



**BURY**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS



# Faculty Model

## & Development of Curriculum



**Bury Grammar School is leading the way with a faculty model for academic leadership.**

The Senior School is moving to a Faculty Model for academic departments from September 2019, bringing teachers together across schools and across departments in order to share expertise. This is a structure which we believe will **strengthen educational quality** and **ensure quality of provision** for both pupils and staff.

Boys and girls will continue to be taught in single sex groups according to the educational philosophy in which we strongly believe.

Every initiative we introduce at Bury Grammar School is about giving our pupils the best possible education and ensuring the highest standards. We believe our faculty model represents an exciting step forwards and the move up to another level for BGS and our pupils.

**Bury Grammar School's academic faculties will be as follows:**

## THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Mathematics  
Further Mathematics  
Numeracy



## THE ENGLISH FACULTY

English Language  
English Literature  
Literacy

## THE SCIENCE FACULTY

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics

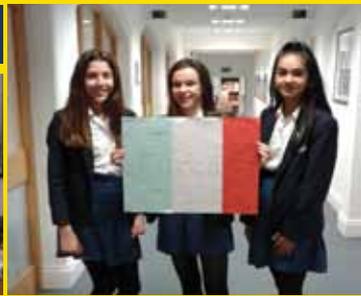


## THE HUMANITIES FACULTY

History  
Geography  
Religious Studies  
Government & Politics

## THE LANGUAGES FACULTY

French  
German  
Spanish  
Latin



## THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES



Business  
Economics  
Psychology  
IT  
Computer Science

## THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art  
Design & Technology  
Food  
Drama  
Music



## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

A team of talented and dynamic Heads of Faculty were appointed last term from within Bury Grammar School to lead academic provision. They have been working behind the scenes for some time on plans for September and will coordinate the work of Heads of Department and play a leading role in communicating with parents.



Head of the  
Mathematics Faculty  
Mr Pete O'Sullivan



Head of the  
English Faculty  
Miss Jess Elliott



Head of the  
Science Faculty  
Mr Andrew Watts



Head of the  
Languages Faculty  
Mme Clémence Banks



Head of the  
Humanities Faculty  
Miss Jayne Tomkinson



Head of the Faculty of Social  
Sciences & Computer Science  
Mrs Maria Whitlow



Head of the Faculty of  
Creative & Performing Arts  
Mrs Kate Kershaw

You will have the opportunity to hear from each one of them about their faculty plans in each newsletter over the coming seven weeks.



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## A DEVELOPING CURRICULUM

### COMPUTER SCIENCE



Our Computer Science department is going from strength to strength with growing numbers of students securing places on some seriously competitive courses in this area.

We are keen however to ensure our pupils are literate and safe in our increasingly digital world; we have therefore decided to launch a **Digital Literacy** course in Key Stage 3. This course will cover different topics to the more technical Computer Science course and should prepare our pupils for life on the World Wide Web. It will ensure that our pupils are confident using all of our 'in-house' systems such as Microsoft Sharepoint and the Pupil Portal as well as equipping them with skills to make the most out of IT packages such as Excel, Powerpoint and Word- all tools vital for success in the workplace.



### LATIN

Following a review of the uptake of modern and classical languages, we have decided to offer **Latin** as part of the co-curriculum with optional weekly lessons offered at lunchtime in Year 7 and Year 8 and a Level 2 Qualification offered for pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 who wish to pursue this option as well as their 9 GCSEs. This means that, from next year, pupils will be able to study two modern languages in Year 8 along with Latin, and the keen linguists can also take two modern languages to GCSE plus the Level 2 Latin Qualification.



If you have any questions about these developments, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Vicky Leaver, Director of Academic Provision, Assistant Principal