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Welcome

Welcome from The Bishop Fraser Trust CEO

The Bishop Fraser Trust began in 2017 with a partnership of two Bolton schools. Since then we have grown to educate nearly 5,000 young people across Bolton and Bury. Our mission is simple, we want to ensure all our communities experience 'Life in its fullness' (John 10:10).

What this means in practice is that our schools have a shared unwavering commitment to ensuring our pupils attain the outcomes they need to lead a happy life, but also they have been immersed in a wide range of experiences both within the taught curriculum and through enrichment opportunities.

To ensure that we retain this focus and perhaps unusually, in such an attainment driven system, our schools have collectively set goals around enrichment experiences and social action, as well as the value we add to ensuring our young people will remain either in education, employment or training, long after they leave us. This, we know, will only happen if we have taught our pupils successfully on how to navigate setbacks through excellent personal development and character education programmes.

In this way, we know our young people will leave us with a richer understanding of how they may best lead a life in its fullness. For parents and carers also seeking this for their child, we warmly welcome you to Bury Church of England High School.





Welcome

From the Headteacher

Thank you for your interest in our very special school; a place where we truly believe everything is possible. Our aim is to offer a world-class educational experience for all our young people, with the vision to empower students of all faiths or no faith to let their light shine.

Bury Church of England High School is a welcoming, caring, calm, disciplined, inspiring and purposeful environment. It is our fundamental belief that all children have an entitlement to high-quality education and we are committed to providing excellent teaching and learning, pastoral care and additional opportunities for our students to enable them to flourish academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally in a supportive and caring environment.

We have high expectations of all of our students and aim to equip them with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence they need to achieve life-long success.

This is an exciting time to join Bury Church of England High School – we look forward to welcoming you and sharing more about what it means to be part of this wonderful community.



Mr JP Craig,
Headteacher

Our Core Values

Bury Church of England High School is Bury's only Church of England secondary school and has a long history of serving the local community and its families. Our distinctive Christian Ethos nurtures and celebrates the individuality of every student, regardless of faith background. Everything we do is built upon the belief that every student has the opportunity to let their light shine (Matthew 5:16), and rooted in our core values of respect, responsibility and resilience.

We place our core values at the centre of everything we do, creating an environment which allows students to flourish whilst enjoying the educational experiences we deliver at Bury Church. Students are regularly rewarded when they adhere to our core values, and celebrated when they go above and beyond our expectations.



“Let your light shine” (Matthew 5:16)

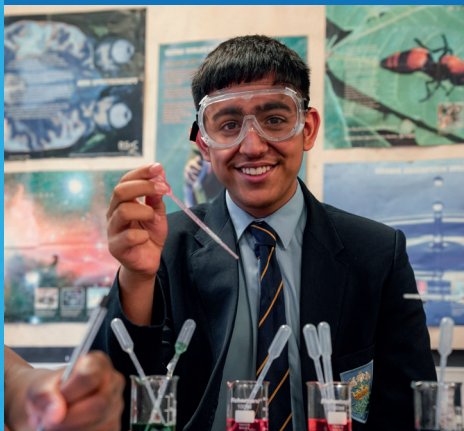


Respect

We value each member of the community, showing regard for others and celebrating difference.

Responsibility

We are committed to caring for ourselves, our community and the world around us.



Resilience

We are determined to succeed and never give up, making the most of the opportunities life gives us.

Curriculum

At Bury Church of England High School, we believe in the transformative power of knowledge to fulfil the aspirations of all our students to ensure success beyond school life and to achieve our school vision of 'let your light shine'.

Our ambitious, bespoke curriculum is at the heart of our school and has enabled us to develop a culture of high expectations where students are supported and challenged to achieve their full potential in everything that they do. We believe our curriculum supports students to build a lifelong love of learning opening up a life full of opportunity and choice. Whilst ensuring academic success, our curriculum has a significant emphasis on personal development, reading for pleasure, enrichment and STEAM subjects.

In terms of classroom standards, we take a rigorous approach and all our teachers push our students to exceed their own expectations. We ensure that the curriculum is accessible to all, but we tailor its delivery so all individuals are truly engaged. High quality, evidence informed teaching practices support students to have the best possible educational experiences ensuring knowledge is embedded and applied in a range of contexts.

Bury Church Curriculum Vision

- Students will uphold strong Christian values, always striving to let their light shine.
- Students will be responsible citizens who respect everybody in school, the wider community and beyond.
- Students will be mentally and physically resilient.
- Students will experience creativity and curiosity.
- Students will experience a knowledge rich curriculum that is broad and balanced, deepens over time and exposes them to a wide variety of texts.

The Wider Curriculum and Personal Development

At Bury Church of England High School, education extends beyond academic achievement. Our personal development programme is designed to nurture well-rounded individuals that are equipped with the confidence, resilience and compassion needed for success beyond school. We provide opportunities for personal growth so that our students understand how to contribute positively to wider society.

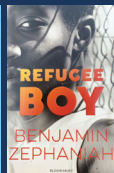
In addition to having one lesson a week of PSHCE following the national curriculum guidelines, students also have a lesson specifically dedicated to enrichment. Enrichment lessons focus on embedding our school core values of respect, resilience and responsibility and engage students in social action projects in the community. We encourage students to take responsibility for their school and their local community. Students are encouraged to devise projects they can develop to support the local people and the environment. During these sessions, students have the opportunity to gain Blue Peter badges throughout Year 7 and Year 8 and have the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Year 9.

Beyond the classroom, we also have a wide range of activities on offer to engage students. Every day we have lunch time activities on offer including sports clubs, gardening, board games and computing club. Our library is always open during break and lunch for students to read a wide range of books. We also run a number of after school clubs including many sports teams, Eco club, conversational Spanish and many more.

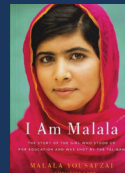
Reading for Pleasure

At Bury Church, we believe that fostering a love of reading is crucial to the development of a well-rounded, empathetic and thoughtful individual. Every day in school students experience half an hour of reading with their form tutor. Teachers and students are immersed in carefully selected books which align with our school values. By embedding reading in our curriculum, we aim to cultivate a lifelong passion for reading in our students.

Our reading curriculum is thoughtfully created, ensuring texts align with our school values and context. Students are introduced to voices from different cultures, enabling them to travel across continents and experience diverse ways of life. Through these stories, students explore themes such as morality, resilience and empathy in various situations, expanding their understanding of the world and themselves.



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10

"Reading Is The Gateway For Children That Makes All Other Learning Possible"

Barack Obama

**Respect,
Responsibility,
Resilience**



Year 11



Steam



Every student at KS3, has one lesson a week of STEAM. The STEAM curriculum integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. This interdisciplinary approach aims to help students develop critical thinking, creativity, curiosity and problem-solving skills, preparing them for future careers.

In Year 7, the curriculum focuses on how to build a more sustainable planet and how we can make ourselves, the school community and the local area more sustainable. Students will be taught to understand their responsibilities in protecting our planet for future generations and how STEAM subjects can support to ensure a better future.





Enrichment

All students at Bury Church engage in one lesson a week of enrichment activities. These range from social action in the local community with volunteering work such as litter picking, gardening and supporting in local churches and care homes to studying more about first aid, mental health awareness, careers and politics. Students earn Blue Peter badges at various points throughout the curriculum.

Ofsted 2023

'Students benefit from a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. They value the vast range of sporting competitions and clubs. This promotes a strong team spirit of working together with their peers.'

Pastoral Support

Ofsted 2023

'Pupils feel safe and happy. They are confident that teachers will listen to them if they are worried or anxious'.

Our pastoral care is central to us having a welcoming, caring, calm, disciplined, inspiring and purposeful environment. We believe that students thrive in an atmosphere of respect, care and support. Teachers and support staff work hard to promote this ethos and to make sure that every individual student feels that they are a valued member of Bury Church of England High School. High quality pastoral support is key to this aim and there is always someone who students can turn to for help and advice. Happy students, achieve more!

Each student at Bury Church of England High School is carefully assigned to a tutor group, which take account of friendship patterns and advice from primary schools. The Form Tutor

sees students every day and is a consistent point of contact, taking responsibility for guiding their personal, social and academic welfare and maintaining communication with parents/carers. Form Tutors develop a close relationship with their form members, building a solid relationship built on mutual respect. They develop a detailed understanding of each individual's personality and capabilities to ensure they support every form member to become the best version of themselves they can be.

Each team of year group tutors is led by a Head of Year. Heads of Year work with Tutors to support students through difficulties and to celebrate achievements with them.

Ofsted 2023

'Pupils appreciate the positive relationships that they forge with their teachers. They understand and follow the behaviour expected from them. Pupils concentrate in lessons and there is very little disruption to learning'.



How to Apply

Bury CE High School is a Diocese of Manchester secondary school for children aged 11 to 16. It seeks to serve both families with a Christian faith and families who wish their children to receive secondary education in a school whose principles and daily life are based on Christianity in the Anglican tradition. The school does not have a catchment area. Pupils come from all over the Greater Manchester and Lancashire area and beyond.

What to do next

We hope that you have found this information useful. If after reading these pages, having visited the school or watched our 'virtual events' online, you now think that Bury Church of England High School is right for the next phase of your child's education, then please complete the school's application form, BCE2025.

You must also complete your Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF), naming Bury Church of England High School as your preference. Please return the completed BCE2025 form to the Admissions Clerk at school by Friday 22nd November 2024.



**Scan this QR
code to complete
an application**

How to Find us

Travelling from Manchester

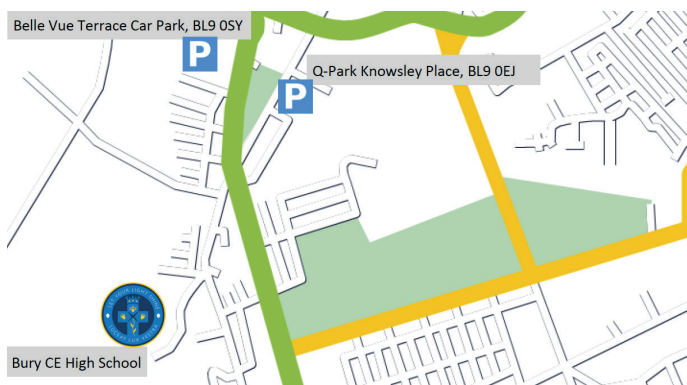
Heading along the A56 Manchester Road towards Bury, pass Holy Cross Sixth Form College (located on the right hand side of the road). Take the second road on the left, approximately 300m after the college (Manchester Old Road). Follow the road down and take the third road on the right followed by an immediate left down Haslam Brow. Follow this road down to the end, go through the school gates and into the car park.

Travelling from Bury Town centre

From Bury town centre, head south along the A56 Manchester Road following signs for Whitefield and Prestwich. Go past the town hall and the large clock tower on the left hand side. Immediately after the pedestrian crossing take the next right (Manchester Old Road). Follow the road down and take the third road on the right followed by an immediate left down Haslam Brow. Follow this road down to the end, go through the school gates and into the car park.

Car parking information

As there is limited parking on the school site, we ask parents and other visitors to Bury Church of England High School to use the car parks indicated on the map above when attending school meetings and events. Visitors with a disabled member in their party, or who would have difficulty walking into school, are welcome to use one of the limited parking spaces available on the school site. We look forward to welcoming you to the school site which we take care to make as safe as possible for the pupils who attend our school. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep our school site as safe as possible for the children.







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