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Inspectorate

**BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOYS**

**FOCUSED COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

**22 TO 23 NOVEMBER 2016**



# School's Details

<b>Full Name of School</b>	Bury Grammar School Boys
<b>DfE Number</b>	351/6008
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	526622
<b>Address</b>	Bury Grammar School Boys Tenterden Street Bury Lancashire BL9 0HN
<b>Telephone Number</b>	0161 7972700
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<b>Headmaster</b>	Mr Richard Marshall
<b>Chair of Governors</b>	Mr Laurence Goldberg
<b>Age Range</b>	7 to 18
<b>Total Number of Pupils</b>	498
<b>Gender of Pupils</b>	Boys
<b>Pupils' Ability</b>	In the junior school, the school's own assessment indicates that the ability of pupils is above the national average. In the senior school, standardised tests indicate that the ability of the pupils is above the national average. The ability of pupils in the sixth form is below the national average for pupils in sixth form education.
<b>Pupils' Needs</b>	There are 29 pupils who receive support for special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They require support mostly with dyslexia. No pupils have a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care (EHC) plan. There are 16 pupils who have English as an additional language (EAL), all of whom receive support.
<b>History of the School</b>	Bury Grammar School Boys was founded towards the end of the sixteenth century and was re-founded in 1725. It is one of two Bury Grammar Schools, and is located near the centre of Bury, in Greater Manchester.
<b>Ownership and Governing Structure</b>	The school is a registered charity and is overseen by a board of governors.

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<b>School Structure</b>	The school is a single sex boys' school comprising of a junior school, from ages 7 to 11 years, and a senior school, which includes a sixth form.
<b>Inspection Dates</b>	22 to 23 Nov 2016
<b>Other Useful Information:</b>	<p>i) The junior school is located adjacent to the senior school site.</p> <p>ii) The school shares a co-educational infant school with Bury Grammar School Girls, which is inspected separately.</p> <p>iii) New heads of both the senior and junior schools have been appointed since the last inspection.</p>

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# About the Inspection

The registration authority for independent schools is the Department for Education (DfE), which directs inspection according to a specified frequency or at any time where the DfE has particular concerns about a school. The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) is the body approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of inspecting schools which are, or whose heads are, in membership of the associations which form the Independent Schools Council (ISC) and reporting on the extent to which they meet the Independent School Standards (“the standards”) in the Schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014. Accordingly, inspection records whether the school meets each of these standards, which are arranged in eight Parts, each of which is divided into separate paragraphs. The inspection of schools that have early years settings not requiring registration similarly records whether the school complies with key provisions of the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework, and for registered settings the full range of the Early Years Foundation Stage provisions is considered. Additionally, the inspection reports on the school’s accessibility plan under Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010 and the ban on corporal punishment under section 548 of the Education Act 1996. It comments on the progress made by the school in meeting the compliance action points set out in the school’s most recent statutory inspection. All association independent schools will have an inspection within three years from April 2016, in accordance with the Framework. The inspection may be of COMPLIANCE ONLY or of EDUCATIONAL QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE depending on a number of factors, including findings from their most recent inspection. Schools judged not to meet the standards following their inspection may also be subject to a progress monitoring visit before their next routine inspection. The progress monitoring visit will judge whether the school has taken the necessary action to meet any unmet standards and any concerns about quality identified at their previous inspection.

In this focused compliance inspection, key regulations and standards have been inspected in detail. These are the regulations on safeguarding; measures to guard against bullying; arrangements for pupils’ health and safety; arrangements to check the suitability of staff; the provision of information to parents; the handling of parents’ complaints; and other related aspects of leadership and management. The remaining standards will be deemed to continue to be met unless evidence to the contrary is found.

The inspection does not include matters that are outside of the regulatory framework described above, such as:

- (i) the school’s aims;
- (ii) an exhaustive health and safety audit;
- (iii) compliance with data protection requirements;
- (iv) an in-depth examination of the structural condition of the school, its services or other physical features;
- (v) contractual arrangements with parents;
- (vi) an investigation of the financial viability of the school or its accounting procedures.

Where necessary, National Curriculum nomenclature is used to refer to year groups. Links to the full regulations and requirements can be found here: [The Independent School Standards Regulations](#)

## SUMMARY EVALUATION

**The school meets the standards in the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, and no further action is required as a result of this inspection.**

### PART 1

#### Quality of education provided

In the junior school, the school uses its own framework to determine attainment, instead of the national framework.

At GCSE in the years 2013 to 2015, performance has been above the national average for maintained schools.

In the sixth form, A-level results in the years 2013 to 2015 have been above the national average for sixth formers in maintained schools.

The curriculum is documented, supported by appropriate plans and schemes of work for the pupils and covers the required breadth of material. The teaching enables pupils to make good progress, encompasses effective behaviour management and is supported by suitable resources. A suitable framework for the assessment of pupil performance is in place.

**The standards relating to the quality of education [paragraphs 1 - 4] are met.**

### PART 2

#### Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

Principles and values are actively promoted which facilitate the personal development of pupils as responsible, tolerant, law-abiding citizens.

**The standard relating to spiritual, moral, social and cultural development [paragraph 5] is met.**

### PART 3

#### Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils by means that pay due regard to current statutory guidance; good behaviour is promoted; bullying is prevented so far as reasonably practicable; health and safety requirements are met, including those relating to fire safety; provision is made for first aid. Pupils are properly supervised; admission and attendance registers are maintained, as required, and there is a strategic approach to risk assessment. A disability access plan is in place.

**The standards relating to welfare, health and safety [paragraphs 6 - 16], the requirement of Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010 and the ban on corporal punishment under section 548 of the Education Act 1996 are met.**

## **PART 4**

### **Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors**

The school makes appropriate checks to ensure the suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors and a register is kept as required.

**The standards relating to the suitability of those in contact with pupils at the school [paragraphs 17-21] are met.**

## **PART 5**

### **Premises of and accommodation at schools**

Suitable toilet, changing and showering facilities for pupils and appropriate accommodation for their medical needs are provided. The premises are maintained to a standard commensurate with health and safety; acoustics and lighting are appropriate; water provision is adequate. Suitable outdoor space is provided for physical education and outdoor play.

**The standards relating to the premises and accommodation [paragraphs 22 – 31] are met.**

## **PART 6**

### **Provision of information**

A range of information is variously published, provided or made available to parents, inspectors and the Department for Education. These include details about the proprietor, the ethos of the school and the curriculum, and of the school's arrangements for admission, behaviour and exclusions, bullying, health and safety, first aid, details of the complaints procedure, and the number of complaints registered under the formal procedure during the preceding school year, and the provision for those with Education, Health and Care plans or English as an additional language. They also include particulars of the school's academic performance during the preceding school year, and its results in public examinations, inspection reports and (for parents only) a report at least annually of their own child's progress. The safeguarding policy is posted on the school's website.

**The standard relating to the provision of information [paragraph 32] is met.**

## **PART 7**

### **Manner in which complaints are handled**

Parental complaints, if any, are handled effectively through a three-stage process (informal, formal and a hearing before a panel of three, one of whom is independent of the school). Each stage has clear time scales, and at the third stage the panel can make findings and recommendations which are communicated to the complainant. Records are kept appropriately, including of any action taken, whether or not a complaint is successful.

**The standard relating to the handling of complaints [paragraph 33] is met.**

## **PART 8**

### **Quality of leadership in and management of schools**

The proprietor ensures that the leadership and management demonstrate good skills and knowledge, and fulfil their responsibilities effectively, so that the other standards are consistently met and they actively promote the well-being of the pupils.

**The standard relating to leadership and management of the school [paragraph 34] is met.**

# About the inspection

The inspectors conducted formal interviews with pupils. They held discussions with senior members of staff and with the chairman of the governing board. Inspectors visited the facilities for sick or injured pupils. The responses of parents and pupils to pre-inspection questionnaires were analysed, and the inspectors examined regulatory documentation made available by the school.

## **Inspectors**

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