



450 BURSARY CAMPAIGN

IN 2020 BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
PROUDLY CELEBRATES ITS 450TH ANNIVERSARY



OUR SCHOOL...

For four and a half centuries Bury Grammar School has been at the heart of the Bury community and is rightly proud of its rich history and long-standing tradition of being an open and inclusive School, which welcomes all bright children regardless of means. Our blend of pupils from different cultural, social and economic backgrounds is what makes our School so special and is a source of great enrichment to the Bury community as a whole.

Whilst the focus of the 450th Anniversary is to celebrate the founding of the School we wish to honour the memory and commitment of our Founders by raising as much money as possible towards our Bursary Fund, and this will be our challenge for 2020.

Our Bursary Fund provides as many talented young people from low-income families as possible with the 'life-changing' opportunity of a BGS education, by contributing wholly or partly to their school fees. Supporting bursary pupils is not only essential to the success of our School, but it also means that the most academically-gifted children, regardless of means, can benefit from the type of education we provide.



As a registered charity, BGS has received no government subsidies to support assisted places since 1997. However, since the end of state funding we have provided substantial funds for Bursary Pupils.

**£3.6
MILLION**

Over the last 5 years alone the School and its supporters have donated over £3.6 million to the Fund and we will endeavour to build on this during our 450 Celebrations and beyond.

Currently 11% of our Senior School pupils (1 in 9) receive fee assistance.

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78%

Our average fee support is 78% per pupil and these 'life-changing' bursaries ensure that these bright and enthusiastic pupils are given the best chance in life.

During this past academic year 2019-20 we received over 100 applications for bursaries, but we were only able to help a small percentage of pupils at the 11+ stage of their education.

100



Our bursary children are often amongst the top 5% of achievers within our School, and although we offer far more than just an academic education, our exam results are of primary importance and our academic standards continue to be excellent.

Our bursary children work brilliantly alongside other academically-gifted fee-paying pupils, and they are continually challenged and encouraged to aim high in all aspects of life. With the help of our community, we here at Bury Grammar School guide and nurture them, and show them that, with commitment and hard work, the possibilities are endless.

Apart from the academic rewards BGS also retains an intrinsic culture of extra-curricular experiences and pastoral support. Our extra-curricular activities are excellent and varied, and every child is encouraged to join School Clubs and to take part in a full range of sports and the Combined Cadet Force. The Bursary Fund is also able to support some pupils with contributions towards travel, uniform and equipment, to ensure that they partake fully in school life.



Once a bursary child enters our School aged 11 he or she, along with every other pupil, becomes part of our family. We take care of that child as our own, and the security and pastoral support we offer, in addition to a fine education, ensure that he or she leads a happy and fulfilled school life.



In a few instances some of our BGS families are impacted by sudden personal and financial problems; we have children who are carers for parents with serious and life threatening illnesses and the School goes to huge lengths to help keep such children within the shelter of BGS, in many cases sourcing emergency funding.

Our belief is that once a child has experienced the value and joy of a BGS education we must do everything in our power to secure his or her future.

CAN YOU HELP US....

Based in North Manchester we know that a significant number of children in our region are recognised as financially disadvantaged which makes our drive to raise funds for the 450 Bursary Campaign even more of a challenge than that for schools in wealthier areas.

All applications are rigorously means tested and the Development and Bursar's team visits the prospective families in their homes, to assess their situation and ensure the funding is fairly allocated. We see how determined these parents are to give their bright children the best education, even in the toughest of circumstances - which makes our 'life-changing' bursaries even more impactful.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

At BGS we work hard to develop our Bursary Fund by holding events and fundraising initiatives such as the Bursary Golf Day and Ladies' Lunches.

We continually research and source support from Trusts and Foundations and work closely with local philanthropic businesses in our community.

We also rely on the generous support and donations that we currently receive from Alumni, parents, grandparents and friends of BGS.

These contributions allow us to fulfil our Founders' dream of providing pupils from all backgrounds with a BGS education.

The School also invests a percentage of the fee income back into the Bursary Fund.

We are eternally grateful for all of this support.



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS.....

- A) 'One-Off' Donation - large or small, this will help us achieve our goal.
- B) Regular Giving - giving a little each month by direct debit.

WE CAN PROVIDE A CHILD WITH A HALF BURSARY IF

55 people donate £10 each month	37 people donate £15 each month	23 people donate £25 each month	13 people donate £50 each month
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So if you donate £10 per month that is less than....

- The cost of a weekly coffee at your local coffee shop!
- The cost of a bunch of flowers!
- The taxi fare from Bury to Manchester!
- The cost of a manicure!



The more people that get involved, the more opportunities we can create. As a registered charity we can claim Gift Aid which can increase your donation by 25%

SPONSORING A BURSARY PUPIL

Sponsoring a pupil through his or her School life is extremely rewarding. This is normally a contribution of 50% and upwards towards the pupil's school fees over 7 years and the Bursary can be named after a business or a loved one.

In some instances, BGS Alumni and supporters combine resources to support a Bursary pupil. Sponsors receive reports and updates on the pupil's progress as well as invitations to many BGS events. A number of past pupils who received financial assistance now contribute to the Bursary Fund in order to support a future generation of pupils.

For more information please contact the Development Office;

supportus@burygrammar.com.



OUR TARGET FOR 2020 IS TO RAISE OVER £1 MILLION TOWARDS OUR BURSARY FUND-SO PLEASE DO HELP US!

The majority of our bursary children go on to follow very successful careers and fulfilled lives which enables them to give back to society.

For more information about our Bursary Fund, and to read testimonials from our donors and our bursary pupils please watch our Bursary video on our website

www.burygrammar.com/supportus

Thank you so much for your consideration.

*“The Adventure of Life is to Learn,
The Challenge of Life is to Overcome,
The Essence of Life is to Care...
The Beauty of Life is to Give.”*

William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)



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