

## Jenny Hopkinson

### Founder



The Bursary Foundation is a social mobility charity that does three things:

- Finds, nurtures and prepares high potential pupils from the most disadvantaged backgrounds so that they are equipped to thrive at top independent schools
- Collaborates with independent schools to foster social mobility
- Connects an independent network of donors to pupils, using funds to leverage more transformational bursary places

Jenny began her career as a primary school teacher in Manchester and was part of a founding team of an Outstanding inner-city free school. Inspired by the high-potential pupils in her class who told her that 'going to private school wasn't for kids like them', Jenny set about to help pupils from the most disadvantaged backgrounds overcome barriers to accessing funded places at the top independent schools on their doorstep.

Jenny wanted to help more deserving pupils to thrive so in 2018 she started her charity, The Bursary Foundation. The charity works closely with inner-city primary school headteachers to identify high-potential children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds. They provide them with the academic and emotional tools to succeed in entrance exams and beyond. In the past three years, The Bursary Foundation has seen over £2m invested in bursaries for their tutees at top North West independent schools.