

From the Principal

Dear Parent,

Our term opens tomorrow, and we are nervously using every last minute of holiday time in order to finish off the building works and to tidy all rooms in preparation for the arrival of pupils. All thanks go to non-teaching and teaching staff who have been so willing and so hard-working.

May I start the year by welcoming all parents and pupils, particularly those who are beginning their time at the BSA. I hope that you will make friends swiftly, and that you will feel able to ask if you have any concerns.

We will aim to communicate each week with you, via the News Letter - and will keep our messages brief and to the point. Importantly today, may we highlight below the very encouraging results, achieved in public examinations by our older pupils in Years 11 and 13. Congratulations to them; we wish each one well as she or he moves forward.

From tomorrow, our task is to encourage each girl and boy at every stage in the school to be ambitious and to enjoy their learning. Best wishes to them and to you as parent; we look forward to a happy year with progress and smiles throughout.

John Light
Principal

Results in public examinations

A-level grades (Year 13)	2009	2010	2011
Total A*-A		29%	33%
Total A*-C	54%	64%	68%
Total pass rate A*-E	79%	79%	94%

GCSE/CIE grades (Year 11)

(Note: A*-C grades are regarded as sound pass results by employers and higher education institutions)

Total A*-A	??	33%	54%
Total A*-C (note above)	79%	78%	93%
Total A*-E	97%	98%	99%

Summary

The high proportion of top grades reflects very well on our students, many of whom do not have English as their first language. In addition, the proportion of sound middle grades, coupled with the improving trend in results, indicates that the BSA sets appropriate goals for its students, and the right standards in preparation for important external examinations.

Other News

Calling all cricketers

You may not be aware that Amsterdam/Amstelveen has an excellent cricket facility. The VRA Club (website www.vra.nl) is situated in the Amsterdamse Bos and is keen to encourage young girls and boys, and adults, to develop their skills. You may be interested in their open invitation for Sunday September 11th. Location: VRA Clubhouse and ground,

Nieuwe Kalfjeslaan 21-B, 1182AA Amstelveen

13:30 - meet at VRA

14:00 - cricket games/ activities start

16:00 - 2011 season closing and prizes

17:00 - drinks

New children and families are warmly invited.

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