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At Bury Grammar Schools we believe in developing transferable skills and broadening interests which will stay with our pupils for life.

Our extensive enrichment programme encourages pupils to develop their physical and mental well-being, their teamwork and leadership skills, an appreciation for Arts and Culture and an awareness of their role within the wider community.



'A vibrant school, offering a fantastic array of extra-curricular and enrichment activities'
The Good Schools Guide, 2018



BGS ARTS & CULTURE

Our ethos of Arts and Culture at Bury Grammar Schools is to share a clear, strong voice for all the arts.

“The opportunities within Arts & Culture at BGS are outstanding! Pupils from ages 3-18 are exposed to initiatives which enhance transferable skills such as confidence, communication and leadership.”

Director of Arts & Culture

All of our initiatives promote creation, study and enjoyment throughout the arts to a wide range of audiences through workshops, exhibitions, education and debate. Nurturing skills within the arts allows pupils to become confident, independent young adults. Developing such strong, resilient and determined individuals creates good foundations for future studies and careers.

At BGS we provide a thriving hub of excellence in the arts for all pupils and staff. We have close relationships with the local community and encourage collaboration to promote sustainability, diversity and resilience.



“The annual BGS production is unrivalled and always a sell-out! Our ethos at BGS is that no pupil is refused participation. Whether it be on stage or part of the production team, each pupil plays a vital role in the success of the production.”

Head of Drama



BGS SPORT

Our sporting philosophy is to maximise opportunities for all pupils; whether this is to play competitively or to just take part for fun.

It aims to give each pupil the solid foundation needed to develop a lifelong love of physical activity that contributes positively towards a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

Our 45 acre site means that we are able to enjoy fantastic facilities featuring a purpose built hockey astro pitch, 3G football pitch, netball and tennis courts, two sports halls for multi-sport activities, a swimming pool and a brand new modern fitness and dance studio.

'With great facilities on campus, sport is encouraged'

The Good Schools Guide, 2018



We have a fantastic reputation for sport and have enjoyed success in local, regional and national competitions. We place great emphasis on the physical, personal and social benefits that can be gained through regular involvement in physical activity.

We aim to equip pupils with the necessary skills and confidence to be able to participate and compete at all levels.

BGS Sport Aims

- Health
- Participation
- Enjoyment
- Performance
- Partnerships

"Engagement and involvement in physical activity and sport is now more precious than ever. Regular participation at any level really can have a positive impact on young people's mindset, well-being and self-esteem.

The friendships forged when young people come together to achieve a common goal often last way beyond the final whistle... As the saying goes, Sport does not develop character; it reveals it."

Director of Sport

WORLD CHALLENGE

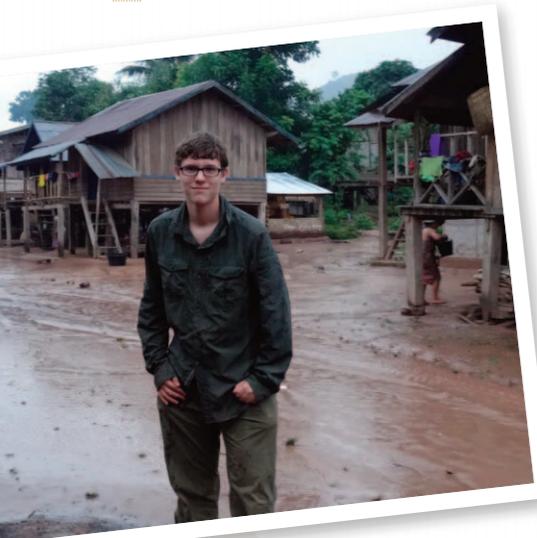
Bury Grammar Schools participate in 10 and 28 day expeditions across the world with a student led focus.

The experience begins 18 months prior to embarking and preparation and fund raising are key to a successful expedition which help students to tap into their own potential, whether it's within the group or leading it (usually both).

There is a focus on developing student leadership, resilience and teamwork. Students experience a world of challenges, from venturing out into barren landscapes, tackling treks, handling budgets, booking accommodation, taking care of logistics right through to contributing to community led initiatives.

These are the kinds of life changing experiences that students walk away from with an enriched view of self and a new found confidence to take on the world.

It provides what we call a passport to travel during University and beyond in the knowledge they can do so on a restricted budget and stay safe. Past destinations include: Madagascar, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Morocco, Poland, Peru, Vietnam, Thailand, China and Laos.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is offered to all pupils from Year 9.



as students complete their final Gold assessment with wild camping in the remote areas of North Wales.

Starting at Bronze level and working through to completing the Gold level Award in the Sixth Form pupils, and students are able to gain credit for many of the activities they do outside of the classroom.

This might involve volunteering with a local sports team, learning to play a musical instrument or improving personal fitness by swimming regularly. At BGS we offer support and help with ideas for activities and then deliver the training and assessment for the expeditions. These start more locally at Bronze level and progress in challenge

The DofE Scheme is a great way of learning new skills, developing friendships and demonstrating that our students are multi-dimensional citizens, ready to explore the wider world beyond BGS.



BGS COMBINED CADET FORCE

Bury Grammar Schools have our own Combined Cadet Force (CCF), bringing together an Army Section (Royal Regiment of Fusiliers) and an RAF section.

We at BGS are proud of our CCF, which dates back to 1892, making it one of the oldest Combined Cadet Forces in the country. The CCF offers pupils the chance to develop real life skills that will help them achieve success in life and in the workplace.

Through military-themed activities, members of the CCF learn leadership skills, how to handle responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and discipline.

Pupils can volunteer to join the CCF from Year 9.

Training is exciting and challenging, it places great emphasis on self-reliance and responsibility. It is safe, but above all fun! Senior cadets are also encouraged to motivate and train more junior members, giving them a chance to develop their leadership skills and gain promotion.

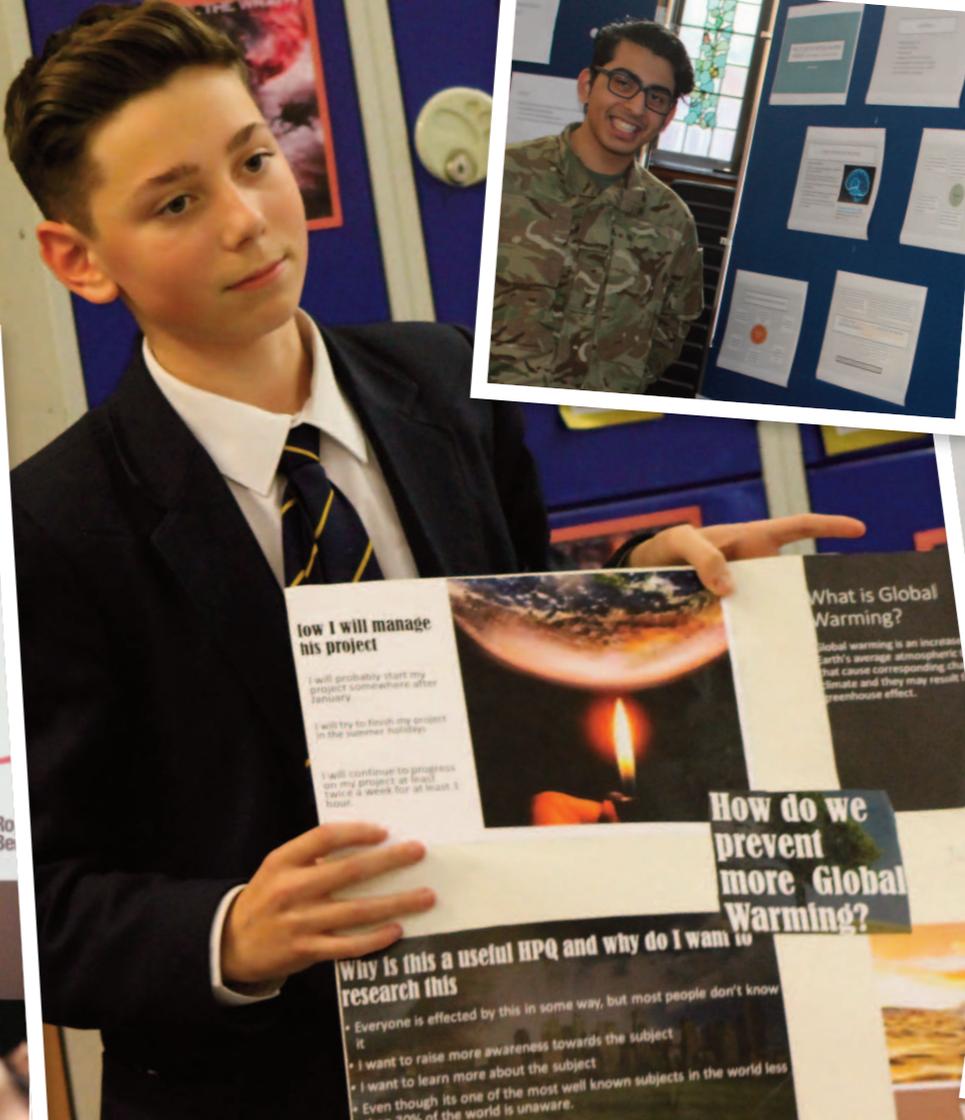


ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

At Bury Grammar Schools we provide an Academic Enrichment Programme where scholarship is actively promoted.

This provides pupils with the tools to nurture intellectual curiosity and gain independent learning skills, resilience, strength of character, and a sense of purpose and identity all of which will help them gain success in the future.

There are a wide range of opportunities on offer and the Academic Enrichment Programme includes the opportunity to complete an EPQ and, upon entering the Sixth Form, a HPQ. Our Roger Kay Lectures are always well attended by pupils and students and provides them with an invaluable insight into a wide array of fields.



COMPETITIONS

Competitions such as Young Enterprise, Sir Rhys Davies Mock Law Trial and ICAEW BASE all further develop our students as they look to their futures.

There are a range of competitions for pupils which take place across many subject areas. The Biology, Languages and UKMT Challenges, Maths Olympiads and the Rotary Public Speaking events are just a few examples of areas in which BGS pupils can stretch themselves.

Aspiring Lawyers gain valuable court experience in the Sir Rhys Davies Mock Law Trial. Our team of Sixth Formers are given witness statements and other documents in order to prepare a case. They then attend

Manchester Crown Court and present either the case for the Prosecution or the case for the Defence against a team from another school or college. A real judge tries the case and returns a verdict at the conclusion.

Budding entrepreneurs set up and manage their own companies as they enter the Young Enterprise competition. They develop a product and raise capital before marketing and selling it. This is a particularly useful exercise in teamwork and is helpful for those interested in Business, Finance or Economics.



MOJO

a Branch of Young Enterprise



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

ADVANCED FRENCH
ADVANCED MATHS
ADVANCED MUSIC THEORY
ADVANCED SPANISH
ART CLUB
ART GIVES YOU WINGS
ATHLETICS
AURAL
BADMINTON
BASKETBALL
BGS BOOK AWARD
BGSBEATZ
BIOLOGY CLUB
BLOKUS
BRASS BAND
BUSINESS GAMES CLUB
CAKE DECORATING
CARNEGIE SHADOWING
CCF
CHEMISTRY CLUB

CHESS CLUB
CHOIR
CHORAL SOCIETY
CIRCUITS
CLUB D'ITALIANO
CONCERT BAND
COOKERY
CORPS OF DRUMS
CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
CREST AWARD
CRICKET
CROCHET
CROSS COUNTRY
DEBATING CLUB
DRAMA CLUB
DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD
DUTCH
ECO CLUB
EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
FESTIVAL CHOIR

FITNESS FRIDAY
FLUTE GROUP
FOOTBALL
FRENCH SPELLING BEE
GAMES CLUB
GCSE ART CLUB
GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
GEOGRAPHY AT THE MOVIES
GERMAN EXCHANGE
GRAPHIC NOVELS
GYM
HANDBALL
HARRY POTTER CLUB
HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION
HISTORICAL WRITING
COMPETITION
HISTORY BOOK CLUB
HISTORY SOCIETY (450)
HOCKEY
HORRIBLE HISTORIES

HOUSE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
COMPETITIONS (JUNIOR)
HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION
ICAEW BASE COMPETITION
JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY
JUNIOR FOOTBALL
JUNIOR GYM CLUB
JUNIOR HOCKEY
JUNIOR 'SCHOOLS CHALLENGE'
JUNIOR SWIMMING
LADS' VOCAL
LATIN
LIBF CERT IN PERSONAL FINANCE
LITERARY THEORY CLUB
MARVEL CLUB
MDV
MENTORING
MFL FILM CLUB
MICROBIT & PYTHON CLUB
MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
MONSTER CLUB
MULTIGYM
MUSIC THEORY
MUSICAL
NATIONAL 'SCHOOLS CHALLENGE'
NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS

NETBALL
ORCHESTRA
ORIGAMI
OXBRIDGE APTITUDE TESTS
OXBRIDGE MATHS
OXBRIDGE PHYSICS
OXFORD DEBATING SOCIETY
PET CLUB
PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
PHILOSOPHY ESSAY COMPETITION
PHILOSOPHY FILM CLUB
PHYSICS CLUB
PILATES
POETRY CLUB
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB
PUBLIC SPEAKING
QUIZ CLUB
READING CLUB
RELIGION IN THE MEDIA
RISK CLUB
ROBOT CLUB
ROUNDERS
RS CRAFT & CULTURE
RUGBY
RUNNING CLUB
RUSSIAN

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
SCUBA DIVING
SENIOR BOOK CLUB
SENIOR RECORDER CLUB
SENIOR SWIMMING
SEWING CLUB
SHOW BAND
SIR RHYS DAVIES MOCK LAW
TRIAL
SOFTBALL
STORMZY BOOK CLUB
STRINGS
STUDENT LIBRARIANS
STUDY SKILLS
SWIM FIT
SWIMMING
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
TABLE TENNIS
TENNIS
THE BIGGER PICTURE
MUSIC THEORY
TRANSLATION BEE
WORKOUT WEDNESDAY
WORLD CHALLENGE
YOUNG ENTERPRISE
YOUTH SPEAKS



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