



## Students' remarkable efforts bring rewards

SOME students scored the highest grades available as the school celebrated a successful GCSE results day.

Headteacher Mrs Kath Wheeler said the support and dedication of our talented teachers had helped students score highly on exams.

She said the school was pleased with results in core subjects such as English with more than half of all students earning a grade 5 or above in English GCSE.

This is the first time that most exams have been graded from 1 to 9 after reforms to make them more challenging for students.

Mrs Wheeler said students at Buxton School had succeeded despite the new tougher numerical grading system, introduced across many subjects this year.

Headteacher Kath Wheeler said: "The exams have been much tougher this year and I think that shows. We have had 51 per cent of pupils get a grade 5 or above in English. We have

students from all backgrounds and there are 80 different languages spoken in the school.

"Generally the results are similar to last year,

but with the exams being so much harder we are very pleased with such amazing English results."



### A proud day for Nessrine

**STUDENT  
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 celebrates  
 scoring all  
 sevens and  
 sixes with her  
 family on GCSE  
 results day.**



## Head's on the spot with advice

Headteacher Ms Wheeler was on hand to offer words of advice and support to our students as they collected their exam results in August.

# Revision clubs helped Tahlia succeed

STUDENT Tahlia Grant scored top grades in her GCSEs – despite welcoming twin bothers into her family just months before the exams.

Tahlia got the top grade 9 in English literature, scored an 8 in religious studies and a 7 in biology, as well as 6s in history and chemistry.

She said studying had been quite challenging with the arrival of two babies in the house but said school revision clubs at Buxton had been a big help.

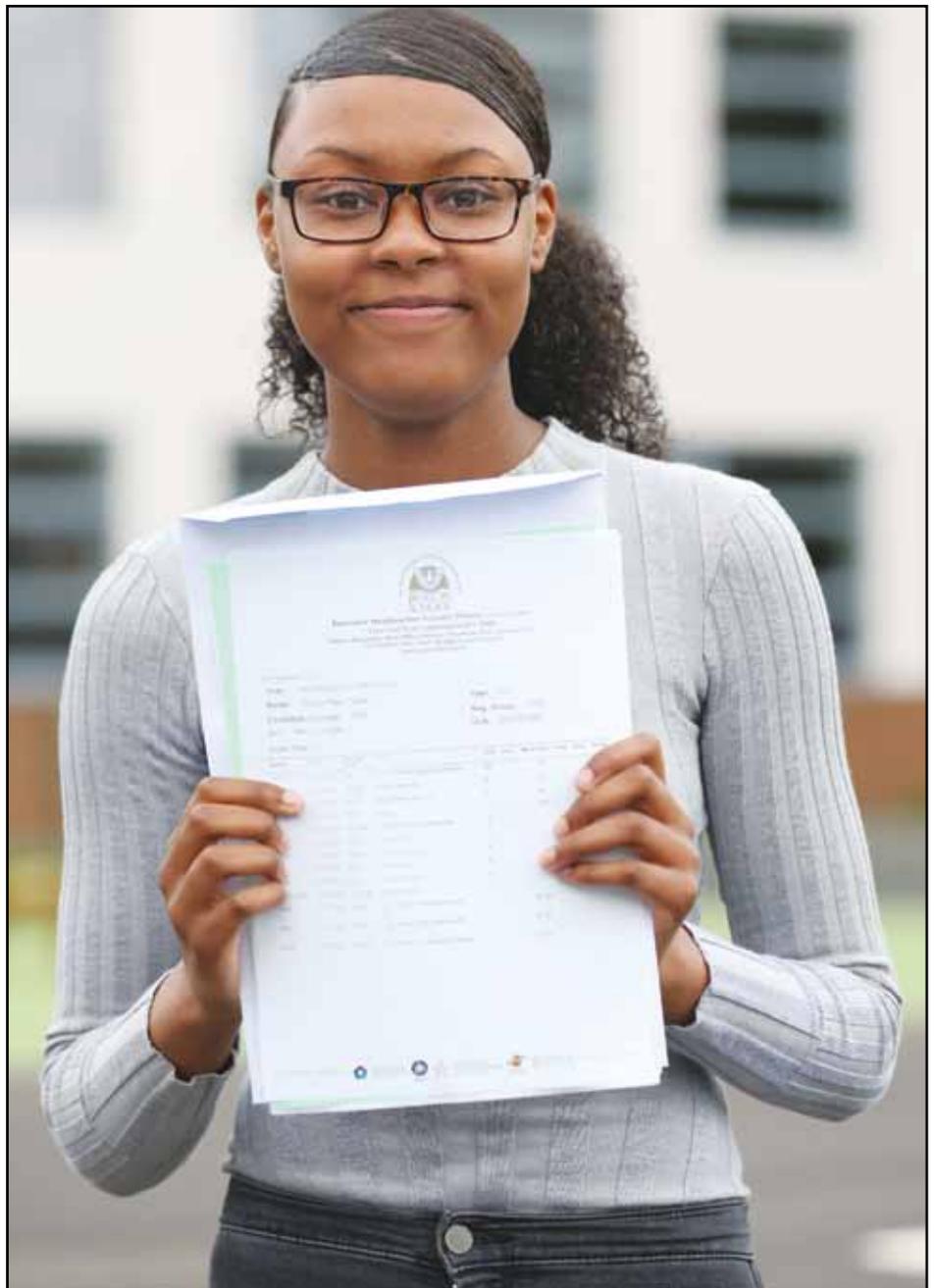
She now plans to take A-Levels in science, biology, chemistry and history at City of Islington College.

“It’s been a very loud house for quite a while so sometimes it was hard to study but the school offered amazing revision clubs before, during and after school.

“The school really is so supportive of you, whatever situation you are in. They want you to do well and give you so much help.

“I found the exams really scary but just kept telling myself I can’t give up. You have to believe in yourself and give it your best shot.

“I am so pleased with my exam results because it means I can go to college and study the subjects I want to study.”



**Belief:** Tahlia relied on revision clubs to help her prepare for her exams

# Early preparation was key to Simra's results

**HARD-WORKING** Simra Rashid says getting a head start on her revision was the key to securing good results at GCSE.

Simra said she started testing herself on past GCSE papers and revising exam skills two years ago while she was still in Year 9.

The fruits of her hard work were revealed on results day when she discovered she had scored 8s and 7s and her exams.

She will now study maths, English and physics on an A-Level course at Leytonstone College.

She said: "I'm really pleased with most of my results. It shows what my teachers say is true – if you work hard and put the effort in you will see the results.

"I started revising really early when I was in Year 9 because I knew I had to get a head start to do well.

"When you put in the hard work and you see the results it really gives you lots of motivation for the next step in your education.

"I have been told by everyone how hard A-Levels are but I am really looking forward to testing myself. I will start revising for them straight away."



**Happy:** Wasimah Bint-Fakhrul scored the top grade of 9 in maths, whilst also securing 8s and 7s in science and English on GCSE results day.



**Well-prepared:** Simra Rashid started revising for her GCSEs two years ago

# Murtaza's praise for his teachers' support

STUDENT Murtaza Rasool says he breathed a sigh of relief after securing grades to earn a place studying A-Levels.

Murtaza said the new numerical grading system presented challenges for students but said support from teachers made the difference.

He was among the top performing boys at the school this year after achieving top marks across all subjects.

He will now study maths, English and economics at A-Level.

He said: "The exams were tough. The new grading system made it a challenge, not just for the students but the teachers as well. They were really great at preparing us and keeping us calm.

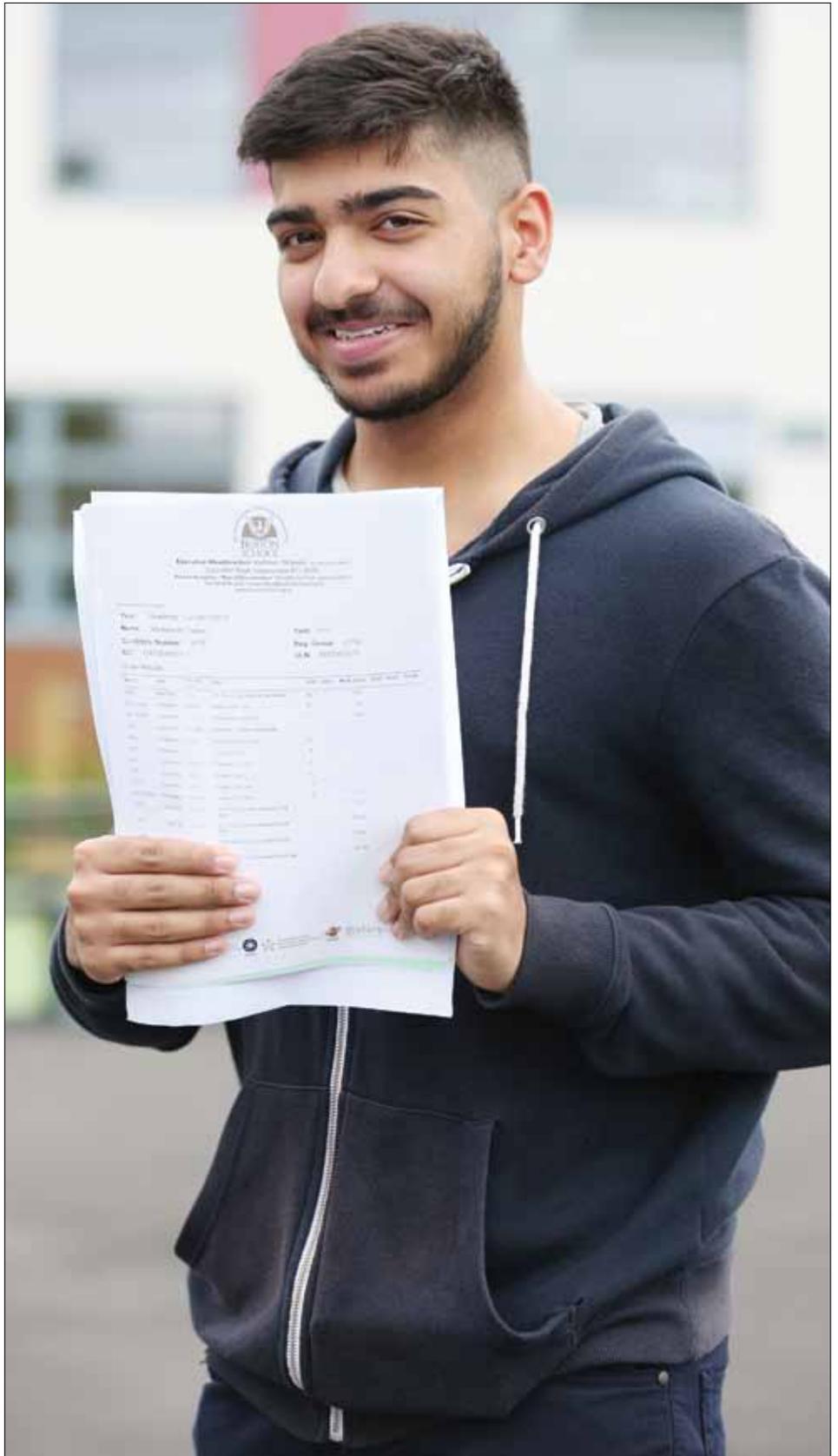
"The amount of information I had to keep in my head was hard and there was so much to learn that doesn't even come up in the exam.

"I'm really happy with my results. It means I can now study my chosen subjects at A-Level and keep me on the path towards a good university."

"I have to say though it was a big relief to get the results and to find out I had done well. Exams are very stressful."



**Farewell: Deputy Head Girl Nitharshy Sivalingham leaves Buxton School with amazing results and a firm footprint on our school history.**



**Relief: Murtaza was a top performer and is now ready to study for A-Levels**