



# BURY

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### *How do we prepare Bury Grammar School students for their next steps?*

Our UCAS preparation and university guidance are second to none. The Sixth Form tutors follow a robust scheme of work with our students, which will start as soon as you begin Year 12 in September. Students explore the courses they may wish to apply to using our Unifrog Careers library and continue to use this digital forum to write their UCAS or Apprenticeship applications.

### *What provision is there for students who wish to pursue competitive courses at prestigious universities?*

Competitive Course Coordinator, Ms Greene, has a wealth of experience guiding students through Oxbridge and Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary (MDV) applications. Mr Watts, Head of Science leads regular sessions for students interested in MDV.

We encourage all our sixth formers to have high aspirations. For those who wish to apply to particularly selective courses, we aim to provide individual advice and the support required to make applications stand out. MDV, Oxbridge and Law applicants are identified early in their Sixth Form career and are mentored throughout Year 12 by subject specific specialists. We also have the 'Academic Pathways' programme, giving students access to seminar style sessions and discussions with experts in the field. You are also given the opportunity to visit prestigious establishments and attend competitive course conferences.



### *How do we prepare students for entry onto university courses such as Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science?*

The school has a well-established and very successful programme which in the past few years has seen all applicants receive offers. Weekly tutorials covering aspects such as

medical ethics, decision making, current advances in medicine and preparation for mini medical interviews able students to develop a far greater understanding of the options open to them. One to one UCAS preparation ensures that personal statements are of the highest quality and towards the end of Year 12 preparation for the admissions tests takes place. You are certainly in safe hands should you wish to pursue medical related courses at university.

### *What will the average class size be?*

One of our Sixth Form hallmarks is our small class sizes with our average class size at BGS being nine students. These smaller class sizes allow our teachers to work with each student closely, concentrating on individual educational needs, making it easier for us to monitor students' progress. This allows our teachers to give instant feedback, which in hand enables every student at Bury Grammar School to develop at their own pace, without pressure. It also helps us to get to know students quickly, identify their distinct learning styles and requirements, and provides more time to address individual questions and explain difficult Advanced Level concepts.



### *Will there be leadership opportunities in the Sixth Form?*

Yes, Sixth Form students are given many opportunities to lead within the activities such as Sport, CCF, Music and Drama. Our prefect system is a strong tradition at Bury Grammar School and the Sixth Form Team provide a robust and transparent application process. The Prefect Team are wonderful ambassadors for our School and play a vital part in fostering a successful and happy community. Miss Sherriff, our Head of Sixth Form, co-ordinates the leadership programme in the Sixth Form and will speak to you about this, and the prefect application process, during the Induction Morning in September.



### *What extra-curricular activities can Sixth Formers take part in?*

Bury Grammar School prides itself on its rich extra-curricular provision. Particularly popular activities in the Sixth Form are: the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), The Sir Rhys Davies Mock Law Trial, Sport, the School Production and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Sports Leadership Award, plus many more!



### *Will I be able to do Community Service?*

Community Service plays an important role in the Sixth Form and students can use Wednesday afternoons, or Period 6 on a Friday, to take up a community service placement. Students are encouraged to complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering across the year, and are supported in finding placements. Historically, many of our students have visited care homes or volunteered at local charity shops.



### *Will I be able to do sport in the Sixth Form?*

Yes, the Sports Department deliver an extensive sports programme on Wednesday afternoons, tailored to suit all students. As well as continuing with the traditional sports, in the Sixth Form you will also be able to visit the gym, take up trampolining or attend a spinning class, to name just a few. Sport is extremely beneficial for our physical and mental health and is something we encourage our students to participate in to offset their academic studies. Students will also be invited to take part in the Sports Leadership Programme.

