A-Z Guide for New Bruern Families

Bruern Abbey Preparatory School



SUPPORTING BRUERN ABBEY SCHOOL

is for Amici Bruerni our registered charity
(No. 1135207)
established in 2010. We
fund everything from
the climbing frame and
BMX track to bursaries,
ensuring every boy can
access Bruern's
transformative
education. Also for
"Anxiety" - which we
promise will fade faster
than you think!

is for **Dyslexia**, **Dyscalculia & Dyspraxia** - the learning differences we specialise in supporting. Also for "Don't panic" - our unofficial school motto!

is for **Grounds** - our spectacular 23 acres of gardens and woodland that serve as the boys' "playground" (though it's definitely not traditional!).

is for Individual laptops

 every boy has one and uses it in most lessons. A godsend for those who think faster than they can write.

is for **Lost property** - yes, this will happen!
Some boys will appear at the end of the day with no jumper, someone else's hat, and mysteriously carrying a tennis racket they've never seen before, but will magically reappear (please label everything - it reduces anxiety).

Email Suzanne for help.

is for **Only At Bruern** - our motto that brands everything. Our new online merchandise shop opens in autumn where all our branded items (umbrellas, hoodies, caps, beanies) can be bought!

is for **Rope Bridge** (funded by Amici Bruerni), **Reading** - where boys flourish, building confidence and making remarkable progress, and **Respect** - a core value we instill in every boy.

is for **Values** - traditional ones we hold dear, including good manners, self-discipline, and treating every boy as an individual. Also "Very muddy wellies" - a Bruern tradition.

is for Yes, you can! - the positive, can-do attitude that we consistently encourage, nurture, and instill in every single boy. Yet also understanding that "I can't do this... YET" - because every challenge is just a stepping stone to growth. Also Yellow jumpers that make

every boy shine!

is for **Barn Owls** - our Year 4 boys who may be the smallest but are certainly the loudest! Plus the **Bouldering** Wall (where boys discover they're part spider) and **BMX** Track complete with shiny new bikes (funded by Amici Bruerni). Warning: mud and adrenaline are guaranteed! Also "Breathe" - what you'll remember to do after drop-off!

class, and up to twelve pupils in the Senior classes.

is for Hens - yes, we

is for **eleven** pupils at

most in each Junior

have chickens! Funded by Amici Bruerni, they're a welcome addition that the boys absolutely love.

is for **John Floyd** – our inspirational Executive Head since 2011. Being dyslexic himself, he truly understands, and he personally knows every single boy.

is for **Monday morning** coffee - our early morning coffee van from **Monkshead** coffee encourages parents to meet and offload!

is for **Parent Talks** Amici Bruerni organises
workshops and talks to
inform, advise and
support parents on your
educational journey.
Our next one is
November 7th with
Professor Peter Hill.

is for Senior School (ages 13-16) opened in 2022 in Chilton, Buckinghamshire, Speech & Language Therapists on-site, **Shooting Competition** each September, and **Second-hand uniform** guide - created by parents for parents (because we know the struggle!). Also "Shoes" buy multiple pairs, they'll vanish mysteriously.

is for **Website** - visit our new Amici Bruerni website at www.amicibruerni.org for all charity information, plus WhatsApp groups for parent communication.

is for **Zero homework policy** - learning
happens at school
where specialist
teachers can support it
properly! Also "Zzz" what your son will do
soundly after all that
fresh air and learning!

is for **Chapel** - where boys can air their lungs with their magical voices and listen to special words from John for the week, experiencing something absolutely magical at Bruern! Also **Coffee Van** every Monday morning organised by Amici Bruerni and **Candlelit** dinners!

is for **Flexible Boarding**- one to four nights a
week in our 23- acre
Oxfordshire grounds.
Perfect for London
families with our weekly
bus service from Sloane
Square and Marble Arch.
Also **Forest** School outdoor learning in our
beautiful woodlands
(muddy boots

mandatory). Plus

Forgotten PE kit -

us!

happens to the best of

is for **Kit - label everything!** Use code
BRUERNABBEY at
<u>www.wovenlabelsuk.com</u>
for name labels. Even
socks need labels especially socks!

is for chef **Neil** and his legendary food and **neurodiversity** - we celebrate it!

is for **Questions** - don't stop asking! The teachers are there by phone or email, and the parent WhatsApp groups are invaluable for support and advice.

is for **Twenty-three** acres of beautiful grounds, Traditional values with modern methods, and our Twelve Trustees of Amici Bruerni.

is for **Uniform** - The uniform parent team runs our legendary second-hand uniform service from their "The Shed" please email or join our WhatsApp group for updates! They're lifesavers for forgotten items and growing boys. Plus "AOB umbrellas" - you'll forget it on the rainiest days.

is for **eXceptional** results - boys achieve beyond expectations when taught in ways that work for their neurodiverse minds. Also "**eXtra** washing" - mud is practically a curriculum subject!