

# Learning Resource Centre



Bacup & Rawtenstall  
Grammar School

Libraries at BRGS have been located in a number of places and taken various guises over the years, spending time in the basement corridor and most recently in a corner of the Clark Building. Due to its location, the Library is under-used, under-resourced and too small. It is half the recommended size to cater for our Years 7-11 students.

We aim to build a state-of-the-art staffed Learning Resource Centre at a cost of £500,000 to form a hub at the centre of BRGS, providing information resources and study facilities for the whole school community. The facility will house our current library stock of books, periodicals and audio-visual material available for loan or reference. There will be a fully automated book issue system and electronic security system in operation.

We envisage the area being used for quiet study, research and to support the curriculum and importantly, a place where students can take time out and read for pleasure. The centre will empower learning, providing ICT facilities with internet access and there will be access to the workstations throughout the day, including before and after school. Study facilities will be available for at least 30 students, but flexible seating will allow for greater numbers for visits from local authors and to mark events such as National Poetry Day and World Book Day.

The importance we place on reading and independent learning will be emphasised through this Centre by placing it at the heart of our school. Ultimately, the Learning Resource Centre will provide access to real and virtual environments to inspire learners by providing a wealth of information at their fingertips to support their thinking, enjoyment and pleasure.

“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better.”

Barack Obama, 2009

“Reading opens so many doors, enriches lives and is at its heart an enabler.”

Malorie Blackman  
Children’s Laureate, 2013