clearly focussed on their studies in the face of much educational uncertainty. This is a particularly pleasing set of GCSE results, especially in the number of students achieving a pass grade in English and Maths. Results were just above pre-pandemic levels of 2019 and significantly above the emerging national picture for this year, with students achieving the grades to move into the sixth form or an alternative course elsewhere.

The percentage of students achieving a grade 5 in both English and Maths was at 56%, and 79% of students achieved a grade 4 and above in both subjects. The overall GCSE grade 4 pass rate for The Burgate School was 82%, well above the national average of 69%. Also, extremely satisfying was the figure for strong passes with 65% of grades at 5 – 9 compared with the national average of 52%. This demonstrates a tremendous effort on the part of our students, parents and staff.

Headteacher David Pover said, “The students had clearly worked hard and prepared well for these examinations. I am delighted that the challenges faced along their particularly school journey have not affected outcomes for our students, who made the most of their time in school. Staff worked tirelessly to ensure that any gaps in learning were addressed and persevered with every single student on roll at the school. This is a fantastic set of results and we have had so many overjoyed students and parents with us today.”

The vast majority of our students will now go on to study at our outstanding Sixth Form where they will be joined by Year 11 students from other local schools. We congratulate all of our current and new students on their tremendous achievements, which are a testament to the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the last few years.

Jessica Elmore - I am really happy with my results and am excited to join the Sixth Form at Burgate. The teachers are just so supportive, they are always there for you whether it is in their subject or for anything else. The feel of Burgate is a team and I have had amazing opportunities through trips, extra curricular clubs and academic support.

Amelie Durand – I arrived at Burgate knowing no one, the teachers and students were so welcoming. I have felt supported and part of Burgate since the minute I arrived. My results are amazing, and I am so happy with them. I cannot wait to start Sixth Form at Burgate.

Jakub Brzezinski - I feel I have done well because the teachers have taught me everything I needed and made sure I was ready for anything. I have really enjoyed all the sports opportunities I have had in the main school and look forward to the next two years.

Josh Sanders - I am very happy with my results. The teachers have always been helpful, offering extra time and support. This is one of the many reasons why I am staying at Burgate, it is an amazing Sixth Form.

Sophie Cartwright - I have loved my time at Burgate particularly Art, as the teachers have supported me and stretched me. I am really happy with my results.

Mollie Gernard - Burgate has been so good for me, and I have really loved all the debates in Philosophy and Ethics. I have enjoyed all the opportunities the school has offered me. I'm excited to start Sixth Form.

Harry Fisher - I am really happy with my results as I was not expecting to get so many high grades. I have worked really hard and my teachers have supported me.

Dylan Lock - My results are exactly what I wanted with Maths and Physics at 9s. Burgate life has been really great because everyone has been supportive. I have really enjoyed the STEM enrichment, particularly, the first Lego League success. I am looking forward to taking Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science at A level at Burgate.

Archie Cunningham – I am happy with my results and my hard work has paid off. The support of my teachers, particularly in Maths has been invaluable.

Ros Hodgson – Burgate has been such a great school for me, every teacher who has taught me has helped me and this is reflected in my results. STEM club and senior choir have given me incredible opportunities and experiences.

Wilf Sommerlad – The teaching and whole school environment has been amazing, I am really happy with my results and cannot wait to start my A Levels.