



Bury Grammar School Prize Giving comes back to School



Dear Parents,

In January, we let the school community know that Senior School Prize Giving would be coming back to Bury Grammar School. We have now finalised our plans and are delighted to share them with you.

Prize Giving is one of the most important events in the BGS School Calendar: it is a time when we celebrate the successes of the past year and look forward to the new academic year with renewed enthusiasm. It is an opportunity to celebrate both individual achievements as well as many tremendous team efforts - a time at which we share our pride in our pupils with the BGS community.

In line with our desire to return to our grammar school roots and heritage, we have decided to bring Prize Giving back to the heart of our school community – back to Bury Grammar School where it first took place many years ago. Please find the programme of Prize Giving events for 2018-19 outlined overleaf.

Holding our Prize Giving events at our Schools will ultimately make the event more accessible for all families, will allow us to praise more pupils individually and will provide opportunities for us to hear more from the pupils themselves. We can also offer additional hospitality than in previous venues, provide on-site parking and the opportunity to celebrate the evening in a relaxed atmosphere. In all we hope to provide fabulous evenings of celebration.

Most importantly, the new schedule will, we envisage, allow us to acknowledge the achievements and successes of a greater number of pupils. Rewarding and encouraging success is of course an integral part of the BGS philosophy.

We hope that each event will reflect the tone and aspirations of the pupils whose successes we are celebrating and that the ‘feel good factor’ we see in our everyday exchanges with pupils is reinforced.

Our traditions remain as important as ever: speeches, musical arrangements and reflections on the previous year will, we hope, make all our Prize Giving events special for the current generation of BGS pupils.

We do hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate in your son’s/daughter’s achievements and the successes of his/her peers at one of the occasions detailed overleaf.

Wishing you a lovely summer,

Mrs Alison Holland

Head of Development

Prize Giving Celebrations for academic year 2018-19

SIXTH FORM PRIZE GIVING - 2018

Joint Prize Giving for current Year 12 and 13 boys and girls and families (next year's Y13 and 'Y14s') to celebrate the successes of the academic year just gone - both at A Level and in the first year of Sixth Form.

20th September 2018
Boys' School Main Hall
7 – 9.30pm

The focus will be on pupils' careers at Bury Grammar School and future plans; A level certificates and major School Prizes will be awarded, with speeches given by key pupils, teachers and our visiting speaker.



GCSE PRIZE GIVING - 2018

Joint Prize Giving for current Year 11 boys and girls and families (next year's Y12s) to celebrate success at GCSE the previous year (once their certificates have arrived in school).

29th November 2018
Boys' School Main Hall
7 – 9.30pm

GCSE certificates and School Prizes will be awarded and the focus will be on this group of pupils: their successes, triumphs and aspirations.



BOYS' SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZE GIVINGS - 2019

Boys' Senior School pupils in Years 7 to 10 and their families will have the opportunity to celebrate the year's successes in the Main Hall.

3rd July 2019 – Boys' School Hall
Years 7/8 4.00 – 6.00pm
Years 9/10 6.30-8.30pm

The focus, for the first time, will be on the achievements and successes of pupils in years 7-10 and a greater breadth of prizes will be awarded.



GIRLS' SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZE GIVINGS - 2019

Girls' Senior School pupils in Years 7 to 10 and their families will have the opportunity to celebrate the year's successes in the Roger Kay Hall.

4th July 2019 – Roger Kay Hall
Years 7/8 4.00 – 6.00pm
Years 9/10 6.30 – 8.30pm

The focus, for the first time, will be on the achievements and successes of pupils in years 7-10 and a greater breadth of prizes will be awarded.



Since we are currently in effect in a 'transition' year, we will hold (for this year only) an 'in-house' Celebration Assembly during the school day in each separate Senior School for boys and girls in Years 7 to 10, at which a whole range of school prizes will be awarded. This will be for pupils only (they have already experienced a formal School Prize Giving of course this school year) and parents will be warmly invited next academic year (see above). The girls' celebration will take place on 5th July 2018 and boys' celebration on 6th July 2018.