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Faculty Model & Development of Curriculum



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Bury Grammar School is leading the way with a faculty model for academic leadership.

The Senior School is moving to a Faculty Model for academic departments from September 2019, bringing teachers together across schools and across departments in order to share expertise. This is a structure which we believe will **strengthen educational quality** and **ensure quality of provision** for both pupils and staff.

Boys and girls will continue to be taught in single sex groups according to the educational philosophy in which we strongly believe.

Every initiative we introduce at Bury Grammar School is about giving our pupils the best possible education and ensuring the highest standards. We believe our faculty model represents an exciting step forwards and the move up to another level for BGS and our pupils.

Bury Grammar School's academic faculties will be as follows:

THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Numeracy



THE ENGLISH FACULTY

English Language
English Literature
Literacy



THE SCIENCE FACULTY

Biology
Chemistry
Physics



THE HUMANITIES FACULTY

History
Geography
Religious Studies
Government & Politics



THE LANGUAGES FACULTY

French
German
Spanish
Latin



THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES



Business
Economics
Psychology
IT
Computer Science

THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Art
Design & Technology
Food
Drama
Music



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

A team of talented and dynamic Heads of Faculty were appointed last term from within Bury Grammar School to lead academic provision. They have been working behind the scenes for some time on plans for September and will coordinate the work of Heads of Department and play a leading role in communicating with parents.



Head of the
Mathematics Faculty
Mr Pete O'Sullivan



Head of the
English Faculty
Miss Jess Elliott



Head of the
Science Faculty
Mr Andrew Watts



Head of the
Languages Faculty
Mme Clémence Banks



Head of the
Humanities Faculty
Miss Jayne Tomkinson



Head of the Faculty of Social
Sciences & Computer Science
Mrs Maria Whitlow



Head of the Faculty of
Creative & Performing Arts
Mrs Kate Kershaw

You will have the opportunity to hear from each one of them about their faculty plans in each newsletter over the coming seven weeks.



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A DEVELOPING CURRICULUM

COMPUTER SCIENCE



Our Computer Science department is going from strength to strength with growing numbers of students securing places on some seriously competitive courses in this area.

We are keen however to ensure our pupils are literate and safe in our increasingly digital world; we have therefore decided to launch a **Digital Literacy** course in Key Stage 3. This course will cover different topics to the more technical Computer Science course and should prepare our pupils for life on the World Wide Web. It will ensure that our pupils are confident using all of our 'in-house' systems such as Microsoft Sharepoint and the Pupil Portal as well as equipping them with skills to make the most out of IT packages such as Excel, Powerpoint and Word- all tools vital for success in the workplace.



LATIN

Following a review of the uptake of modern and classical languages, we have decided to offer **Latin** as part of the co-curriculum with optional weekly lessons offered at lunchtime in Year 7 and Year 8 and a Level 2 Qualification offered for pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 who wish to pursue this option as well as their 9 GCSEs. This means that, from next year, pupils will be able to study two modern languages in Year 8 along with Latin, and the keen linguists can also take two modern languages to GCSE plus the Level 2 Latin Qualification.



If you have any questions about these developments, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Vicky Leaver, Director of Academic Provision, Assistant Principal