



Belfast High School

Board of Governors' Report

School Year 2008/09

BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2008/09

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BELFAST HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2008 – AUGUST 2009

The Board of Governors of Belfast High School is pleased to present the Annual Report for the academic year 2008/2009. The Report begins, as ever, with a review of the public examination results which were published in August 2009.

At KS3 results in English, Mathematics and Science exceeded Northern Ireland Grammar School Averages. The concerted focus on raising standards at KS3, including Learning for Success days, individual target setting and Learning Support sessions after school has resulted in a marked improvement.

At GCSE level results were good. Additional support in the form of after school coursework clinics and mentoring of individual pupils contributed to a 2% increase in the 5 A-C pass rate from 97% last year to 99% this year. This is an important benchmark for Northern Ireland grammar schools. Performances were excellent from high achieving pupils. Twenty pupils gained at least 8 A grades. The Board congratulates Sarah Clarke who was placed third in Northern Ireland in GCSE Mathematics and Raymond Frampton who was placed third in Northern Ireland in GCSE ICT.

AS results are particularly pleasing with most performance targets exceeded. These results augur well for next year.

A level results were outstanding at the top level. The percentage of pupils achieving 3 grades A-C has steadily improved since 2006 when it dipped as low as 13%; this year this figure has peaked at a remarkable 23%. The Board congratulates Rachel Chivers who attained the 3 A grades required to accept her offer from Trinity College Oxford to read English Literature.

The Board commends all examination pupils for their diligence and application to their studies. They have certainly demonstrated their ability. However, as Napoleon Bonaparte stated, 'ability is of little account without opportunity'. Belfast High School definitely provides a wealth of opportunities for pupils. The commitment of the teaching staff and the extra time given to pupils over and above contracted hours contributes immensely to examination success. The Board thanks to all parents who support their children and motivate them to succeed. The effective partnership between teachers, parents, pupils, governors and all staff at Belfast High School continues to be a major strength of the School.

In September 2008 the School welcomed Mr Gary Grimes as a teacher of Technology, Mr Patrick Reilly as a teacher of Physics and Miss Jenna Cassidy as a teacher of Home Economics. All 3 new staff have proven to be effective teachers and popular colleagues. Mr Richard Lecky also joined the staff as a part-time temporary teacher of Technology and he has also made a valuable contribution to the School. Mrs Deborah Beck and Miss Deborah Ireland fulfilled their temporary one year full-time posts in the English Department very efficiently and the Board thanks them for their effective teaching and their commendable contributions to the extra-curricular life of the School. Mr James Maxwell joined as Assistant Principal in October 2008. The Board is pleased to report that Mr Maxwell has proven to be extremely effective as a member of the Senior Management Team.

The Board congratulates the Principal who successfully completed a training course in January to join Inspection teams with the ETI and Mrs Eileen Addis who was awarded the PQH in December 2008.

The school community was extremely sad to hear about the death of Mr Samuel Dunlop on 14 September 2009. Mr Dunlop was a highly respected Headmaster of Belfast High School from 1965 until 1987 and he continued to attend and support school events throughout his retirement.

The Music Department has had another busy year. The Spring Concert was, as ever, very enjoyable. In March a band from Carlo Schmidt Oberscule in Berlin came to Belfast High School for an exchange visit and joined with our musicians in an enjoyable community concert. The Belfast High School band made its return visit to Berlin at the end of June. The School was also privileged to have had a visit from the RAF band in April and Kathy Hetherington participated in a performance for staff and pupils. The Board congratulates the Music staff and in particular Mr Cairns, Mrs Davison and Mrs McAlpin. The Board looks forward to the planned musical production of 'Joseph' in November 2009.

Extra-curricular activities continue to be extensive and popular. The Board thanks all staff involved for their contribution, most of which is unpaid and voluntary. The Board also commends the PE staff and other members of staff who accompany teams for many hours of teaching and supervision at weekends and in the evenings.

Once again a large number of pupils participated in School trips. These included a Christian Union weekend at Castlewellan Castle, a Spanish immersion weekend at the Folk Museum, Government and Politics trips to Stormont and London, a ski trip to the USA, a Home Economics trip to the Good Food Show, a trip to the Somme Centre, a Geography trip to New York, a trip to the Ardèche and our annual Form 1 trip to Paris in June. The Board thanks everyone concerned for their contribution.

The Sixth Form were particularly successful last year in the field of debating. The Science Debating team participated in the DSI interactive debating competition funded by the Wellcome Trust. The School won the Ulster Regional trophy in March at W5 and went on to finish as runners-up in the Irish finals in Dublin. The Board congratulate Mr Campbell and all the pupils concerned. The French debating team reached the semi-final and the German team reached the final of their respective Queen's University Debating Competitions. The Board congratulates all pupils involved and Mr Maxwell for all his work with the linguists.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to be popular and oversubscribed. Miss McElrea and Mrs McFarland assisted by other staff have enabled large numbers of pupils to achieve 48 Bronze, 28 Silver and 8 Gold Awards this year.

The Art Department has produced outstanding displays of GCSE, AS and A2 artwork again this year and they are to be congratulated on motivating the pupils to produce such high calibre work.

The School Council, under the guidance of Miss Claire Hayes, continues to campaign for improved facilities and have engaged in meetings with the Senior Management Team regarding issues such as the School Development Plan and Transfer Arrangements for 2010.

The Friends of Belfast High School had another successful year with events such as a Table Quiz, an Epicurean Evening, a Car Boot Sale and ending the year with a Treasure Hunt and BBQ. The Board is grateful to Mrs Valerie Rossborough and the Friends Committee for their hard work last year, for purchasing a plasma information screen for the foyer and for helping to fund a successful new promotional DVD about the School.

The Medallion rugby team reached the quarter-final of the Medallion Plate competition. Ross Megarry was selected for the Ulster Schools' U19 training squad and Ryan Elliott, Ryan McGonigle, Matthew Huntley and Nathan Dougan were selected for the Ulster Schools' U17 rugby development squad. The Year 8 A team retained the Hilditch Cup and the B team were runners-up at the Rainey tournament.

Gillian Kane had successful Ulster Schools' hockey trials and was selected for the U16B team and Rebekah McKinley, Ellen Beattie, Jessica Crawford and Gillian were selected for Area Board teams. Miss Sharon Moffett from the PE Department participated in the European Championships with her club Pegasus, coached the Ulster U18 and U21 teams and played for the Ulster Senior team.

In Cricket special mention must be made of Paul Stirling who has excelled in this sport. Paul was selected for the Ireland team for the Twenty20 World Competition and Friends Provident matches and began his professional contract following his A level examinations. Paul was awarded the Newtownabbey Young Sportsman of the Year Award and was also presented with the Young Player of the Year Award by the Cricket Writers of Ireland at their annual awards ceremony in November. The Board wishes Paul every success with his future career.

The Board also wishes Jonathan Cosgrove success in his future career at Fulham Football Club.

Over 40 pupils participated in the District Athletics Championships. Twenty-two pupils qualified for the Ulster Schools' finals where Kathy Hetherington was placed 1st in the Discus and 2nd in the Shot, Bradley Bates was 1st in the Shot, Jason Kennedy was 1st in the High Jump and Kendall Russell was 3rd in the 100m. Kathy and Bradley represented the school at the Irish finals in May.

The Year 8 netball team won the Belfast Area League and Stephanie McBride and Amy McClenaghan were selected for the U15 North Eastern RDS. Stephanie was also selected as captain.

Emma Law came first in the Irish Trampolining Championships in Dublin in April.

The U19 squash team won the Ulster Schools' Novice Cup competition.

Mark Bishop won the Northern Ireland U14 Archery Championships and was selected for the Ireland team to participate in the European Outdoor Championships.

Jessica Boal was selected for the Ireland U16 and Ulster U15 girls' golf teams.

The School's Equestrian Team finished 2nd out of 33 teams in the Ulster Schools' Showjumping Finals in March.

Shannon Hassard and Victoria Addis finished in 1st place in the Intermediate section of the NICMAC Dance Championships.

Thirteen L6 pupils attained the Top Link Sports Leadership accreditation and organised a community Sports Festival for local primary schools. The Board thanks Mr Doyle for co-ordinating this course.

Mrs Julie Moore and the Community Service team raised an impressive £7,858 for a range of charities including Childline, Macmillan Cancer, Down's Syndrome, Age Concern and Children in Need. This is in addition to the Christmas hampers for the elderly and needy in the local community and participating in the Christmas shoeboxes appeal.

Our Form 3 Technology team won the Engineering Week of Wonder Knex Challenge at the UUJ in February.

Victoria McKnight was selected for the IoD Director Shadowing Scheme.

A large number of pupils participated in the UKMT Maths Challenge, gaining gold, silver and bronze awards.

Colin Taplin and Nichola Coghlan were selected to participate in the Euroscola International Conference in Strasbourg in November.

The Young Enterprise company FLAXCO, under the guidance of Miss Roberta Foster, attended a number of Trade Fairs during the course of the year and won many awards including Best Company, Best Customer Care, Best Use of ICT and Best Overall Company. At the Northern Ireland finals Chloe O'Neill won the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Award.

Harun Asad, Rachel Brown and Sehyeon Kim were awarded Nuffield Science Bursaries and BA Gold Crest Awards. The pupils spent 4 weeks during the summer at Queen's University Belfast and the Royal Victoria Hospital carrying out scientific research.

Rachel Chivers, Rachel Brown, Lynsey Fryers and Jemma Martin participated in a Summer School at Corpus Christi College Cambridge.

Lauren Carroll and Patrick Scullion won all-expenses paid scholarships from the German Embassy London to visit Germany in the summer. They formed part of a 15 strong team of UK pupils who travelled to Frankfurt in July and they were tasked with filming a video on German life and culture.

Matthew Barkley and Ryan Ritchie were selected by Newtownabbey Borough Council to participate in their 'Journey of Rememberings - a Young Men's Perspective'. Along with pupils from other Newtownabbey schools they participated in programme of activities to develop awareness of Ulster's role in World War One, which culminated in a trip to France and Belgium in March.

Sky Aughey, Megan McDowell, Stephen Murray, Paul Neill, Laura Patten and Patrick Scullion received commendations from Oxford University for their entries in the Jowett Sendelar Essay competition.

Andrew Cass and Gemma-Louise Bond were awarded Billy Reid Bursaries from the Ballyclare Lions.

Ross McClean, Ross Creighton, Stephanie Morrell and Karl Sullivan achieved second place in the regional finals of Make Your Mark Challenge. This competition involved 40,000 students competing from across the UK. Their challenge was to "Create an entrepreneurial idea inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic Values".

In a new venture for Belfast High School, 20 pupils from Sixth Form entered for the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts Shakespeare Certificate at Bronze Level. They worked individually, in pairs or in groups, and they had to memorise and act a variety of pieces from Shakespeare. These ranged from sonnets to extracts from Merchant of Venice, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Henry V and Othello. Special emphasis was placed on voice quality and breath control, as well as an understanding of the language of Shakespeare and the character they were playing. All pupils passed with either Merits or Distinctions.

These are interesting times in Northern Ireland education. Belfast High School is a progressive school and we will move with the times but we will move forward with tradition.

This School has a solid legacy of strong value systems and sound traditions and we will continue to build upon these. We will continue to provide pupils with the opportunity to excel. Belfast High School has energy and momentum because it strives to improve even further; we know that no matter how good we are we can be even better than this. The new AQE entrance test will be used as a means of academic selection for admissions in September 2010. The new tests will take place in November and December. A familiarisation event for pupils and parents was held on 17 October and feedback from parents and pupils has been positive and complimentary.

The School's second year as a Specialist School for Language has been immensely successful. Partner schools are very appreciative of the language teaching that the School offers. Belfast High School is building capacity within 18 Primary Schools and 3 Post-Primary schools for language teaching to continue within each school if the funding for our programme ceases in 2011. The School was asked to give a presentation on good practice to all other Specialist Schools in Northern Ireland at a celebration event in Limavady in June. This was an opportunity to showcase highlights like the Breton Village Language Event and the planned German Christmas Market in December. The excellent work as a Specialist School for Language has enhanced the profile and reputation of Belfast High School in the community. In September several important delegates visited Belfast High School for a special Assembly and the official launch of European Day of Languages.

Belfast High School has continued to play a pivotal role in the Newtownabbey Learning Community and pupils have been able to access an extended range of subjects at Post-16 including Health & Social Care, Psychology, Moving Image Art; Film Studies and Media Studies.. The School has also been able to enhance its ICT resources with additional funding.

Belfast High led one of only 20 schools' partnerships in Northern Ireland to be selected at the initial bid stage for a Sharing Education Partnership funded project in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The School is currently working on a final bid to be submitted to a panel at Queen's University by 4 December 2009. The Board commends Mr James Maxwell, Assistant Principal, for his effective co-ordination of the development of this important bid for £250,000 funding.

Some governors attended a meeting with the Minister for Education in September regarding the progress of the new school build project. The Economic Appraisal stage will soon have been completed and the Board hopes that the School will be moving forward to the planning stage in the very near future. Major essential improvements to the existing school building are nearing completion, including a new external security door system and a new heating system. These projects have been funded by the Department of Education.

School Development Days 2008-09:

Date	Key Focus
30 September 2008	PRSD review/target setting meetings. Assessment for Learning/Learning Intentions recap.
14 January 2009	Interim evaluation of progress of Departmental Development Plans. Update on Curriculum Planning at KS3. Target setting for Year 12 pupils.
3 April 2009	Introduction to VLE (Virtual Learning Environment), Moodle workshops. Departmental business.
18 June 2009	Fire extinguisher/risk assessment training. Drugs update (NEELB Officer). Departmental business.

CURRICULUM

The School curriculum is designed to provide the broadest possible choice of subjects and experience for pupils who can benefit from them.

In Form 1 and 2 pupils study the following subjects:

English, Mathematics, Science, French, History, Geography, Latin, Art, Home Economics, Technology, Information Technology, Personal Development, Physical Education, Religious Education, Employability and Citizenship.

In Form 3 pupils are offered a choice of new subjects including German, Spanish and Classical Civilisation, or they can continue with all their previous subjects.

In Form 4 and 5 pupils prepare for GCSE. All our pupils study English, English Literature, Mathematics and French (or another modern language) or Applied French. A small number may not continue with English Literature in Form 5. In addition we offer Additional Mathematics, Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, ICT, Double Award Science, Geography, German, History, Home Economics, Latin, Motor Vehicle Studies, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Religious Studies, Single Award Science, Spanish and Technology (Products and Systems Design). Pupils choose 5 more subjects, within the limits of Government Regulations, from the list above. Greek, Music and Additional Maths can be made available outside the timetable as a tenth subject for very able pupils.

At all levels throughout the School, pupils are required to do homework as an integral part of their studies. Parents are expected to co-operate by providing pupils with suitable opportunities to do their homework, and by ensuring that it is done.

In Lower Sixth our pupils study 3 or 4 AS levels drawn from a list of 30 different subjects. In addition some Sixth Formers follow a course leading to an additional GCSE or an accreditation in Key Skills (Information Technology). Young Enterprise, Motor Vehicle Studies, Business Studies and a Religious Studies short course are also available. All Sixth Form pupils participate in a course which deals with interview and communication skills, careers advice and information about tertiary level education. We collaborate with partner schools and colleges in the Newtownabbey Learning Community to extend provision in Sixth Form.

In Upper Sixth our pupils take 3 or 4 subjects to A2 level and follow an enrichment programme including UCAS preparation, talks by visiting speakers and basic life skills.

Throughout Forms 1 to 5, classes in Religious Studies are provided for every pupil, but parents who have a conscientious objection may withdraw their children. Religious Studies are also taught to some pupils in the Sixth Form. Every school day includes a collective Act of Worship.

Careers Education is organised by a team of teachers, supplemented by the Careers Officers from the Training and Employment Agency, who provide information and advice for all pupils from Form 3 upwards. As well as Careers classes and interviews, the School has a full programme of special visits and work experience schemes designed to help pupils make informed career choices.

Assessment and Reporting, for all pupils, include at least one, and generally 2, full sessions of internal examinations per year with a detailed, written report on each. In selected Forms parents also have the opportunity to meet teachers on Parents' Nights. In addition all new pupils and other pupils whose progress is a cause for concern receive Assessment Cards in the first and second terms.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A wide range of extra-curricular activities is available to all pupils who are encouraged to participate for enjoyment and self-development. In excess of 30 clubs and societies function each year providing for artistic, cultural, sporting and other interests. These include:

Animal House, Astronomy, Athletics, Badminton, Breakfast Club, Chess, Choir, Christian Union, Circuits, Community Service, Computing, Cricket, Cross-Country, Debating, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Homework Club, ICT, International Cuisine, Junior Drama, Knitting, Language Club, Netball, Orchestra (including Junior Strings, String Quartet, Wind Band, Jazz Band and Traditional Music Group), Public Speaking, Puzzle Club, Reading Clubs, Rugby, Soccer, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Trampolining, Young Engineers, Young Enterprise and World Citizenship. Clubs and Societies meet during the school day, after school and in some cases evenings and weekends.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Form 1 Admissions:

The tables below show the number in each of the Selection Test grades who applied and who were admitted over the past 3 years. The column "Others" refers to pupils who did not sit the Selection Test eg overseas applicants or stated pupils.

	Grade A		Grade B1		Grade B2		Grade C1		Grade C2		Grade D		Others		Total
	App	Adm	App	Adm	App	Adm	App	Adm	App	Adm	App	Adm	App	Adm	Adm
07	96	96	27	27	16	13	10	1+	9	1*	4	0	2	2**	140
08	103	103	27	27	32	2"	18	3+	10	0	6	1+	3	1^	137
09	116	116	23	21	29	0	15	0	6	0	5	0	1	1	138

* Admitted after Appeal

+ Admitted under Special Circumstances

^ A grade equivalent

** One stated pupil and one Opted Out pupil

" One admitted under Special Circumstances

Annual Attendance Rate = 95%

The total number of days in which all pupils attended, expressed as a percentage of the total possible days of attendance.

Upper Sixth Leavers Destinations 2008/09 (116 pupils)

Higher Education	99
Further Education	5
Employment	12

Summary of Public Examination Results in 2009 (See tables for subject statistics):

Year 12 (GCSE)

Total number of subject entries:	1312
Average number of subject entries per pupil:	9
Overall percentage pass rate:	92%
Percentage achieving 7 or more grades A*-C:	88% ('06 – 92%, '07 – 95%, '08 – 91%)
Percentage achieving 5 or more grades A*-C:	99% ('06 – 96%, '07 – 99%, '08 – 97%)

Year 14 (GCE)

Total number of subject entries:	356
Average number of subject entries per pupil:	3
Overall percentage pass rate:	100%
Percentage achieving 3 or more grades A-C:	66% ('06 – 67%, '07 – 70%, '08 – 79%)
Percentage achieving 2 or more grades A-E:	100% ('06 – 100%, '07 – 99%, '08 – 100%)

GCSE RESULTS 2009 (5TH FORM ONLY)

SUBJECT	Total Entry		Grade A*	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade F	Grade G	Un-graded
Add Maths	29	No	2	11	9	6	0	1	0	0	0
		%	6.9	37.9	31.0	20.7	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Art and Design	37	No	8	18	9	2	0	0	0	0	0
		%	21.6	48.6	24.3	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Biology	57	No	1	16	21	16	2	1	0	0	0
		%	1.8	28.1	36.8	28.1	3.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Business Studies	35	No	2	12	14	7	0	0	0	0	0
		%	5.7	34.3	40.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemistry	38	No	1	9	9	12	4	2	0	0	1
		%	2.6	23.7	23.7	31.6	10.5	5.3	0.0	0.0	2.6
Child Development	19	No	5	1	8	4	1	0	0	0	0
		%	26.3	5.3	42.1	21.1	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Classical Civilisation	18	No	1	8	4	3	2	0	0	0	0
		%	5.6	44.4	22.2	16.7	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
English	142	No	18	42	59	18	5	0	0	0	0
		%	12.7	29.6	41.5	12.7	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
English Literature	141	No	10	32	50	42	6	0	0	0	1
		%	7.1	22.7	35.4	29.8	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
French	140	No	27	19	28	26	22	14	3	1	0
		%	19.3	13.6	20.0	18.6	15.7	10.0	2.1	0.7	0.0
Geography	45	No	3	12	11	11	6	2	0	0	0
		%	6.7	26.7	24.4	13.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
German	16	No	2	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
		%	12.5	31.2	37.5	18.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Greek	5	No	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
		%	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
History	54	No	6	20	20	7	0	1	0	0	0
		%	11.1	37.0	37.0	13.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Home Economics	6	No	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
		%	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Information Technology	46	No	22	21	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
		%	47.8	45.7	4.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latin	13	No	3	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
		%	23.1	38.5	23.1	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mathematics	142	No	26	30	52	29	5	0	0	0	0
		%	18.3	21.1	36.6	20.4	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Music	19	No	2	7	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
		%	10.5	36.8	26.3	26.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Physics	39	No	3	7	12	11	5	1	0	0	0
		%	7.7	17.9	30.8	28.2	12.8	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Physical Education	30	No	13	8	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
		%	43.3	26.7	20.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Religious Studies	29	No	3	8	8	5	4	1	0	0	0
		%	10.3	27.6	27.6	17.2	13.8	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Religious Studies (Short Course)	17	No	7	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	1
		%	41.2	0.0	23.5	23.5	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9
Science (double award)	88	No	4	22	34	22	6	0	0	0	0
		%	4.6	25.0	38.6	25.0	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Science (single award)	38	No	1	5	10	20	2	0	0	0	0
		%	2.6	13.2	26.3	52.6	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spanish	27	No	10	9	3	2	3	0	0	0	0
		%	37.0	33.3	11.1	7.4	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Technology	42	No	5	13	15	9	0	0	0	0	0
		%	11.9	31.0	35.7	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Form 5 Totals	1312	No	186	344	406	269	77	23	3	1	3
		%	14.2	26.2	31.0	20.5	5.8	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.2
BHS Cumulative			14.2	40.4	71.4	91.9	97.7	99.5	99.7	99.8	100.0

LOWER SIXTH

Motor Vehicle Studies	12	No	0	1	4	6	1	0	0	0	0
		%	0.0	8.3	33.3	50.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

AS LEVEL RESULTS 2009 (L6 ONLY)

SUBJECT	Total Entry		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Un-graded
Art and Design	9	No	8	1	0	0	0	0
		%	88.9	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Biology	34	No	16	9	3	4	2	0
		%	47.1	26.5	8.8	11.8	5.9	0.0
Business Studies	27	No	8	13	5	0	1	0
		%	29.6	48.2	18.5	0.0	3.7	0.0
Chemistry	16	No	7	2	1	4	1	1
		%	43.8	12.5	6.3	25.0	6.3	6.3
Classical Civilisation	12	No	6	4	1	1	0	0
		%	50.0	33.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
Design & Technology	9	No	2	0	4	2	1	0
		%	22.2	0.0	44.4	22.2	11.1	0.0
English Literature	39	No	6	13	15	4	1	0
		%	15.4	33.5	38.5	10.3	2.6	0.0
French	24	No	10	7	6	1	0	0
		%	41.7	29.2	25.0	4.2	0.0	0.0
Geography	9	No	2	4	2	1	0	0
		%	22.2	44.4	22.2	11.1	0.0	0.0
German	2	No	2	0	0	0	0	0
		%	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Government & Politics	19	No	11	3	3	2	0	0
		%	57.9	15.8	15.8	10.5	0.0	0.0
Health & Social Care	13	No	0	4	4	4	1	0
		%	0.0	30.8	30.8	30.8	7.6	0.0
History	23	No	9	5	6	2	1	0
		%	39.1	21.7	26.1	8.7	4.3	0.0
Home Economics	8	No	0	1	5	1	0	1
		%	0.0	12.5	62.5	12.5	0.0	12.5
ICT	45	No	13	16	6	5	2	3
		%	28.9	35.6	13.3	11.1	4.4	6.7
Latin	6	No	4	0	0	2	0	0
		%	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
Mathematics	38	No	14	5	11	6	2	0
		%	36.8	13.2	28.9	15.8	5.3	0.0
Music	7	No	1	5	1	0	0	0
		%	14.3	71.4	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Moving Image Art	1	No	1	0	0	0	0	0
		%	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Psychology	5	No	1	1	1	1	0	1
		%	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	20.0
Physical Education	19	No	2	3	6	2	5	1
		%	10.5	15.8	31.6	10.5	26.3	5.3
Physics	19	No	8	2	5	2	2	0
		%	42.1	10.5	26.3	10.5	10.5	0.0
Religious Studies	9	No	4	3	2	0	0	0
		%	44.4	33.3	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spanish	10	No	5	1	3	0	1	0
		%	50.0	10.0	30.0	0.0	10.0	0.0
Total Results	403	No	140	102	90	44	20	7
		%	34.7	25.3	22.3	11.0	5.0	1.7
BHS Cumulative			34.7	60.0	82.3	93.3	98.3	100.0

A LEVEL RESULTS 2009

SUBJECT	Total Entry		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Un-graded
Art and Design	11	No	4	5	2	0	0	0
		%	36.4	45.5	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Biology	40	No	13	9	9	4	5	0
		%	32.5	22.5	22.5	10.0	12.5	0.0
Business Studies	21	No	13	4	2	2	0	0
		%	61.9	19.0	9.5	9.5	0.0	0.0
Chemistry	12	No	6	3	2	1	0	0
		%	50.0	25.0	16.7	8.3	0.0	0.0
Chinese	1	No	1	0	0	0	0	0
		%	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Classical Civilisation	6	No	3	2	0	0	1	0
		%	50.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0
English Literature	37	No	14	9	14	0	0	0
		%	37.8	24.3	37.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
French	9	No	4	2	1	2	0	0
		%	44.4	22.2	11.1	22.2	0.0	0.0
Geography	16	No	2	5	5	2	2	0
		%	12.5	31.3	31.3	12.5	12.5	0.0
German	10	No	6	2	2	0	0	0
		%	60.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Government & Politics	23	No	9	11	1	2	0	0.0
		%	39.1	47.8	4.3	8.7	0.0	0.0
Health & Social Care	15	No	0	1	6	7	1	0
		%	0.0	6.7	40.0	46.7	6.7	0.0
History	17	No	5	6	6	0	0	0
		%	29.4	35.3	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Home Economics	2	No	1	1	0	0	0	0
		%	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ICT	33	No	10	9	9	5	0	0
		%	30.3	27.3	27.3	15.2	0.0	0.0
Latin	3	No	0	2	0	1	0	0
		%	0.0	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
Mathematics	36	No	16	8	5	4	3	0
		%	44.4	22.2	13.9	11.1	8.3	0.0
Further Mathematics	2	No	2	0	0	0	0	0
		%	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Music	1	No	0	1	0	0	0	0
		%	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Physical Education	17	No	4	4	3	4	2	0
		%	23.5	23.5	17.6	23.5	11.8	0.0
Physics	13	No	3	3	2	3	2	0
		%	23.1	23.1	15.4	23.1	15.4	0.0
Religious Studies	10	No	4	5	1	0	0	0
		%	40.0	50.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spanish	12	No	5	3	1	2	1	0
		%	41.7	25.0	8.3	16.7	8.3	0.0
Technology	9	No	1	2	3	3	0	0
		%	11.1	22.2	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0
Total Results	356	No	126	97	74	42	17	0
		%	35.4	27.2	20.8	11.8	4.8	0.0
BHS Cumulative			35.4	62.6	83.4	95.2	100.0	0.0

THE SCHOOL'S TOP ACHIEVERS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS 2009

A LEVEL

The following pupils all achieved at least 3 A grades at A level

Ashleigh Addis
Harun Asad (4xA)
Annie Blair
Kirsty Boyd
David Brown
Rachel Brown
Pamela Cahill
Philip Cairns
Joanna Callender
Rachel Chivers
Nichola Coghlan
Rachel Greer
Chelsea Harwood
Chris Ives

Sehyeon Kim
Jemma Martin (4xA)
Ashleen McCann (4xA)
Rebecca McLean
Jourdan McManus
Emma Murphy
Emma O'Neill
Claire Rea
Laura Smyth
Natasha Walker
Karen Whiteside
Jordan Wilson
Yo-Yo Yao (4xA)

AS LEVEL

The following pupils all achieved at least 3 A grades at AS level

Michael Adair
Connor Allen (4xA)
Matthew Barkley
Chloe Barnes
Alex Bell
Andrew Cass
Matthew Davidson (4xA)
Laura Dickson (4xA)
Joanna Donaldson (4xA)
Andrew Evans (4xA)
Katy Field (4xA)

Ben Graham
Gillian Kane
Kathryn Ker (4xA)
Rosa Langhammer
Zoe McBride
Erin McGarry
Orla Sheehan Pundyke (4xA)
Gary Stevens
Laura Stewart (4xA)
Egemen Tezcan (4xA)

GCSE

The following pupils all achieved at least 9 A grades at GCSE level

Lauren Brown (7A*)
Sarah Clarke (9A*)
Sarah Clyde (4A*)
Natasha Dempster (5A*)
Jennifer Fisher (4A*)
Raymond Frampton (2A*)
Laura Graham (6 A*)
Ethan Haley (4A*)
Leonie Heron (7A*)
Kathy Hetherington (6A*)

Jordan Humphreys (5A*)
Matthew Huntley (3A*)
Nicole Johnston (4A*)
Jessica Leathem (2A*)
Rachel Macartney (5A*)
Victoria Maginnis (3A*)
Chloe Marcus (4A*)
Kathryn McGinnis (5A*)
Connor McIlwain (4A*)
Adam Reid (4A*)

Distinctions in 2009

Sarah Clarke
Raymond Frampton

Joint 3rd in Northern Ireland GCSE Mathematics
Joint 3rd in Northern Ireland GCSE ICT

BELFAST HIGH SCHOOL – REVENUE ACCOUNT 2008/09

INCOME

Department of Education Funding	3,843,350	
Voluntary Contributions	51,502	3,894,852
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EXPENDITURE

Teaching Staff	2,825,059	(72.17%)	
Non-Teaching Staff	547,470	(13.99%)	
Ground Rent, Water, Insurance, Fuel, Electricity, Cleaning	173,026	(4.42%)	
Pupils' Textbooks, Stationery and Materials	92,553	(2.36%)	
Maintenance, Office Stationery, Telephone	83,748	(2.14%)	
Miscellaneous	73,433	(1.88%)	
Examination Fees	61,550	(1.57%)	
Sports, Games and Travelling	42,524	(1.09%)	
Equipment	15,046	(0.38%)	3,914,409
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	Deficit		(19,557)

BELFAST HIGH SCHOOL – CAPITAL FEES ACCOUNT 2008/09

INCOME

Capital Fees		73,760
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EXPENDITURE

Interest payable on loans	47,646	
Depreciation	18,975	
Capital grants disallowed	152	66,773
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	Surplus	6,987