

April 2019

Dear Parents

Those of you who have had children at Bury Grammar School for some time will be aware that, at this time of the year, we review our Strategic Plans by evaluating the progress made over the previous year and tweaking future plans accordingly.

Please find attached electronic copies of our Strategic Plans 2018-21 and the updated version for 2019-22. There are a number of additions to the new plans, given that we have achieved previous objectives ahead of schedule.

### **Progress made over the last 12 months**

We have spent some time evaluating the successes and challenges of the last 12 months in accordance with our Strategic Plans 2018-21.

The last school year has seen a tremendous amount of progress - thanks to the enormous hard work of our staff body, the positive approach of our pupils and the support we have had from Governors, parents and the school community.

The following is not an exhaustive list of all the achievements of the last year but gives you a flavour of them:

- Successful introduction of a new 'all through' curriculum, including more time for GCSE and A Level teaching, the HPQ for Y9s/10s, and a new Humanities curriculum in the Junior School
- Outstanding exam results
- A new school day
- Coeducational Sixth Form successfully established
- A more supportive and rigorous academic intervention system which enables pupils to make the best possible progress
- The introduction of Mental Health ambassador roles
- The establishment of Parent Portal
- Outstanding pupil recruitment, considerably beyond our expectations
- Excellent staff recruitment – receiving greater numbers of applications and from very strong candidates
- Options advice programme enhanced
- Number of extra-curricular activities almost doubled
- Expanding facilities and sports/science developments underway
- Successful ISI inspection
- Working together as one school, thereby offering pupils more opportunities.

Given the number of objectives achieved ahead of schedule, we have revised our plans for 2019-22.

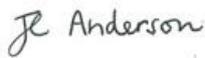
## **Bury Grammar School's new Strategic Plan 2019-22**

An electronic copy of this document is also attached.

Everything we do is about providing the best possible education for our pupils. The key new objectives focus on plans for Bury Grammar School's 450<sup>th</sup> 'birthday' - an anniversary which provides many potential opportunities for pupils and the wider community, developing the estate, introducing a Pupil Leadership Programme, launching our Training Academy, establishing a faculty model of academic leadership and developing the Parent Portal further.

If you have any queries or suggestions relating to our plans, we would be very pleased to hear from you and would encourage you to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,



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