

The British School of Bahrain celebrates **outstanding A-level** results, cementing its place as a global leader in education

Manama

The British School of Bahrain (BSB) is proud to announce another year of exceptional A-Level results, reinforcing its position as one of the Top 15 Private Schools in the Middle East and a globally recognised leader in education. For the sixth consecutive year, BSB students have achieved results that not only exceed international averages but also demonstrate continuous year-on-year improvement.

This year, 134 students sat their A-Levels with remarkable success:

- A* grades: 21%
- A-A*: 47%
- A-B*: 71%
- A-C*: 90%
- Pass rate: 99%

These results reflect BSB's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, outstanding teaching, and personalised support, ensuring that every student is well prepared to pursue their ambitions.

Liz Stanley, Executive Headteacher, commented:

"I am beyond proud of every single BSB student and what they have achieved. Behind these remarkable headline results there are so many wonderful stories of individual success, resilience and ambition. The outstanding progress our students make from the moment they join the BSB Family is built on the highest quality of teaching and learning, positive and nurturing relationships, and our relentless focus on ensur-



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ing that each student receives truly personalised and tailored support. My greatest pleasure is knowing that BSB graduates have once again secured places at the world's best universities and all are well equipped to go out into the world, pursue their dreams and shape their reality. Congratulations Class of 2025, we are all excited to see what the future holds!"

Wayne Ridgway, Head of Senior School, added:

"Congratulations to our graduating cohort for their wonderful results. We are so very proud of all that they achieved throughout their time at BSB, which goes far beyond the grades awarded at the end of their journey. They leave us as well-rounded, widely experienced and highly qualified global citizens, ready to succeed in their next steps and beyond. We are delighted to see so many students gaining access to some of the most prestigious Uni-

versities worldwide, including Imperial College London, University College Dublin, Brown University, King's College London, New York University, McGill University and Utrecht University."

Student Success Stories

Among the many individual achievements, several students have shone brightly, exemplifying BSB's ethos of ambition and excellence:

- Feras Hasan, recipient of the prestigious Crown Prince International Scholarship, achieved 3 A* and 2 A grades, and will pursue Medicine at University College Dublin. His favourite subject at BSB was Biology, which fuelled his passion for medical sciences.

- Vivaan Nair achieved a perfect score of 4* grades and has secured a place at Imperial College London to study Computing. Reflecting on his journey, Vivaan shared:

"I think that my results were very good and indicated the level of dedication that was required to complete my A-level course. All of this would not be possible without my family and friends, who I would like to show appreciation to for providing me the support I needed during challenging times. Additionally, I wish to show gratitude to all of my teachers for providing me the ability to comprehend content and to be able to grow my curiosity in all of my subjects."

These success stories, along with the overall cohort's results, underline BSB's continued reputation for producing ambitious, resilient, and globally minded graduates who go on to thrive at the world's leading universities.

The British School of Bahrain, which offers Outstanding education, is part of the Inspired Education Group, the world leading global

group of premium schools that educates 95,000+ students in over 120+ of the very best schools in the world, across 6 continents.

ments. Inspired's Three Pillars approach to educational philosophy, equally focused on academic excellence, performing and creative arts and sports, is proven to provide a holistic, world-class education. Over 90% of Inspired graduates go on to their first-choice university, with alumni attending leading universities worldwide, including Harvard, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge and University College London.

Liz Stanley
- BSB
Headteacher



Stock markets cautious with eyes on **Ukraine talks, US rates**

● Wall Street opened mixed, as the broad-based S&P 500 and the tech-heavy Nasdaq indexes retreated while the Dow rose.

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European stock markets rose while Wall Street diverged yesterday as investors warily eyed signs of progress in talks to end Russia's war in Ukraine. Markets were also waiting

Key figures at around 1540 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2% at 44,984.14 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.3% at 6,429.26
New York - Nasdaq:	▼ 0.1% at 21,411.14
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.3% at 9,189.22 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 1.2% at 7,979.08 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.5 percent at 24,423.07 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.4% at 43,546.29 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.2% at 25,122.90 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	■ at 3,727.29 (close)
Euro/dollar:	■ at \$1.1667 from \$1.1666 on Monday
Pound/dollar:	■ at \$1.3501 from \$1.3503
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.75 yen from 147.89 yen
Euro/pound:	■ at 86.41 pence from 86.40 pence
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 0.9% at \$62.11 per barrel
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 0.8% at \$66.07 per barrel

for a key speech by the US Federal Reserve chief this week for clues on interest rate cuts that could bolster the world's biggest economy.

Hopes for a Ukraine breakthrough rose after US President Donald Trump said he spoke by phone with Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, following a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and European leaders at the White House.

Zelensky said he was ready for what would be his first face-to-face talks with Putin since Russia's invasion nearly three and a half years ago.

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the broad-based S&P 500 and the tech-heavy Nasdaq indexes retreated while the Dow rose.

London, Paris and Frankfurt stocks all closed higher following a lacklustre session for Asian stock markets.

Defence stocks fell sharply as chances grew for a breakthrough in Ukraine peace talks, with Germany's Rheinmetall dropping 4.7 percent and France's Thales down 4.1 percent.

Investors were also eagerly awaiting a speech on Friday by US Federal Reserve chief Jerome Powell at the annual retreat of global central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Traders hope Powell will provide more clues about a widely expected interest-rate cut at the Fed's September meeting, after data last week provided a mixed picture about inflation.

"Markets seem to be exercising some caution ahead of the Jackson Hole meeting later this week and as talks over a peace agreement between Russia and Ukraine remain inconclusive," said AJ Bell head of financial analysis Danni Hewson.

Oil prices, which have been volatile for several days -- Russia is a major crude producer -- retreated by around one% after gains on Monday.

"Oil prices have dropped a little as a deal edges closer, given that it's likely to lead to an easing of sanctions on Russia energy imports, increasing supplies on global markets," said Susannah Streeter, head of money and markets at Hargreaves Lansdown.

Japan's Nikkei briefly hit a record before retreating to close down 0.4%.

Shanghai ended flat while Hong Kong, Sydney and Seoul fell, and Singapore, Bangkok and Mumbai edged up.

Among individual companies, Intel shares advanced 6.9 percent in New York after Japan-based tech investment giant SoftBank said it would invest \$2 billion in the troubled US chip giant.

UK drops demand for access to Apple user data



London, United Kingdom

Britain has dropped its request for access to Apple users' encrypted data, which had created friction between London and Washington, US intelligence chief Tulsi Gabbard said yesterday.

The UK government wanted the tech giant to create a "back door" to let authorities snoop on data uploaded by Apple users if required, for example by law enforcement agencies.

Gabbard said the request "would have enabled access to the protected encrypted data of American citizens and encroached on our civil liberties".

Many tech platforms pride themselves on being able to guarantee privacy through encryption of messages and other content, and providing access to law enforcement has long been seen as off-limits.

The UK "agreed to drop its mandate" after months of work with US President Don-

ald Trump and Vice President JD Vance, Gabbard posted on X.

The UK interior ministry declined to comment, telling AFP that "We do not comment on operational matters."

Apple stopped offering its most advanced encryption feature -- known as Advanced Data Protection -- for British users in February.

ADP ensures that only account holders can view content such as photos and documents stored in the cloud through end-to-end encryption.

Police officials worldwide say encryption can shield criminals, terrorists and pornographers from prosecution even when authorities have a legal warrant for an investigation.

But civil rights and privacy advocates, along with many cybersecurity professionals, praise data encryption as a way to protect against wrongful snooping by authorities as well as hackers.