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 BGSG in the future and hope they will stay in touch.

Ms Victoria White, BGSG Old Girl and current Deputy Head (Pastoral), is leaving us to go on to a new role at a new school. Ms White came to BGSG as a teacher of English ten years ago, became Head of English some years later and was promoted to the Senior Leadership Team in 2015. She has expertly led the development of the School’s pastoral care in all its complexity and managed a team of very talented and committed Heads of Year, medical experts and Form Tutors. As the first person to take on this senior role, her work has been pioneering and her dedication to the School absolute: she will be much missed.

Mrs Marie McKittrick, our much-loved School Nurse, joined BGS in 2004 and introduced individual care plans for the pupils, led initiatives to achieve the ‘Healthy Schools Award’ and delivered CPR training sessions. She is widely respected as a safeguarding expert and as someone who would always go above and beyond to care for our pupils. Out of the medical room, Mrs McKittrick has enjoyed leading ‘Wake and Shake’ sessions and has been a keen supporter of our annual musicals. We thank her for the excellent care and support she has provided for our pupils and families and look forward to welcoming her back to School for possible future projects.

Mrs Margaret Ferguson, Maths teacher, is retiring after an amazing 32 years at Bury Grammar School. She was appointed by Miss Batty, then Headmistress, and in 1990 became the School’s Examinations Officer. During her time here Mrs Ferguson was instrumental in running and organising many school trips, including water sports trips to Ardeche Valley and Mediterranean and of course the fantastic ski trips to many places in Europe, America and Canada. We would like to thank her for her long years of dedication to the school.

Mrs Fred Blakeley arrived in BGSG in September 2003 as a part time member of the MFL Department. A consummate polyglot, she can speak English, French, Italian and Spanish, is also an AQA senior examiner and has always been a calm and collected presence in our very lively Languages Department. She has participated in countless trips, led competitions and been a supportive colleague; we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Melanie Howells, Art teacher, came to us in 2006. She has seen big changes in the Art Department, namely its move from the lower floors to the large open space Art Studios on the upper floor. She currently
works across both schools, has spent many dedicated hours with pupils throughout her years of teaching here, and has been actively involved in many Art trips as well as with the Eco Schools project.

**Mrs Ellie Midgley**, who is retiring, joined Bury Grammar School Girls as an English teacher in 2012, following a long career in English teaching and leadership. Since then, she has been an integral member of the English Department. She is an excellent teacher and has been the mastermind behind a range of extra-curricular clubs, most recently a well-loved Scrabble club. Mrs Midgley will be much missed by both staff and students.

**Mrs Charlotte Kilshaw-Walster** started at BGSG in 2013 as Head of Classics. As well as being a Sixth Form tutor, she has taught French in the Senior School and Latin in the Juniors. She successfully ran Model United Nations, took groups to MUN conferences in various Greater Manchester schools and also led a memorable Classics trip to Italy. She is moving on to Mount Saint Mary’s College near Sheffield to be Academic Subject Leader of Classics and Modern Foreign Languages.

**Miss Huzma Khan** began her career at Bury Grammar as a trainee teacher before taking on a maternity cover in BGSG in 2013. The following year she was offered a permanent position as a teacher of Religious Studies and History. During her time here, she has contributed greatly to the extra-curricular life of the school as Head of Kitchener House and played a key role supporting school productions in make-up. We wish her all the best as she moves on to a role in a special school.

We also say ‘farewell’ to Miss Shazia Choudry, temporary teacher of Biology and Chemistry, Miss Caroline McKittrick, Marketing Assistant and former BGSG Head Girl and to Miss Grace Nicholson, Art Technician, who came here last September for a year. Miss McKittrick is going to a role in which she will be using her first-class degree in Geography and Miss Nicholson is going to be training to become a primary teacher. We are confident they will both be fabulous in their new roles!
**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

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<td>Mr Rob Lees</td>
<td>Deputy Head (Pastoral) BGSB</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Mr Stephen Prest</td>
<td>Head of Sixth Form</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Mrs Julie Daley</td>
<td>Deputy Head, Girls’ Junior School and Infant School</td>
<td>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.</td>
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## 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!

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