



## Year 6 to Year 7 Transition at Bury Grammar School

### *What happens after you have secured your place at BGS?*

Being successful in obtaining a place at Bury Grammar School is just the beginning of your exciting journey through school. But how exactly does that journey begin? Please find below a guide for new pupils and parents.



#### **Step 1 – Congratulations!**

The first thing to do is take some time to enjoy your achievement in gaining a place at Bury Grammar School. Exciting times lie ahead!

Do remember that, while you may well be the only pupil coming to BGS from your primary school, there are likely to be many pupils in your new form at BGS in exactly the same position as you. So, really don't worry about this for a minute.

Every year, we find that it is almost impossible to tell who those pupils are within just a few days, as everyone settles down and makes new friendships. A lot of our older pupils will tell you they were in the same position and have never looked back.

#### **Step 2 – Finding out everything you need to know**

There is almost zero chance of you starting at Bury Grammar without knowing everything you need to know.



Over the weeks to come, we will send you:

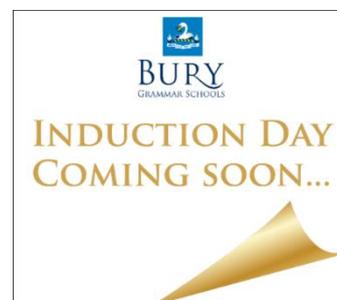
- Your welcome pack
- Information about transition arrangements and how we help you settle in and get to know people
- Leaflets about our coach services
- Information about uniform
- Details about which form you are in
- Details about which house you are in
- A map of the school (but, really, it is almost impossible to get lost!)
- Information about how to sign up for a Microsoft Surface
- Your lanyard
- Details about the timings of the school day and before and after school care
- A list of extra-curricular activities
- Some advice and tips from current Year 7s who know exactly what it feels like to move to high school and will be keen to support you!

### Step 3 – Transition events over the Summer Term

So, you will have all the information you need – but the key thing is feeling happy and positive about moving on and getting to know people. You will have the following opportunities to get to know your new pupil peers, other new parents, teachers, support staff, prefects and school leaders

- An induction day for pupils in June (in person, we hope – but it may possibly be remotely). You will spend time with your new form and form tutor in your new form room, get to know some prefects and teachers, and have a really good look around. Warning: You are likely to go away, hoping the summer holidays won't seem too long...
- Q+A session for new pupils with current pupils and teachers to answer all your questions.
- A welcome evening for pupils and parents in July (hopefully in person) to answer all your questions.
- A further induction day for pupils on the first day of the Autumn Term.

This is when, as new Year 7s, you will have the whole school to yourselves and the opportunity to look at your timetable, find all the rooms in which you'll have lessons, sort out your lockers, find out how to use the canteen and talk about managing homework. We always find that pupils go away very excited after this event and confident about the new term.



### Step 4 – Settling in over the course of September

We have team building days and 'getting to know you' activities for pupils and our doors are always open to parents. A priority for all the staff – not only the Year 7 team – is to ensure that pupils are happy, are forming new friendships, finding their way around, managing homework and so forth. We also want parents to feel happy and confident that their children are in safe hands.

It is a formative time for both pupils and parents and one we are keen to be successful and happy.

### Step 5 – You feel like a Bury Grammar pupil, are happily settled in, confident and working well!

This may occur any time between now and September – and of course, Year 7 is just the beginning of the journey... Some great experiences lie ahead!

