



STAFF END-OF-TERM NEWS

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of this academic year we are saying goodbye to a number of 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 BGSB in the future and hope they will stay in touch.

Mrs Brandon joined BGSB in 2008 as Head of English and was promoted to Assistant Head in 2013. In May 2017 she became Deputy Head Pastoral and has expertly led the development of the School's pastoral care and managed a team of very talented and committed Heads of Year, medical experts and Form Tutors. She has also overseen academic interventions to ensure that all pupils are doing what they can to achieve their potential. Mrs Brandon moves to Bolton School as Deputy Head.

Mr Bishop joined BGSB in 1990. He has had an infectious enthusiasm for Geography and is a former Head of Geology. He has a genuine love for the outdoors and has run the World Challenge expeditions for many years, in addition to being an experienced Duke of Edinburgh assessor. Mr Bishop will continue to assess for our Duke of Edinburgh award at BGS and will act as an expedition leader for future World Challenge expeditions, in addition to pursuing further freelance work in the outdoor education industry for which he has a real passion.

Mr Hailwood leaves us after 27 years' service to the CDT department. Throughout his career he has made a significant contribution to the extra-curricular life of the School: from organising the lighting for school productions through to helping with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. He has also worked in conjunction with the Art department to support A Level projects utilising his expert design knowledge. Mr Hailwood will be much missed by staff and pupils.

Mr Ferguson leaves us after 12 years' service to the Computing Department. He has been responsible for back stage during school productions, charities, Sixth Form activities and has helped to run the hugely successful Robot Club. He has given his time selflessly to helping boys most lunchtimes to develop their love of computing and robotics and he will be very much missed by both students and staff.

Mr Purdy joined BGSB in January 2011 and quickly established himself as a keen all-round sportsman who was popular with pupils, staff and parents. Two years ago he became Housemaster of Kay House and earlier this year became Head of Year 9. Mr Purdy leaves us to take up the

position of Head of Boys' PE at Westholme School in Blackburn and we wish him the very best for his future career.

Mrs Bailey began work at Bury Grammar School in 1983 which makes her the longest serving member of staff. She spent most of her career as the Chemistry technician and in more recent years moved to Physics. Diana has been a loyal and hardworking member of staff and she will be very much missed by us all. We wish Diana and her husband, Steve, a very happy and thoroughly deserved retirement and thank her most sincerely for her service to the school.

We also say 'farewell' to **Mr Cummings**, temporary teacher of Chemistry, **Mr Peacock**, temporary teacher of Religious Studies and to **Miss Grace Nicholson**, Teaching Technician, who came here last September for a year. Miss Nicholson is going to be training to become a primary teacher and we are confident that she will make an excellent teacher.

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. All of them are keen to work with pupils from both the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

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 where she will be a Year 9 Form Tutor in the Girls' School next year.



Mr Owain Griffiths

Mr Griffiths has been appointed to the PE Department in the Boys' School 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

Mr Howard has been appointed Head of Maths at Bury Grammar School Girls from September 2018. He 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. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him to our School.



Miss Lucy Jackson

Miss Jackson has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Science. She has a degree in Natural Sciences from Durham University, an excellent reputation as a teacher and is currently relocating to the Manchester area after teaching abroad for a number of years including in Vietnam and Bermuda. Next year she will be based in the Boys' School.



Mrs Kerry Lynch

Mrs Lynch has been appointed as a teacher of English from September. A highly respected teacher, she 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.



Mr Tim Seed

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; he will also be a Sixth Form Tutor in the Girls' School.



Mrs Martine Boulton

Mrs Boulton has been appointed to the position of part-time teacher of Design Technology from September. Martine is currently 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. She is looking forward to joining our Art and Design Technology Department and helping to introduce DT for girls into our curriculum.



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 BGSG 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. We are confident she will be an excellent addition to our talented team.



We wish all our leaving staff the very best for the future and look forward to welcoming some new colleagues in September!