

Academic Results

Academic excellence is our primary objective at Bedford School, standards are high and the atmosphere in the classroom is demanding and progressive. Our exam results are strong, with the curriculum structured to provide breadth and balance, and extend learning well beyond national requirements.

We aim to inspire our students to become lifelong learners who have inquiring minds and a fundamental curiosity. We want them to be critical thinkers, to enjoy personal growth and thrive on intellectual challenge.

International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is a globally-recognised, pre-university course designed for students aged 16 -19. The IB diploma was created in 1968 and introduced here alongside A levels in September 2003.

Bedford School has recorded outstanding results in each of the years in which it has presented candidates for the IB Diploma examinations, with a continued record of having at least one student every year achieve the maximum 45 points possible. Given this success, the School is increasingly attracting students who are looking for an edge as they seek a place on a particularly competitive university course.

2008 IB Results

- One Student gained the maximum 45 points, the equivalent of six and a half A grades at A Level and a score only achieved by 65 students worldwide (0.18%) in 2007
- Eight Students gained 38 or more points, the UCAS equivalent to five As at A Level
- 48 Individual subject results were 7 points, 32 of these at Higher Level; 7 at Higher Level is equivalent to the new A* at A Level
- 87.5% of results were at the equivalent of A or B at A Level
- 20 Students achieved at least 35 points, the equivalent of four and a half A grades at A Level
- The average points score per student was 35.3 (out of 45)



Sam Bodle achieved the maximum 45 points in the IB Diploma in 2008 and has been offered a place at New College Oxford, to read English and Modern languages.

Sam joined Bedford in the Preparatory School aged 7 and has contributed fully to life at Bedford School, including participating in drama productions, winning the House Fencing competition and achieving an exceptional standard in French.

A Levels

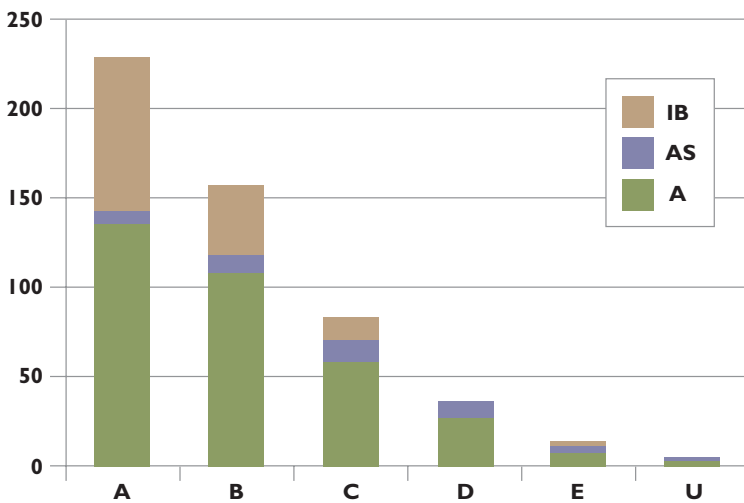
The Advanced Level course at Bedford is a strong option for boys wishing to follow the traditional pattern of subjects and for many it is the natural choice. It is often attractive to those who wish to specialise after GCSE. Students also enjoy a Skills Programme, to prepare them for university life, a wide range of sporting and service opportunities and attend a lecture programme with major speakers from outside the School.

2008 A Level Results

Passes at top grades A or B	73%
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Passes at grades A to E	97%
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A Level and IB combined grades



GCSE

The formal two year course provides a strong foundation for boys moving on to A Level or the IB Diploma. Boys study a core of English, Maths, a Modern Language and all three sciences as well as a broad range of other subjects that will stir their potential and challenge individual strengths.

2008 GCSE Results

Passes at top grades A* or A	64%
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Passes A* - C	99%
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Ben Slingo came in the top 10 nationally in his A level chemistry examination and, remarkably, scored 100% in 12 of his 13 modules taken this Summer. Alongside his 4 A grades at A Level came an A in AS politics (which he studied part-time). Having last year won the prestigious Peterhouse Essay prize for History, Ben has been offered a place to read History at Peterhouse, Cambridge.

Ben was recently awarded first place in an international Latin translation prize and UK Cultural Test as well as being the winner of the pan-European Cultural Test.

Ben joined the School in Year 7 as a day student.