

## Review of the Year 2021: *just a few of many highlights*

### Microsoft Surfaces

The roll out of Microsoft Surfaces for each pupil at BGS underpinned every element of their education over the past year and enabled every one of our pupils to learn and flourish despite the enormous challenges.

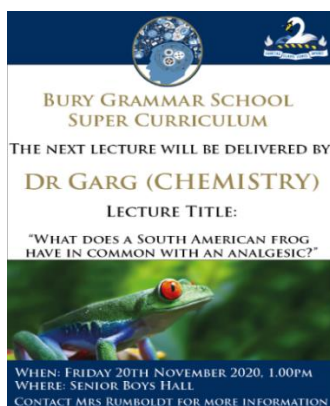
Our digital strategy meant pupils had access to the most up-to-date technology to support learning in the classroom and independent study and phase 2 of our digital strategy is to come in September with the roll out of 'Clever Touch' boards.



### Super Curriculum

Our Super Curriculum is designed to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their learning and develop depth and breadth of knowledge which extends beyond the usual curriculum. The Super Curriculum has taken many forms including reading, watching videos online, downloading podcasts, attending lectures, engaging in debates or entering academic competitions.

We anticipate that engaging with the Super Curriculum will not only allow pupils to develop a love of their favourite subjects, but it will also inspire curiosity in areas they have not previously considered and give them the edge in future career and university choices.

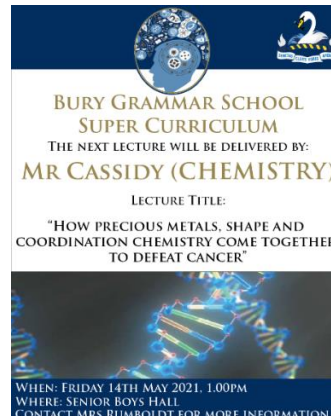


**BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
SUPER CURRICULUM**

THE NEXT LECTURE WILL BE DELIVERED BY:  
**DR GARG (CHEMISTRY)**

LECTURE TITLE:  
"WHAT DOES A SOUTH AMERICAN FROG  
HAVE IN COMMON WITH AN ANALGESIC?"

WHEN: FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2020. 1.00PM  
WHERE: SENIOR BOYS HALL  
CONTACT MRS RUMBOLDT FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THE NEXT LECTURE WILL BE DELIVERED BY:  
**MR CASSIDY (CHEMISTRY)**

LECTURE TITLE:  
"HOW PRECIOUS METALS, SHAPE AND  
COORDINATION CHEMISTRY COME TOGETHER  
TO DEFEAT CANCER"

WHEN: FRIDAY 14TH MAY 2021. 1.00PM  
WHERE: SENIOR BOYS HALL  
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## TES Independent School Awards 2020 – Use of Technology



The TES announced its Independent School Awards 2020 and Bury Grammar School was shortlisted for the 'Best use of Technology' award. We were sad not to win – but our pupils had already won by having had a seamless online education throughout the pandemic!

## Independent Schools of the Year 2021 – Fundraising



We are thrilled to let you know that Bury Grammar School was shortlisted for Independent School of the Year 2021. Congratulations to everyone who was focused on raising funds for bursaries to enable more pupils to come here and many thanks to our fabulous community for supporting us.

## Nursery World Awards – Pre-School of the Year 2021



We are delighted to let you know that Bury Grammar School has been shortlisted as Pre-School of the Year by Nursery World Awards 2021.

Enormous congratulations to Sarah McMahon, Head of Kindergarten, all the fabulous Kindergarten Team and to Chrissy Howard, Primary Principal.

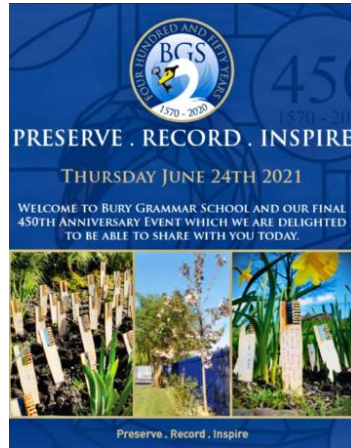
We are over the moon for all our Kindergarten pupils, staff and parents who together have created such a nurturing and forward-looking environment. It is also noted that this is (practically) the same staff team who supervised key worker provision, ran wrap-around care and holiday clubs in what has been a most extraordinary year.

We'll keep you updated regarding the final outcome: we understand that 4 other schools have been shortlisted as well and that the awards ceremony takes place in September. A very well-deserved accolade.

## Preserve. Record. Inspire.

On Thursday 24th June, Bury Grammar School was delighted to welcome guests and supporters into the Rose Garden for a socially distanced event entitled Preserve. Record. Inspire.

The event celebrated several commemorative activities that we were unable to complete in 2020 as part of our 450th Anniversary, and which will become part of the historical archive of The School.



## Sports days in every area of school



Sports Day is the day when pupils' BGS spirit and comradery really shows as it's through the House system that pupils across the school learn to work together, with amazing results and this wonderful spirit fuels the BGS's House system!

Well done to all participants, we hope you had a fantastic day and congratulations to:

♥ Kitchener the House winners in our Girls' Senior and Junior School



● Howlett the House winners in our Boys' Senior and Junior School



Red House the winners in our Infant School.

## Activities Week



It was brilliant to watch the excitement build on Bridge Road as Activities Week began this year. Pupils worked extremely hard with a full week of rigorous exams so spent the following week on their well-deserved excursions to Alton Towers and Chester Zoo. It wasn't just the pupils who were excited!

As part of Activities Week, our senior pupils were also extremely creative, making bright large-scale beads for an installation, marbled biscuits, marbled resin and designing expressive t-shirts!

Our fabulous Art Studios, Design & Technology workshop and Food Tech facilities have certainly been well used this year!

## First year of Air Cadets

The RAF section was officially enrolled in September 2020 and is available to all pupils who opt to join CCF in Year 9 as part of their enrichment activities. We have plans in place for our RAF section to go gliding and flying, to visit RAF stations, to participate in STEM activities, to build and develop teamwork and leadership skills, to improve cyber awareness, to investigate airmanship, and aeronautical studies as well as military skills such as drill.

Miss Newman, our Deputy Head of the Mathematics Faculty, KS5 Coordinator of Mathematics, and Miss Rhodes, our Teacher of Physics, are the RAF Reserve Officers and alongside Mrs Mehta, who is a Flight Lieutenant, run this new section. I am sure you will agree this is an outstanding addition to our pupils' Enrichment Programme and we'd like to thank everyone involved in making this such a success.



## National Theatre Week

Over the Spring term, pupils across Years 9, 10 and 12 were working on a new play commissioned by the National Theatre called 'Witches Can't be Burned', by Silva Semerciyan. This play is part of National Theatre Connections, one of the UK's largest celebrations of youth theatre.

This year the festival will take place online. Our cast and crew have responded phenomenally to this situation by creating a digital version of their work which we are delighted to be sharing with HOME in Manchester.

Well done to all pupils involved!



## First Sixth Form Induction Week



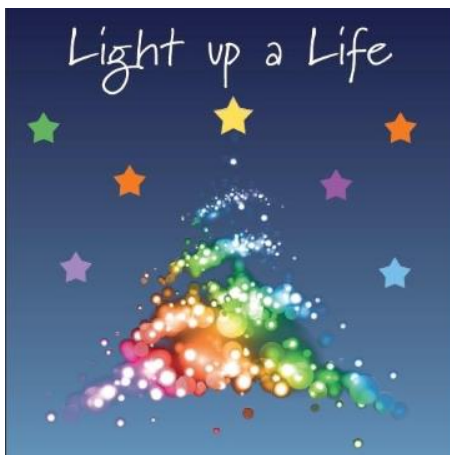
We hope our Year 11s had a fantastic time during their taste of Sixth Form. Thank you to the teachers and external providers for giving our future sixth formers lots of helpful information and a week of fun-filled team building and problem-solving activities.

## New Prefect Team

The Headmaster and Headmistress were delighted to announce Bury Grammar School's Student Leadership Team for 2021-22. Our new Head Girl is Chloe Parkinson and School Captain Joe Bangbala. They are supported by Nadia Ali as Deputy Head Girl and Ben Holland as Vice-Captain. Many congratulations to Chloe, Joe, Nadia and Ben and to all students who have been appointed to BGS's Prefect Team. A phenomenal group of young people with great promise.



## Supporting Bury Hospice



Since Bury Hospice became our 'Charity of the Year' in 2019, we have raised over £30,000.

Fundraising is an important part of school life at BGS for our pupils, staff and wider community. We'd like to express our gratitude to each individual who has contributed to our fundraising efforts this year, which mean that collectively we have helped to make a real difference.

## Top Library picks for the summer



Our Year 7 starters in September received a 'Top Ten Summer Reads' pack which included a copy of our most recommended read for the summer. We hope our new Year 7 pupils enjoy their summer reading and we look forward to hearing all about their exciting adventures!

## The curriculum



**English** – We recently celebrated sixteen of our Year 7 pupils achieving a very significant milestone. Since September, these voracious consumers of literature have read over one million words! We enjoyed celebrating this achievement by awarding each “millionaire reader” with a certificate and literature-related gift bag!



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

**Mathematics** – Well done to all our pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11, who took part in the [UK Mathematics Trust](#), all the very best this week. They performed brilliantly!

**Biology** - Pupils in Years 9 and 10 took part in a Biology Challenge. This consisted of two online papers which quizzed pupils on a range of topics beyond the curriculum. They won 1 Gold Award, 9 Silver Awards and 17 Bronze Awards. Well done to all pupils who took part!





**Drama** - Pupils enjoyed a Super Curriculum lecture delivered by Mrs Charlesworth, our Head of Drama and Theatre Studies, titled “The show must go online: What is the future of live performances post COVID-19?”

**Physics** - The Physics Department were delighted that Taanya (Year 11) achieved a Silver Award in the 'British Physics Olympiad 2021 Year 11 Physics Challenge' that took place earlier this month. This was an online competition, organised by the University of Oxford, in which a number of BGS pupils participated. Well done to all.



**Chemistry** – Our Year 12 and 13 students took part in the 53rd International Chemistry Olympiad. The UK Round 1 usually takes place in school but students sat papers remotely in January. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this prestigious event.



**Art** – Our Art Department launched a BGS photography competition and exhibition, titled When the World Stood Still.



## Duke of Edinburgh

Lots of our pupils have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Over 7 million people in over 130 countries have participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, and after 65 years it has had a significant impact on very many people. BGS pupils have been among those who have greatly benefited from the scheme again this year.





### Our primary parent testimonial films

Parents may not have been into school this year, but they have been in film! We created a series of videos all about our Kindergarten, Infant and Junior Schools, including some testimonials from our wonderful parents. Thank you to them!



### Transition events outside

We were able to welcome our new Year 7 families to school, in a socially distant, outdoor setting for parents to hear from our Senior School leaders and pupils to meet with their forms and meet their Form Tutors. It appears that everyone really enjoyed the events - we're looking forward to welcoming **all** our new pupils to BGS in September.



## Examination

Fantastic academic work and progress has continued this year. Even during the most uncertain times, our pupils were truly fabulous and still as determined with their exams as ever. Well done to all of them!



## Careers Department



This year, we began filming our 'BGS Careers - Alumni Series' with alumni who are able to share an insight into their professions and the pathway they took to achieve the successful career they have to date. This exciting documentary style series is led by Miss Greene (Head of Careers).

Ms Greene also began a monthly 'careers newsletter' which can be found under the careers section of our website. This includes information on virtual lectures and webinars, open days and apprenticeship information.

## Fantastic university offers

As ever, competition for top university courses has been great and our students have truly excelled themselves, gaining entry to a whole range of sought-after places.

The Sixth Form Team have been delighted with the plethora of university offers our students have received this year from the highly competitive Russell Group universities. Mercy Akinyele was delighted to receive an offer to study Engineering at the University of Cambridge. Our Medics, Bola Akinnayajo, Lucy Cheong, Rizwan Malik and Rayaan Sadiq have received offers from Kings College London, Manchester, Plymouth and Liverpool. Bury Grammar School's School Captain James Bishop received several offers to study Veterinary Science and has opted to study in Scotland at either Glasgow or Edinburgh. Head Girl Lucy Legg received all of her offers and has opted to study Business Management at Loughborough or Leeds. Sameer Raza and Isabella Taylor have both received offers to study Law and have firmed places at Manchester and Nottingham. We are looking forward to celebrating the success of our Year 13 students on Tuesday 10th August, A Level Results Day.



## Christmas swans



It seems like a long time ago, but Christmas was suitably swan like at BGS!

## Concerts and drama on film

Despite the restrictions this year, we have always looked for a work around and our CAPA team have been experts at this, presenting lots of work on film. Likewise, lots of other events also went online and you can see them on our BGS Films webpage: <https://www.burygrammar.com/bgs-on-film>



## MUSIC



## DRAMA



## A growing school

Our Admissions Team have been working hard to keep up with requests from new families looking to join Bury Grammar School, even during lockdown we found a way to place pupils in our school and have four forms ready to start with us in September 2021 in the Boys' Senior School and four forms ready to start in the Girls' Senior School. Sixth Form is also growing in size each year and this year looks to be just the same!



## 450 reaches its finale

To mark this memorable occasion the School had created a full programme of anniversary events and activities that aspired to be a fitting tribute to our Founders, giving thanks to their enduring legacy, and at the same time provide inspiration to our current pupils. This included concerts, services, sports challenges, picnics and a world record attempt.

**BGS 450th ANNIVERSARY**  
**450+ PLAN FOR 2020/2021**  
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<b>BGS 450- DAFFODIL PLANTING</b>  BGS Primary Pupils plant daffodils in the Head Garden October 2020	<b>BGS 450- LAUNCH VIDEO</b>  A review of 2020 and plans for the New School Year November 2020	<b>BGS 450- NEW CONTINGENT BANNER</b>  Primary Video November 2020	<b>BGS REMEMBERED</b>  Pillain Swain November 2020
<b>BGS 450- GRAND VARIETY CONCERT</b>  Introduced by Old Girl Victoria Durbakova December 2020	<b>BGS 450- LIGHT UP A LIFE</b>  BGS and Flory Region December 2020	<b>BGS 450- CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT</b>  All year favourite seasonal carols and readings December 2020	<b>BGS 450- THE THEATRICAL SHOWCASE</b>  Music and Drama by BGS Pupils January 2021
<b>BGS 450- SWIMMING FOR BGS PUPILS</b>  January 2021	<b>BGS COMMUNITY WEBSITE LAUNCH</b>  A new website for the BGS Family, Friends and community Feb. 2021	<b>BGS 450- WHEN THE WIZARD VISITS</b>  Photography from a magical world February 2021	<b>BGS 450- STONE OF REMEMBRANCE</b>  Reliefs Art Installation March 2021
<b>BGS 450- DUCK RACE</b>  Organised by 'Friends of BGS' April 2021	<b>BGS 450- FOUNDERS' DAY WEEK</b>  Founders' Day events and launch of BGS to re-open: May 2021	<b>BGS 450- SPORTS DAY</b>  June 2021	<b>BGS 450- WALL OF TELEGRAMS</b>  The Wall of Telegrams Good wishes from across the world June 2021



The real stars of the year have, of course, been Bury Grammar pupils!! Upbeat, resilient, aspirational, good company and well-balanced young people: thank you for being positive and making 2020-21 such a great year overall when you could have let the challenges overcome you.

Your generation has so much potential and we are right behind you!

Thank you for a great year, everyone!

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