



STAFF END-OF-TERM NEWS

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of this academic year, we bid farewell to a number of Junior and Infant School teachers and support staff who have served the School with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. We would like to thank them wholeheartedly for everything they have done for Bury Grammar pupils and for their support as colleagues. We wish all of them the very best for the future as they move on to the next stages of their lives; they know that we would be pleased to welcome them back to BGS in the future.

Mrs Lyn Jennings: Lyn joined BGS Kindergarten in September 1993 from Woodbank County Primary where she had worked for the previous nine years. She worked happily in Reception with Janet Duncan, her classroom assistant for nineteen years. In September 2013, Lyn moved to Year 1 where she continued to enhance the education of some of our youngest pupils. Lyn is a highly regarded and well-liked teacher who colleagues would go to for advice and who parents had every faith in when leaving their child on their very first day of school. The BGS family of schools wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Mr Nick Robson: Nick joined BGSB in September 1997. Throughout his time, he has worked in both the Senior School and the Junior School. A teacher of Art/DT originally, he moved to the Junior School as a specialist primary teacher and subject co-ordinator of Art. Mr Robson has regularly taken part in extracurricular activities, running clubs in clay, climbing club, Lego, art, cartoons and DT that have all been firm favourites with the boys. He took part in many residential outdoor pursuits' trips including the self-reliant trip to Ambleside and Robinwood. Mr Robson moves to a position at The Seashell Trust nearer his home in South Manchester.

Mr Carl Shuttleworth: Carl has thoroughly enjoyed his role at Bury Grammar School as Head of EYFS. He has been in post for two years and during that time, the children have benefitted from his early years expertise and his caring and gentle manner. He moves on with his family to Giggleswick School in the Lake District, where he is keen to live. We wish Carl and his family every success for the future.

Miss Amanda McDonald: Since joining Bury Grammar School in 2014, Amanda has made a real difference to the children and families she has met. She joined as a volunteer and has worked in the Pre-School and Wrap Around Care, where she has been a committed member of the team. We will be sorry to lose her from the Early Years Team; she leaves with all of our best wishes for the future as she embarks on her next adventures at Norland College.

BGS NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2018

We are very pleased indeed to be welcoming a number of highly qualified and dedicated professionals to Bury Grammar School in September and hope you enjoy reading their biographies below.

SENIOR LEADERS

Mr Rob Lees, Deputy Head (Pastoral) BGSB

Mr Lees will take on the role of Deputy Head (Pastoral) at Bury Grammar School Boys from September 2018; he is currently Head of Year 11 at Bolton School and brings with him a wealth of experience in pastoral and academic leadership. Prior to his teaching career, Mr Lees served in the British Army, a period of service that included operational tours in combat zones. He will join the MFL Department at BGS, where he will be teaching Spanish and French; Mr Lees also speaks Russian and Czech. Mr Lees also hopes to make a significant contribution to the extracurricular side of school: he is experienced in coaching rugby and enjoys running. We offer him a warm welcome to BGS and wish him all the best in his career here.



Mr Stephen Prest, Head of Sixth Form

Mr Stephen Prest from Brentwood School, Essex, is thrilled to have been given the responsibility of leading our Sixth Form from this Autumn. Mr Prest has been Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Head of Year 9 and Head of Global Perspectives and is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead in his current school. He is a teacher of both History and of Government and Politics and has a strong track record of preparing students to make successful applications for competitive university courses. He was a semi-professional rugby player, and looks forward to coaching rugby at BGS; his family are from Sale, where he grew up and he is very much looking forward to joining us and meeting pupils and parents in September.



Mrs Julie Daley, Deputy Head, Girls' Junior School and Infant School

Mrs Daley is delighted to be joining our Junior and Infant Schools in September as Deputy Head. She is currently the Science Curriculum Leader at Westholme where she also directs the school production, teaches LAMDA and coaches the running team.

As well as having more than twenty years' experience teaching in single sex boys, single sex girls and co-educational environments, within both independent and state school settings, Mrs Daley has been an LEA Governor, a Local Councillor and a Voluntary Youth Panel Member and has worked with Manchester Metropolitan University as a mentor for teacher training students.



TEACHING STAFF

Miss Rosie Charlesworth

Miss Charlesworth will be joining us as a teacher of Drama with English from September 2018.

Miss Charlesworth is in her third year of teaching at Castlebrook High School in Bury. She is the lead teacher of Drama in her current role and teaches English at Key Stage 3. She has directed and managed a number of whole school productions at Castlebrook, most recently 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'The Little Shop of Horrors'. Miss Charlesworth is involved with a local theatre company and is keen to add to the extracurricular programme at BGS.



Mrs Dawn Evans

Mrs Evans will join our RS Department in September 2018.

She is an RS and History specialist who has been teaching at the Royton and Crompton School for 17 years, where she currently teaches RS and History to GCSE and Geography at Key Stage 3. Prior to this, she worked in international schools in Buenos Aires and Costa Rica. Mrs Evans has also worked in youth support and as a teenage pregnancy coordinator for various local authorities locally and in Scotland.

Mrs Evans is a founding member of the Ramsbottom Running Club, regularly takes part in outdoor swimming in the Elton Reservoir, and at Dock 9 in Salford, and as a keen runner takes part in marathons, fell running and ultra-running. She is looking forward to supporting the Duke of Edinburgh programme at BGS and supporting the work of the Eco-Schools strategy.



Miss Emma Gumbley

Miss Gumbley, who currently works at Rastrick High School, Brighouse, will be joining our Maths Department in September 2018.

Miss Gumbley currently has responsibility for tracking and data and particularly enjoys teaching A Level Maths. She is likely to play a part in Duke of Edinburgh next year and is very much looking forward to joining BGS.



Mr Owain Griffiths

Mr Griffiths has been appointed to the PE Department from September 2018.

Mr Griffiths is a Welsh rugby league footballer who currently plays for North Wales Crusaders. His usual position is Hooker. He is currently completing his PGCE at Chester University and obtained his first degree from Leeds Metropolitan University.



Mr Phil Howard

<p>Mr Howard has been appointed Head of Maths at Bury Grammar School Girls from September 2018.</p> <p>Mr Howard is currently a teacher of Maths, Community Action Coordinator and Sixth Form tutor at Bolton School and an examiner and Team Leader for GCSE and A Level Mathematics examinations. He runs the Year 6 Mathematics Programme for local gifted children at Bolton, as well as badminton and archery clubs. Mr Howard grew up in Bury and prior to going into teaching he worked in the Police.</p>	
<p><u>Miss Lucy Jackson</u></p> <p>Miss Jackson has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Science. Miss Jackson has a degree in Natural Sciences from Durham University and is currently relocating to the Manchester area after teaching abroad for a number of years including in Vietnam and Bermuda.</p>	
<p><u>Mrs Kerry Lynch</u></p> <p>Mrs Lynch has been appointed as a teacher of English from September. Mrs Lynch joins us from St Monica's RC High School, where she has run mock trial competitions and debating clubs. Mrs Lynch is looking forward to teaching in both the Boys' School and Girls' School.</p>	
<p><u>Mr Tim Seed</u></p> <p>Mr Seed has been appointed as a teacher of English from September. Mr Seed is currently Team Leader for English at Bury College and an examiner of English at AS and A Level. A keen sportsman who was a member of the Leeds United Youth Team, he is also looking forward to playing a full role in the wider life of the School. Mr Seed is keen to teach in both the Boys' School and Girls' School and will be our whole school Literacy Co-ordinator, focussed on improving pupils' linguistic skills.</p>	
<p><u>Martine Boulton</u></p> <p>Mrs Boulton has been appointed to the position of part-time teacher of Design Technology from September. Martine is currently on maternity leave from her post as Curriculum Area Leader for Design Technology at Stockport Academy, specialising in Resistant Materials, Product Design and Electronics; also using Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacture to design and manufacture a vast range of products. Owing to the recent addition to her family, Martine now seeks a part-time position and joins our Art and Design Technology Department.</p>	

MEDICAL TEAM

Mrs Kay Robinson

Mrs Robinson, who has a background in pastoral support in schools and much safeguarding experience, will become our Senior Health Support Worker from September 2018 and will be based in the Medical Room in the Girls' Senior School. Mrs Kay will also play a wider role in the whole school pastoral and safeguarding teams, liaising with colleagues based in the Boys' School. Mrs Robinson impressed us very much at interview with her knowledge, understanding of the key issues affecting young people and with her warmth; we are confident that our young people will be in very safe hands in her care.



Miss Nikki Hughes

Miss Hughes, who has a background working in care, will take on the role of Health Support Worker from September, and will be based in the Girls' Junior/Infant Schools.

Miss Hughes will work very closely with the Junior and Infant Senior Management Team in BGS; and will of course also play a wider role in the whole school pastoral and safeguarding teams, liaising with colleagues based in the Boys' School. Miss Hughes impressed us very much at interview and we are confident that our young people will be in very safe hands in her care.

