**Burford School**

Burford School was founded by Charter in 1571 and has been maintained continually since that date.

The school was developed as a County School from 1929 when the Foundation admitted girls. In 1957

the school moved up the hill to its present 36 acre site. The Boarding House and surrounding staff

accommodation occupy the historic site of the original Grammar school in the town. The attractive,

listed, buildings provide varied facilities within a safe environment. This history has given Burford a

unique flavour but is a school of the 21st century.

Academic expectations and standards are high. The students consistently achieve outstanding

examination results both at GCSE and A level, which are well above National and Oxfordshire figures.

The sixth form, which is based in purpose built accommodation next to the Library, provides twenty six

‘A’ and ‘AS’ Level courses. The students are ambitious, many aspiring to and gaining places to the top

universities including Oxbridge. The curriculum is organised through a departmental structure, with a

mix of single subjects and broad based faculties such as Technology. Pupils are initially taught in

mixed ability groups with increased setting as students move through the school. The school site is

Wi-Fi and there are four well equipped computer rooms, in addition to the departmentally based

computers. All teaching rooms have data projectors and interactive whiteboards to support student

learning.

The pastoral care in the school is co-ordinated by the Heads of Year and a member of the senior

leadership team. Tutor groups meet at the start of each day for assemblies and tutorials. Day School

was inspected in May 2018 and judged as `Good’ by OFSTED. The Boarding House was inspected

in May 2018 and awarded `Good’ overall, but `Outstanding’ for Leadership and Management.

The House system enhances a wide range of extra-curricular activities offered throughout the school.

There are many opportunities for residential experience including a thriving Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

Scheme, regular exchange visits organised by the Modern Foreign Languages Department, Sailing

and Skiing trips, cultural visits to Russia, and Music residential. The school has a well deserved

reputation for sporting excellence winning many national and local competitions for all major sports.

This summer the senior teams completed a three week Sports Tour of Australia. The Music

department offers opportunities for students to join the main orchestra, the training orchestra, the

school jazz band, rock school and choir. As an international school we have many links with schools in

all parts of the world. The exchange programme to Uganda, now in its fourteenth year, is a unique

opportunity for senior students to work with pupils from a very different background.

Though traditional in its atmosphere, uniform and annual cycle of events, including Charter Day,

Burford is thoroughly contemporary in its outlook. There is a collective feeling of pride in the school.

We are, quite simply, a happy and successful school.

**Mrs K Haig**

**Headteacher**