

Press release

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NEW PROGRESS MEASURES CONFIRM QUALITY TEACHING AND IMPRESSIVE STUDENT PROGRESS AT BETHNAL GREEN ACADEMY

Bethnal Green Academy students excelled in their GCSEs with an outstanding benchmark figure of 82% achieving A*-C grades including English and Maths.

Demonstrating their academic rigour, 36% of students secured the English Baccalaureate qualification, beating the 2015 national average of 23%.

The academy's success of +0.83 in the new Progress 8* score is highly commendable and shows that students at BGA achieve almost a grade higher than the national average. This is the new measure from 2016, which focusses on the progress students make during their time at secondary school and is regarded as a more complete way of judging all schools across the country.

Among many of the individual student success stories, highlights include:

- Esther Louise De Oliveira achieved 11 A*s, 1 A
- Sumy Ahmed achieved 7 A*s, 6 As
- Christopher Comiskey achieved 9 A*s, 3 As
- Theodore Gilbert achieved 5 A*s, 7 As
- Gianna-Marie Morrison achieved 8 A*s, 3 As

Mark Keary, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, commented: *"I would like to congratulate all our students and staff on these exceptional achievements. It has been a culmination of years of changes to the curriculum and exams with the introduction of the new measures and everyone at BGA has risen to the challenge. We are poised for even more success and would like to wish our class of 2016 the very best of luck in their future studies, the majority transferring to our successful Sixth Form, and to thank them for setting such aspirational targets for future students."*

*Notes:

1. Results are provisional.
2. The Progress 8 and Attainment 8 scores will be released in the autumn term and our current calculations are based on the 2015 methods as the 2016 results will not be known for some months.
3. Progress 8 is based on students' progress measured across 8 subjects including English, Maths, EBacc subjects (e.g. sciences, computer science, geography, history and languages) and any other GCSE or other approved non-GCSE qualification.
4. The EBacc qualification shows the percentage of students achieving good grades in a range of specific academic subjects.

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Notes to Editors

Bethnal Green Academy is the first school in the Green Spring Education Trust family of schools. The Trust's mission is to help students achieve their absolute best through inclusive, high achieving schools, whatever their ability or background. Being part of the Trust enables greatest outcomes for young people and the communities they serve through closer links, sharing expertise and promoting outstanding practices. The Academy has been awarded a range of specialist accreditations including: Inclusion Quality Mark, The Mayor's London Schools Gold Club and The Prince's Teaching Institute Leadership Mark

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