



Welcome Back

Dear Parents

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to thank you for the trust and support you continue to place in The Burgate School and Sixth Form.

Every year brings fresh opportunities, new challenges and exciting possibilities for our students. At Burgate, our aim is not simply for students to achieve excellent examination results, although that remains important. We want young people to leave us as confident, kind and ambitious individuals who are well prepared for whatever pathway they choose next.

This year we will continue to focus on providing high-quality teaching that helps every student succeed. Staff are working hard to ensure lessons are engaging, supportive and appropriately challenging, enabling all learners to make strong progress and develop a genuine love of learning.

Alongside this, we are placing a renewed emphasis on literacy, communication and reading. The ability to read fluently, write effectively and communicate confidently underpins success in every subject and throughout life. We will be creating even more opportunities for students to develop these skills, and we are grateful for the role parents play in encouraging reading, discussion and curiosity beyond the school day.

You will also see some developments to the way we report progress, particularly in Years 9 and 10. Our intention is to provide clearer, more meaningful information about how students are performing and where they may need additional support. We know parents value regular information and we want to ensure that communication between home and school remains as clear and helpful as possible.

Student wellbeing continues to be at the heart of everything we do. Through our pastoral systems, tutor programme and Learning Hub, we are committed to ensuring every student feels safe, valued and supported. When students feel happy, connected and confident, they are able to thrive both academically and personally. We are also expanding opportunities for students to explore future careers, meet employers and develop a deeper understanding of the many exciting pathways available after school. Helping young people understand the purpose of their learning and the opportunities that lie ahead is an important part of preparing them for adult life.

We are more popular than ever as a school and inevitably this has resulted in a little more traffic congestion, particularly at busy arrival and departure times. Therefore, a gentle reminder please to observe safe and considerate parking around the school site, to allow vehicles to flow freely without obstruction. My final request is a familiar one: please continue to encourage excellent attendance, positive routines and active involvement in school life. The students who benefit most from their time at The Burgate are those who attend regularly, participate fully and take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available.

We are incredibly proud of our students and optimistic about the year ahead. Thank you for being part of our school community and for supporting us in helping every young person to be the very best version of themselves.

With warm regards,

David Pover
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Associate Headteacher – Ben Clemson

Dear Parents

It is a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to The Burgate School and Sixth Form for another exciting academic year.

The school has been full of energy over the first few days of term, and it has been wonderful to see students returning with such enthusiasm, catching up with friends and settling quickly back into school life. I would especially like to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, along with all those who have joined us in other year groups and the new staff who have become part of our Burgate family this year.

Last year was another hugely successful one for the school, with excellent examination outcomes, continued improvements to our facilities and, most importantly, students achieving and enjoying so much both inside and outside the classroom. As always, we are ambitious for what our young people can achieve and are excited about the opportunities this year will bring.

One of the things that makes The Burgate special is the incredible range of experiences available beyond lessons. Whether through sport, performing arts, outdoor education, leadership opportunities, trips, clubs or enrichment activities, we want every student to discover something they enjoy and feel proud to be part of. This year we will continue building on the success of the Burgate Ambition Project, encouraging students to challenge themselves, try new experiences and develop the confidence to aim high.

We are also continuing to invest in modern technology to support learning. New SMART Panels in classrooms will help make lessons even more interactive and engaging, while further developments in our STEAM curriculum will ensure students develop the knowledge and skills needed for an ever-changing world.

Most importantly, we remain committed to knowing every student as an individual and helping them to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. Thank you for the support you provide at home. Our partnership with parents and carers is one of the school's greatest strengths, and together we can help every young person achieve their potential.

I wish all our students a happy and successful year ahead.

Best wishes,

Ben Clemson
Associate Headteacher





Investing Further in Our School Environment

Alongside our work on teaching, learning and student wellbeing, we have continued to make significant improvements to our school site over the summer and have an ambitious programme of developments planned for the years ahead. We have achieved this by successfully bidding for additional government funding which is ringfenced for specific and unique school improvement projects.

One of the largest projects completed during the summer break was the replacement of 160 internal fire doors across the school, together with additional fire safety improvements. While much of this work takes place behind the scenes, it makes an important difference to the safety of our students, staff and visitors. The work has also helped to modernise many areas of the school and ease movement around the site.

Alongside these improvements, we have completed a full technological refurbishment of our teaching environments, with classrooms now equipped with the latest generation of interactive smart boards. Both staff and students have embraced this exciting development, benefiting from increased flexibility, improved functionality and enhanced opportunities for engagement in lessons. The new technology has transformed the classroom experience, supporting high-quality teaching and learning while creating a more dynamic and interactive environment across the school.





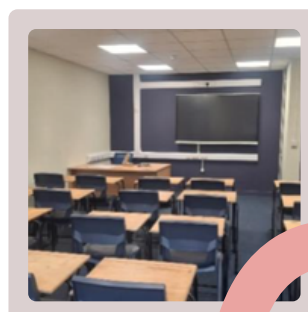
As our Sixth Form continues to grow and thrive, we have invested in additional facilities for students. A disused toilet block has been transformed into a new teaching space, while another underused area has been refurbished to create dedicated toilet facilities for sixth form students. These changes will help support the increasing number of students choosing to continue their education with us after Year 11.

Looking ahead, work will soon begin on an exciting redevelopment of the front of the school. The project will create a modern reception area, improved office accommodation and enhanced medical facilities. Most importantly, it will significantly strengthen safeguarding and security arrangements through controlled access points, improved visitor management and a secure entrance lobby. These improvements are designed to ensure that every visitor can be welcomed appropriately while maintaining the safety of everyone on site.

Our commitment to improving the school environment extends beyond this academic year. From 2027, we are planning a major roofing refurbishment programme that will improve energy efficiency, reduce future maintenance costs and help secure the long-term sustainability of the school estate for decades to come.

We are also developing plans to improve thermal comfort across parts of the school. Following the exceptionally warm weather experienced during summer 2026, new ventilation systems are planned to improve air quality and create more comfortable learning environments for students and staff throughout the year.

While many of these projects are not the most visible aspects of school life, they are important investments in creating a safe, secure and inspiring environment where our students can thrive. We remain committed to ensuring that Burgate continues to provide facilities that match the ambition we have for our young people, ensuring that both our physical environment and our teaching resources support the highest standards of education.





The Burgate School Fund

We would like to thank all parents who have contributed to the school fund in recent years. The school fund is an opportunity for parents to donate to the school to facilitate purchasing equipment or resources which otherwise would be beyond the school's means. Any purchase is designed to be accessible to all our students. Last academic year the school purchased a set of iPads to help drive forward our new STEAM curriculum.

This academic year we are looking to raise funds to contribute to a new outside canopy area for students to use during break and lunch time.

To donate to the school fund please visit the School Gateway. There is an option to pay "School Fund voluntary contribution" of £30. If you would like to pay more, this figure can be amended to the amount you wish to contribute. Thank you in advance for your kind donations. We will keep you updated through the year on progress towards our new outside canopies.





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