

HIGH PERFORMANCE. HIGH ACHIEVEMENT.

### WELCOME

### We believe that Bury Grammar School offers an exceptional education.

And it is the people of Bury Grammar School - our sparky and engaged pupils, our talented and committed staff, our supportive and friendly parents - who make BGS the outstanding place it is. Not only is our School academically outstanding - which for us is a given as a high-performing grammar school - but we also pride ourselves on being second to none in our forward-thinking and modern approach to pastoral care and life.

This is an ambitious school with an uplifting, positive and lifeaffirming ethos. We believe utterly in the transformative power of education, and we always have high aspirations for our young people.

It is those high aspirations which have led to Bury Grammar School blossoming, as academic standards strengthen still further year on year, pastoral care skilfully adapts to the needs of 21st century children, our extra-curricular programme balloons and more and more pupils and teachers apply to join us.

Our pupils routinely excel. While we are of course always delighted with stellar examination results which make the headlines, we are even more thrilled for individual pupils who make astonishing progress for them: this is what our inspirational teachers came into teaching for.

Why such success at BGS? Our pupils want to learn and are ambitious while also being resolutely down to earth; our teachers know how to get the best out of young people, know their subject, are generous with their time and are absolute professionals; and our parents work with us positively and collaboratively in a key threeway partnership between pupil, home and school. This is a winning combination which we would say is unbeatable. The leadership of the School very much play a 'hands on' role in School and are fully engaged with pupils and parents. While the Senior Leadership Team have significant responsibilities for whole school strategy, all of us take a pride in continuing to teach and enjoy running extra-curricular activities: in short, our school leaders know our community and have a deep affection for the School.

Don't take our word for the claims we make about Bury Grammar School: the best way to fully appreciate what Bury Grammar School is all about is to come and visit us and talk to the people who make this a unique place. We do love to show visitors around the School of which we are very proud and would be thrilled to meet you.

As Bury Grammar School surpasses its 450th year, we are mindful of the superb education this great school has offered to so many generations of young people over the years and we look forward to the future with great optimism and confidence.

#### A Bury Grammar education changes lives.



**Jo Anderson** Principal

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# AN ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

Imagine your child having the opportunity to go to a school which offers continuity and high standards from the age of 3 all the way through to 18. That school is BGS!

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Common threads of high standards, quality and care run throughout while the nature of pupils' experiences evolves and widens as they grow.

Parents cite the security of knowing what BGS stands for as a real plus.

While we are a large school which means many expert teachers, numerous extra-curricular activities and a phenomenal campus, each child is part of a much smaller community, and each is well-known.

Our Primary Division, Senior School and Sixth Form all provide the perfect 'home base' for our pupils and all are characterised by a love of learning and individual care.





### OUR AIMS

We have four key areas in which we aim to nurture and challenge our pupils - Scholarship, Character, Enrichment, and Partnerships. At BGS we prepare every pupil to be personally successful in an evolving world.



#### Scholarship

To challenge and inspire pupils to work hard, aim high, achieve and celebrate academic success.



### Character



To encourage all pupils to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, developing a lifelong love of learning.



#### Partnerships



### PRIMARY

The journey begins in Primary where firm foundations and expert care give our pupils the best possible start in life.







### SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form represents the culmination of the skill and confidence which a BGS education gives and is the best possible preparation for life beyond school.

Our Senior School is unique and offers the best of both worlds: Boys and girls are taught separately and benefit from tailored single sex pastoral care. Outside the classroom, girls and boys enjoy a coeducational extra-curricular programme and get to know each other.

The result is confident, accomplished young people.



## NURSERY (3-4)

What makes our Nursery different?

Children are taught by fully trained teachers and enjoy a taste of school

Our many years of experience show that happiness is the key to learning and our nurturing environment helps our children to have fun, make friends and progress, whilst also developing independence and preparing them for their first steps into more formal education: our Reception classes. Our programme is designed to engage curious young minds where inquiry, imagination, creativity and the wonder of learning matters.

Always striving for quality means our standards are exceptionally high and great care is taken to respond to each child's pace of development.

Our curriculum goes well beyond national requirements and our youngest children spend time with Primary teachers and subject specialists for lessons such as Languages, PE, Dance, Singing, Music and our Forest School.

Learning opportunities are both inside and outside of the classroom. Outdoor play is always available given our impressive facilities, as is our onsite swimming pool, trips to the local area, an abundance of activities and educational visitors to school. All these experiences support learning and development, whilst building confidence with the help of our caring and experienced practitioners.

### A TASTE OF ACTIVITIES IN NURSERY:

- Welly Walks on our playing field
- Swimming onsite
- Educational visitors
- Sports activities in our Gym & Sports Hall
  Forest School onsite
- Musical activities in our Music room
- Introduction to French
- Activities in our Outdoor Provision

'EVEN THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN DISPLAY A LOVE OF LEARNING AND A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ARE KEEN TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIMENT.

Independent Schools Inspectorate

> **JOINING OUR NURSERY** SECURES AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO OUR BGS **RECEPTION CLASSES**



INFANTS (4-7)

What makes our Infants so special?

The phenomenal head start we give our pupils in life.

Infants is a welcoming and cheery place where children have room to grow and flourish. New experiences, searching for answers and inquisitiveness are encouraged and embraced. Our carefully managed class sizes allow us to support group and personalised learning, with a strong focus on developing individuals.

We introduce pupils to a wide variety of subjects as early as possible, such as Science, History, Religious Studies, Geography, French, Art, Drama, Computing, Music, Sport and Philosophy. Our full enrichment programme begins with our youngest children, and with over 50 extra-curricular activities available every week there is something for everyone!

> 'I REALLY LIKE THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE I HAVE MADE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS AND I LIKE ALL THE SUBJECTS! SCHOOL ENCOURAGES ME TO LEARN NEW THINGS AND TO ALWAYS BE KIND TO EVERYONE!









# JUNIORS (7-11)

What makes our Juniors stand out? Rapid progression and automatic transition into Seniors.

High aspirations, an extended curriculum, quality teaching and outstanding pastoral care go hand in hand in our Junior School, and as one of the highest achieving schools in the area, we provide a secure environment where all pupils feel valued.

We are proud of how our pupils display confidence and ambition which enables them to gain knowledge, develop an enquiring mind and grow into independent learners. 'MY CHILD IS SO HAPPY AT SCHOOL, AND IT FEELS LIKE SUCH A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN HIS LIFE. MY CHILD HAS GROWN IN CONFIDENCE AND HAS BECOME SO MUCH BRAVER IN HIS OUTLOOK ALREADY. WE ARE SO HAPPY WITH HOW HE HAS SETTLED IN.'

Primary Division Parent

#### EDUCATION SHOULD BE CHALLENGING AND FUN!

We are committed to developing each pupil and nurturing their potential, so, when the time comes, they are prepared for life at Senior School and beyond. Our Junior School challenges pupils and enables them to flourish and have great fun along the way! JOINING JUNIORS SECURES AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO OUR SENIOR SCHOOL

### Key benefits of a Bury Grammar School Primary education are:

- We are a warm and friendly school with the highest standards.
- When you send your child to BGS the next key decision to make for them is at age 18 and the choice of university.
- We all need a fabulous mentor in life. Our teachers are superb and will be the best possible guides for your child through their education.
- Our facilities are extraordinary. Your child could be experimenting in our art studios, programming in our IT suites, running around our 45-acre estate and swimming in our pool, from the youngest age.
- Some people might be unsure about whether or not it's good to get ahead in life. We believe that it is ideal to learn to read, write, and know your times tables at a young age. Why not give your child the best head start possible in life?

- Mastery in English and Maths is a given at BGS. Why restrict your child's worldview to these areas? Our pupils learn Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, French, Spanish, Drama, Art, Music, Computing and Sport.
- BGS is both traditional and a modern, forward-looking school. As a Microsoft flagship school, all our pupils have a Surface to enhance their learning.
- We know parents lead busy lives and we are keen to support family life. Breakfast Club begins at 7:30am and After School Club is open until 6pm.
- If you agree with us that a happy and fulfilled child is a busy child, you'll be delighted to know we have 50 extra-curricular activities to offer your child each week, and at no extra cost.
- You might expect a school to say lovely things about itself. Don't just take our word for it! Our parents, in a confidential survey, overwhelmingly said: 'BGS is the right choice for their child', 'Their child is happy and they are happy about the education we offer', 'The investment in a BGS education has been a wise one', 'They would recommend BGS to another parent'.







# Seniors (11-16)

### What makes BGS Seniors unique?

Girls and boys are taught separately and are encouraged to be bold in their learning, growing into accomplished scholars.

Outside the classroom pupils enjoy an extensive extra-curricular programme together and grow in confidence and maturity, growing into socially confident people. Above all, we are committed to fostering a happy, inclusive, learning environment where pupils can thrive, try new things without fear of failure and harness their passions.

'I ADORE IT HERE, THERE IS A GREAT CONNECTION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND PUPILS AND IT IS A VERY HAPPY PLACE FOR ME. I AM HONOURED TO BE HERE.'

'OUR CHILD JOINED BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN YEAR 7 AND WE WERE AMAZED WITH HOW SMOOTHLY THE TRANSITION INTO SENIOR SCHOOL WAS. THE STAFF AND OLDER PUPILS WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE SURE HE SETTLED IN. WE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND BGS.'

Senior School Parents

Pupils learn in single sex classes and consistently outperform expectations. There are advantages to being taught separately: pupils are encouraged to think independently, challenge ideas, take risks in their learning and be themselves without distractions.

Pastoral care is tailored to individual needs, giving everyone the space to grow.

Beyond the classroom, pupils mix in coeducational enrichment activities and socialise at break and lunch times. They are at ease in each other's company and confident in communicating with one another. All pupils are seen, propelled and celebrated at BGS.







We offer an environment where pupils are encouraged to take risks in their learning and become confident, independent scholars. During their time with us, pupils discover their academic strengths and talents in a culture where academic achievements are celebrated by the entire school community.

'BGS IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO LEARN. WE ARE SUPPORTED TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL; TEACHERS ENCOURAGE US TO REACH OUR GOALS AND AS PUPILS WE DEFINITELY FEEL THAT OUR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS ARE CELEBRATED AND VALUED.'

During the first two years of Senior School, our pupils master the key skills that are essential for examination success but they also acquire a thirst for learning, a positive mind set and an enthusiasm for embracing new challenges.

A key feature of our Curriculum Model is the three-year GCSE course. Such is the ability of our pupils we feel that they are ready to choose their GCSE options in Year 8 and embark upon the challenging GCSE route a year earlier.

In addition to working towards GCSEs, we remain committed to the academic enrichment and extracurricular activities that provide our pupils with interpersonal skills and confidence that last a lifetime.

### SUBJECT OPTIONS AT GCSE

Drama

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English

Language

Literature

- Art and Design · Computing
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Combined
  Science

- outing · French
  - Geography
  - German
  - History
  - Mathematics

'THE SCHOOL IS AMAZING, AND I AM SURE TO STAY HERE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. IT HAS ALSO GOT GREAT FACILITIES AND WE USE THEM REGULARLY.'

Studies • Spanish

Music

Physics

Religious

## SENIORS (11-16)

### PASTORAL CARE IS TAILORED TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, GIVING EVERYONE THE SPACE TO GROW.

Our pupils demonstrate tolerance, resilience, and a zest for life on a daily basis. Our pupils are encouraged to feel secure, cared for and respected and to show care and respect for each other. We recognise that the friendships pupils forge at school will form an essential support network in the years to come.

We are proud of our leading approach to wellbeing; care and support for each other lies at the core of our school. This care manifests itself in a number of ways: having the highest academic expectations of pupils and ensuring they achieve their potential; listening to them; giving them the self-confidence to aim high and be themselves; and promoting a happy and positive environment for all. By developing leadership skills at the earliest opportunity, pupils develop a sense of responsibility, while care, consideration and respect for others are nurtured.

WE WORK TOGETHER WITH PARENTS TO PROVIDE A SOLID SUPPORT NETWORK AROUND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.



### OUTSTANDING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT VIA OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME.

With over 100 clubs and societies to choose from, the problem is fitting everything in! In fact, we've calculated that if you tried a new activity each day it would take most of the school year to experience everything!

We know from experience that participation in an extra-curricular activity can lead to a life-long love or often lead to exciting career options, and we firmly believe that engagement in such activities is a really positive thing for young people as they go through the teenage years.

Developing transferable skills and broadening interests which will stay with our pupils for life our extensive enrichment programme also 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 Taste of Our Enrichment Programme:

- Chemistry Club
- Combined Cadet Force/RAF
- Cookery
- Debating Club
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Environmental Action
- Football
- French Spelling Bee
- Gymnastics and Trampolining
- Harry Potter Club
- Orchestra
- Pet Club
- Robotics
- Water Polo and Swimming







# SIXTH FORM (16-18)

Bury Grammar School Sixth Form provides an academic and supportive environment where students can be themselves, thrive and achieve. It is the perfect preparation for university and life beyond.

This pre-university experience encourages independence alongside great care and support from teachers within small classes, who see their students as young adults. Academic aspiration is our central focus, and all students further develop their independent learning skills and self-directed research projects, so they leave the Sixth Form as happy and confident young people, with the knowledge and drive to achieve their potential.

Our Enrichment programme is second to none, and students can develop leadership and teamwork skills through the plethora of opportunities available to them, such as Debating Society, overseas World Challenge expeditions, national competitions, volunteering, charity work and travel abroad. With excellent UCAS and Apprenticeship provision, coupled with a unique Competitive Courses programme, our staff ensure that the students in their care are given the right tools to make informed decisions regarding the next stage in their life. This wise advice and excellent guidance on future options and careers means your child's future is in safe hands.



# The Sixth Form Leadership Team and Sixth Form tutors give the best possible support and an enormous amount of one-to-one help to ensure our students thrive, grow and learn at this most crucial and formative time of their lives.

The end result? Our sixth formers are accomplished, articulate, well-grounded, well-read and positive adults when they leave us for pastures new.

We strive to go above and beyond to help our students get into the university of their choice or preferred apprenticeship. There are several ways we do this, including:

- Teaching our students well, so they achieve fantastic grades.
- We have a long track record of success and know how to make this happen.
- Providing phenomenal UCAS support and making sure every student gets all the help they need.
- An extremely knowledgeable and experienced Sixth Form team.

• We have an ethos of high aspirations. High aspirations and expectations are gold dust in terms of university and apprenticeship applications.

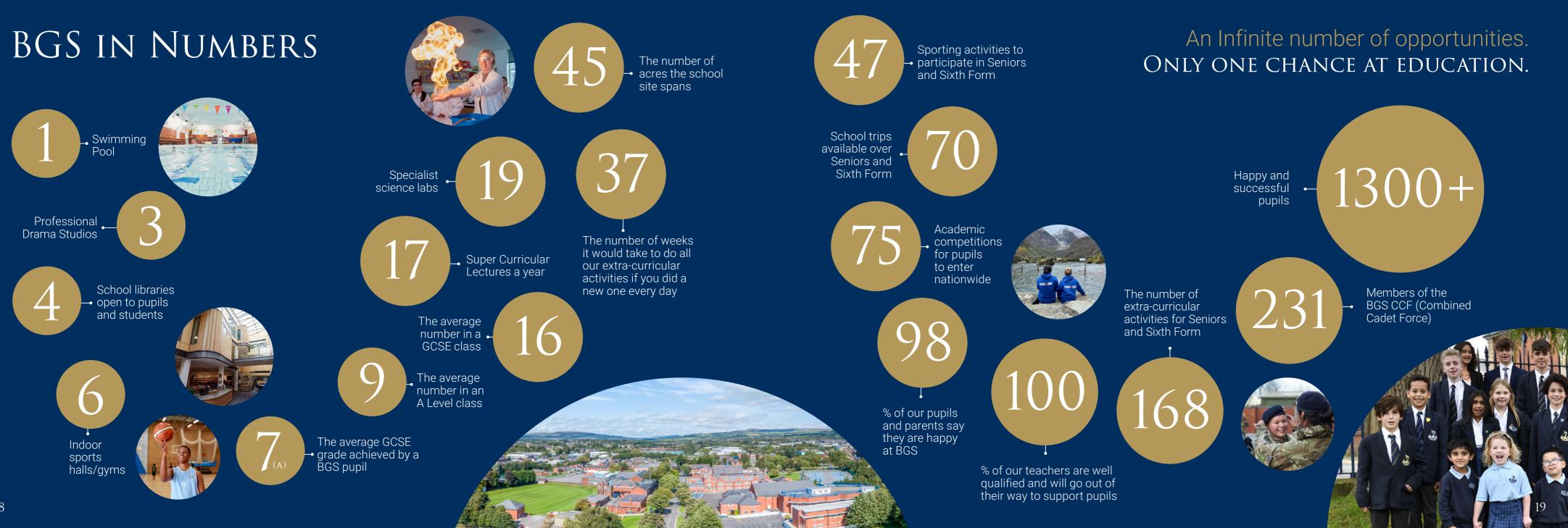






'YOUR LIFE WILL CHANGE HERE. YOU WILL GROW AND LEARN AND MAKE INCREDIBLE FRIENDS, THE PROSPECT OF LEAVING FOR UNIVERSITY SOON IS EXCITING BUT I'LL MISS BEING HERE EVERY DAY WITH MY 'FAMILY'.'

Year 13 student.



# Our Environment

Bury Grammar School dates back to 1570 and the current campus was established in 1903. Our 45-acre campus offers a sense of grandeur and tradition along with leading-edge architecture and facilities to all our pupils. We honour over 450 years of BGS tradition while continuously embracing change.

#### FACILITIES

We have the facilities to offer extensive sporting and enrichment activities to all our pupils, both indoor and outdoor, with a swimming pool, 3G pitch, outdoor games areas, tennis courts, netball pitches, sprint track, 4 large sports halls, a dance studio, fully equipped gym, a Forest School, athletics field, 2 rugby and 5 football pitches and 2 cricket squares.

Our estate provides an exceptional learning environment for all academic subjects with 17 A Level equipped science labs, art studios designed to allow the flow of natural light to optimise creativity, drama and music studios with light and dark learning areas and 4 large school halls to showcase performances, plus 4 beautiful libraries designed for peaceful independent and group learning.



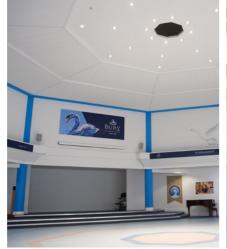






#### Primary

Our Primary Division understands the connection between indoor and outdoor learning, their beautiful octagonal hall, PE hall and music rooms compliment their 3G pitch, BGS garden, playgrounds and ample outdoor facilities ready to use whatever the weather.





Starting from age 3 in Nursery to age 18 in Sixth Form, we offer one campus for the entire learning journey. This unique continuity of care means we nurture and support your child from start to finish, preparing them for their purposeful future.





#### Seniors

The Senior classrooms are large and airy, but our class sizes are purposely small, as they are across the whole school – we know all our pupils and we work hard to build strong relationships with them and our parents, so together we provide the best environment for pupils to grow.

#### Sixth Form

Sixth Form enjoy their own dedicated academic area in 'The Courthouse', a university style environment, with seminars conducted in specialist facilities entirely dedicated to A Level teaching and learning, alongside access to The Courthouse Hall, a dedicated café and common rooms for study and socialising.







### A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Wellbeing, pupil leadership, support and pastoral care, along with the support of our parents, is a winning formula for our pupils and students. This, in combination with our programme of study, assemblies, expectations of behaviour and the way in which pupils are treated by staff and one another builds strong foundations.

### THE BGS EFFECT

Our students leave BGS as articulate, confident, considerate and well-rounded young people, ready to meet the opportunities and challenges of higher education and their future careers, and ready to make an outstanding contribution to society. We are proud of what we offer them – and of what they achieve.

A Bury Grammar School student is confident, independent and fully prepared to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future. When our students leave us, they progress to the university or apprenticeship of their choice and are equipped to excel in their chosen fields.

Our alumni are leading lights in a wide range of areas: whether they are eminent medics, leading journalists, international sports stars, award winning actors, renowned academics or dedicated public servants, it is fair to say that Bury Grammar School has proudly played a part in the success of so many ex-students who are making a difference to our society.

We teach our students that the sky really is the limit!



ANDREW HIGGINSON Class of 1975, Business Executive



ALISON B. LOWNDES Class of 1987, NVIDIA (artificial intelligence)



NICOLA SHINDLER Class of 1987, multi-award-winning British television producer



ZARA BENYOUNES Class of 2003, multi-award-winning violinist

I remember my time at BGS very fondly as a place where I was allowed to find my own direction, understand more what I could achieve and work towards it, always supported. I was very happy there.

Nicola Shindler

#### "

I have great memories of my time at Bury Grammar School and I will always be grateful for the solid start it gave me. Peter Brathwaite



PETER BRATHWAITE of 2002, distinguished operatic baritone and a



GARETH PARRY Class of 1991, seven times British Climbing Champio

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KATE CROSS Class of 2010, English crickete



ABIGAIL IROZURU Class of 2008, Team GB Olympic Finalist



Class of 1983, acclaimed author, and multi-award-winning sports journalist

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We had a great group of boys in our year; there was a lot of laughter, friendship and good times. Studying A Level English Literature was a profoundly eyeopening experience, an education about life and the wide world outside of school.

David Conn



VICTORIA DERBYSHIRE Class of 1986, British journalist, newsreader, and broadcaster

I have such happy memories of this time. I made some brilliant friends; I had a real laugh, and I had some gorgeous teachers.

victoria Derbyshi



VICTORIA WOOD CBE Class of 1971, comedian, actress, lyricist, singer, pmposer, pianist, screenwriter, producer, and directr



PHILIP COLLINS Class of 1985, acclaimed journalist, author, academic, banker and speechwriter

# Site Plan

All age groups use all facilities in our all-through school, building relationships, confidence and strength in all our pupils.

> BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL SENIOR BOYS

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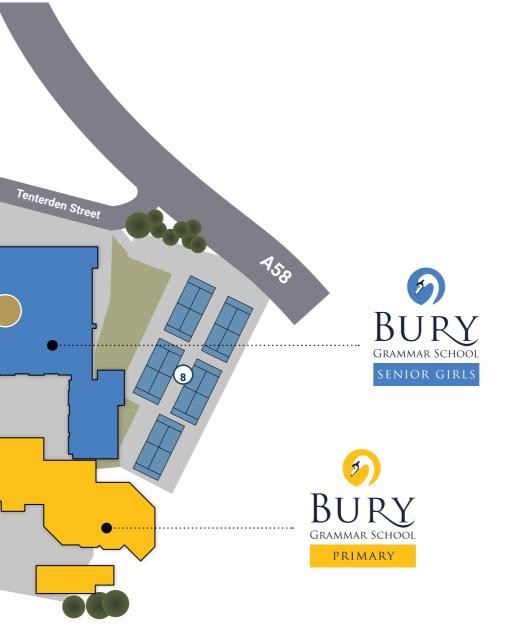
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BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM

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### Key

(1)	Senior Girls' Reception
$\bigcirc$	Primary Division Reception
3	Senior Boys' Reception
4	The Courthouse
5	Sports Hall and Dance Studio
6	Multi Use Games Area
$\overline{7}$	3G Pitch and Sprint Track
8	Netball Courts
9	Running Track and Cricket Pitch
10	Swimming Pool
	Sixth Form Centre – Sixth Form
	social and study base

# FAQS

### Why should we choose Bury Grammar School?

Please come and visit us to find out for yourself! We are a warm friendly school with the highest standards and would love to meet you and show you around our wonderful school. Our school has a long history of academic excellence, dating back to 1570. We are both hugely proud of our traditions and happy to be a modern school, continually embracing new technologies and innovative teaching methods. We believe utterly in the transformative power of education, and we always have high aspirations for our young people.

### CAN WE APPLY FOR ADMISSION AT ANY AGE?

We can admit a pupil at any stage of our Primary Division. Pupils can join Seniors in Years 7 or 8, and sometimes at the beginning of Year 9. Due to our 3-year GCSE course we cannot admit pupils after the Autumn Term of Year 9. Students can also join our Sixth Form at the beginning of Year 12.

### WHAT IS THE EARLIEST AGE MY CHILD CAN START?

We accept children from the beginning of the term they celebrate their third birthday. For more information please visit: <u>https://www.</u> <u>burygrammar.com/admissions/kindergartenadmissions</u>

### WHAT IS THE ENTRY ASSESSMENT PROCESS?

All applicants sit an age relevant assessment, and we will guide you through the full process, but the first step is to complete an online application form: <u>https://www.burygrammar.</u> <u>com/admissions/application-form</u>

### WHAT CLUBS DO YOU OFFER AND WHEN?

With over 200 clubs and societies to choose from across our whole school, the problem is fitting everything in! Many of our clubs run over lunchtime so everyone can participate and still make it to the school coach at the end of the day! After school clubs also run which can help with after school care. <u>https://www. burygrammar.com/enrichmentatbgs</u>

#### HOW LONG IS THE SCHOOL DAY?

Please visit our BGS Parent webpage for full details – see 'Timings of the Day'. We do offer before and after school clubs and our doors open from 7:30am. <u>https://www.burygrammar.</u> com/bgs-parents

### HOW OFTEN DO PUPILS HAVE SPORT LESSONS?

Sport, physical activity, and wellbeing are important elements of a BGS education, with an expansive range of sports on offer for all pupils, of all abilities. Our sport teams play hundreds of fixtures per year in competitive sports, and we are passionate about developing a range of sports and activities designed to increase participation and a lifelong love for sport. We run House sport, enrichment sporting clubsincluding swimming, and of course timetabled sporting lessons which are usually between 2-3 times per week.

#### WHAT TRIPS DO YOU OFFER?

We offer an incredible assortment of school trips each year both near and far, from our ski trip in the USA to sports in Dubai or the Battlefields in Bruges, to the mountains in Borneo with World Challenge, to the fire station right here in Bury for our very youngest pupils. To find out more, please visit: <u>https://www. burygrammar.com/enrichmentatbgs/school-</u> trips



### ADMISSIONS

Join us now and the next decision you make will be which university or beyond!

We aim to make our school admissions process as smooth as possible for our families. We understand you are making one of the most important decisions you'll take for your child, and we have a lovely Admissions Team who are here to help you and answer any questions you may have. Yes, our academic standards are high, but our experienced School Admissions Team are keen to guide you through a straightforward application process, talk to you about anything and everything you'd like to know about Bury Grammar and arrange for you to visit our school. We are here to support you every step of the way.



Please contact us if you'd like to know more about our admissions process or to book your personalised tour.

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