



BACUP & RAWTENSTALL

Grammar School

Welcome to our school



I am proud to be Headmaster of a school where youngsters develop into well-rounded individuals, who are eager to become future leaders. Our

students are ambitious and our staff challenge and support them in achieving their aspirations. Although we are a selective school, our students come from a wide range of backgrounds. We pride ourselves on our traditional values and strong family ethos, and offer a safe, secure environment where students can flourish and excel. I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Mr Alan Porteous, Headmaster

STUDENTS MAKE
OUTSTANDING
PROGRESS. OFSTED



Where students *enjoy* learning

Each year, students join BRGS from up to 60 different primary schools. For the first three years, they are usually taught together in forms, which allows them to develop strong friendships and support each other. Many of our Sixth Form students also help younger students to settle in by becoming older 'brothers and sisters' through our prefect system.

Our strong behaviour for learning policy ensures that students engage positively with learning and treat each other with respect and courtesy. Students are expected to dress smartly, while good behaviour and attendance are positively rewarded.

“BRGS IS A FRIENDLY SCHOOL WHERE EVERYONE GETS ALONG AND YOU FEEL PART OF ONE BIG EXTENDED FAMILY.”
YEAR 9 STUDENT

Students at BRGS enjoy school and relish learning, while our care, guidance and support have consistently been rated outstanding by Ofsted. The very strong relationships between students and teachers make BRGS an excellent learning environment in which everyone wants to succeed.



A *rich* and *varied* education

We are proud of our heritage, but alongside this we seek to embrace positive change. The school is recognised as a hub of excellence for teaching and learning, promoting and cultivating an ever-increasing amount of innovative and outstanding practice.

A broad and balanced curriculum is designed to meet the individual needs and interests of all our students. We want to ensure they study a balanced range of subjects, which will equip them to function effectively in a rapidly changing world.

We place a strong emphasis on traditional GCSE and A Level subjects, which are valued highly by prospective employers and universities. The vast majority of our students attain top grades, while a high percentage achieve the English Baccalaureate (EBacc).



At Key Stage 4, all students study the core subjects of Maths, English Language and English Literature, three Sciences, a Modern Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish), a Humanities subject (either Geography or History) and Religious Studies. We also offer additional GCSE options. Post-16, students can choose from more than 20 A Level subjects.

Our sustained record of academic excellence ensures that BRGS consistently features in the top 100 state schools nationally and the top five in Lancashire. Our goal is to help students develop into articulate, enquiring and independent learners, equipped to take a leading role in their community.

“THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE BEST SCHOOL FOR MY SON AND I AM THRILLED AT THE PROGRESS HE IS MAKING.”

YEAR 7 PARENT



“THE QUALITY OF STUDENTS’ SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS OUTSTANDING.”

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Happy *experiences*, happy *memories*

At BRGS, learning does not take place exclusively in the classroom. We offer more than 60 extra-curricular activities, including one of the largest Duke of Edinburgh's Award schemes in the county.

Enrichment opportunities include instrumental music tuition, successful school sports teams, orienteering, drama, chess, eco-school group, ICT activities, religious and debating groups. Students can take part in a wide range of educational visits, both in the UK and abroad, which provide an opportunity for curriculum enhancement and broader cultural awareness. Among these are fieldwork trips in Geography, Art and Mathematics, excursions to China, Iceland and the US, theatre outings and fun at Alton Towers. We also tailor experiences to each Year group, from a Year 7 Activity Day to the Year 9 Residential Camp.



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“THE SIXTH FORM IS OUTSTANDING.” OFSTED

Working in partnership with parents, we believe that we provide an environment in which students can grow and fulfil their potential as they journey from Year 7 and into our Sixth Form. In fact, more than 90% of students leave BRGS to progress to universities throughout the country, including Oxford and Cambridge.

We place great emphasis on developing truly rounded, independent and mature young people with emotional intelligence, thinking skills and a desire to give back to their immediate and global community. Above all, we want all our young people to enjoy their time at BRGS so that they leave school with a wealth of happy experiences and happy memories.



“WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION. OUR DAUGHTER IS DOING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. THE RANGE OF ENRICHMENT IS ALSO EXCELLENT.”

YEAR 11 PARENT





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BRGS is wholly selective on academic ability in Years 7 to 11. Details of the school's admission policy, and how to apply, are available on the school website. Admission requirements for the Sixth Form are also available on the school website.

“BEHAVIOUR IN
CLASSES AND AROUND
THE SITE IS EXEMPLARY.”
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