

**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Brian Gordon

Borough's Exams Results

Council notes this year's GCSE and A-Level results and congratulates the Borough's students and teachers for their remarkable achievements.

Council welcomes the fact that the Government has restored rigour to the public examinations system and notes that exams have become tougher as a result. Council notes that Barnet has bucked the trend of slightly falling results nationally, believing that the new system provides a truer reflection of ability.

Council notes that the percentage of pupils achieving at least five A\* - C grades at GCSE, including English and Maths, has risen to 73% from 68% last year and that the percentage gaining five or more A\* - C grades is up to 90% from 86%. These figures ensure Barnet remains firmly in the top few authorities nationwide for performance.

Council further welcomes the fact that high achievement is striven for, valued and celebrated in the Borough and is proud that three of our schools made the top ten nationally for A-Level results, including both the first and second ranked. Council further notes that many of the Borough's schools achieved their best ever results, for which much credit is due.

Council asks the Cabinet Member to email all school Head Teachers to congratulate them for contributing to the best school system in the country.

*Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.*