

Science Laboratories



Bacup & Rawtenstall
Grammar School

Science laboratories at BRGS have remained unchanged since their creation. The traditional wooden worktops have been sanded down and polished countless times.

Our intention is to suite science on the balcony in modern laboratories. In 2012 we made a start on our plan by converting room 10 from an English classroom to a science laboratory and our intention as part of a bid to the Department for Education is to remodel rooms 1 and 11. If our bid is successful, rooms still requiring upgrades are rooms 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 13 at a total cost of £130,000. This would increase to approximately £200,000 if our bid is unsuccessful and we need to seek funding for rooms 1 and 11.

Science is popular at BRGS with over 250 students expected to study biology, human biology, chemistry or physics from September 2013 at AS level. Ensuring our science learning environments are inspiring will help us to engage future generations in the field of science.

“If this country is to nurture the scientists of the future, then it is essential that school students experience the excitement of practical science, and that can only be achieved by providing properly refurbished laboratory environments.”

Dr. Jim Iley
Director of Science and Education
at the Royal Society of Chemistry, 2010

“We would be able to focus more effectively on our work if the science laboratories were modernised to provide a stimulating work environment.”

Erica Minozzi, Year 10

“The poor quality of the desks in the labs means that you have to lean on books, otherwise pens go through the paper.”

Anna Munro, Year 12

“Refurbishing the laboratories would encourage students to study science subjects.”

Adam Hereward, Year 12

