



# BURY

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope you and your families have enjoyed the Christmas break.

2019 has started in the best possible way for Bury Grammar School with the receipt of a flawless report from the Independent Schools Inspectorate, ISI, who carried out an inspection of the whole school last term.

You will recall that BGS underwent a Regulatory Compliance Inspection in November 2018; the report is published today and the outcomes are the **very best it is possible to achieve**: the School met the standards required in every area and with no recommendations.

We would like to congratulate your children, our teachers and support staff; we are so pleased for them and are proud that such positive outcomes should come from a visit in which inspectors genuinely saw our normal day-to-day routine.

The eight areas inspected, in all of which the School received a totally clean bill of health, were:

- Quality of education provided: *'At GCSE and A Level, performance is well above the national average of maintained schools'*
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils: *'Principles and values are actively promoted which facilitate the personal development of pupils'*
- Welfare, health and safety of pupils
- Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors
- Premises and accommodation
- Provision of information
- Manner in which complaints are handled
- Quality of leadership and management: *'The leadership and management demonstrate good skills and knowledge... and they actively promote the well-being of pupils'*

You can read a copy of the report [here](#)

We are delighted with the positive feedback we received from inspectors and with the acknowledgement that exam results are better than ever. Eagle-eyed parents who were part of the school community in 2016 and 2017 and therefore been through previous inspections with us, will no doubt have noted that GCSE and A Level results for both boys and girls – described as 'above average' in 3 of the 4 key areas addressed in the previous two inspection reports – are now described as 'well above average'. (It's only one word, but it is an important one!)

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This is our first inspection since the school came together in January 2017 and we believe the report to be an endorsement of the BGS approach and an acknowledgement of the sterling qualities shown by our pupils. However, while we are thrilled there are no recommendations from ISI, we are utterly committed to continuing to strengthen every area of the School and are fully focussed on meeting the ambitious targets we have set ourselves within our Strategic Plan, a copy of which can be found on our website [here](#).

While we are not at liberty to pass on the very many complimentary remarks made during the inspection visit, nor to share with you the findings of pupil, parent and staff surveys, we would like to say that we are thrilled to be working with such a positive community and we thank you wholeheartedly for your support.

As 2019 begins, we start the Spring Term and a new calendar year with confidence, renewed enthusiasm and an unswerving focus on continuing to do our very best for every single one of our pupils.

We very much look forward to working with you in 2019.

Yours sincerely

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