

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's with great happiness that we extend our warmest greetings to all our returning pupils, as well as a heartfelt welcome to our new Reception and Year 7 students. As the new incoming Headteacher of BGGS and the existing Head of Lady Royd, we are filled with excitement for the opportunities and adventures that await us in the coming academic year. Whether you're a familiar face or a fresh addition to our school community, know that you are an essential part of our educational family. We are here to support your growth, nurture your curiosity, and inspire your dreams. Together, we'll embark on a journey of discovery, learning, and personal development. Let's make this year one filled with accomplishments, friendships, and cherished memories. Welcome to another exciting chapter at Bradford Girls Grammar!

In this week's letter you will find:

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2. The Week Ahead

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent and carer information sessions. These are a great opportunity to come into school and meet relevant key staff and to also hear important information such as: what your child will be learning this term, homework expectations and school routines and expectations. Lady Royd sessions will be held in classrooms and our Senior Phase session will take place in the Bradford Girls Grammar School Main Hall.

Weekly Assembly Theme: Welcome Back and the language of belonging				
Next week: School Council and Rewards Launch				
When	Session	For	Time	Location
Tuesday	Information Session	Year 1 & 2 Parents/Carers	3:30pm	Lady Royd Classrooms
	Information Session	Year 7 – 11	3.30pm	BGG Main Hall
Wednesday	Information Session	Year 3 & 4 Parents/Carers	3:30pm	Lady Royd Classrooms
Thursday	Information Session	Year 5 & 6 Parents/Carers	3:30pm	Lady Royd Classrooms

To ensure we can accommodate everyone with refreshments please RSVP following the link below:

<https://bit.ly/45XvoEG>

2. Achievements

We are thrilled to share the fantastic news regarding our students' GCSE results. It is with immense pride and joy that we congratulate each and every one of our pupils on their outstanding achievements. This milestone is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to their studies. We are immensely proud of the hard work many have put in and the resilience they have shown. These remarkable results reflect not only their academic ability, but also their character and determination. As parents, you have played an important role in nurturing and supporting their growth, and today, we all celebrate this success together. We look forward to witnessing the bright futures that lie ahead for our accomplished young people as they move into the next stages of their education.

3. RAAC

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we have had it confirmed by external inspectors that we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub. I hope that this offers reassurance and thank you for your understanding.

4. School Improvements

We're excited to share some great news about our school! We've made important upgrades to improve our students' experience.



First, we're happy to say we've rejuvenated our AstroTurf sports field, improving its quality and providing a safe and high-quality space for sports and activities for all our year groups to enjoy.



Additionally, we've completely renovated the basement restrooms, ensuring they're clean and comfortable for our Key Stage 3 students.

These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to creating a better learning environment that helps our students feel safe and grow both academically and personally. We believe these improvements will make school more enjoyable and productive for our students. Please reinforce with your child how we must all respect and look after our school resources, so they stay this high quality for everyone to use for a long time to come.

5. Uniform Expectations

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within our school community and most of our pupils have returned to school wearing the correct uniform and they look very smart. Thank you!

It is important to us that parents and pupils adhere to the uniform policy so the school can maintain the highest standards of quality and presentation it is renowned for. If you have any problems in relation to uniform, please contact your child's class or form teacher to discuss how we may be able to help.

BGGS UNIFORM

SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM	PE KIT	EQUIPMENT
BGGS School Blazer	BGGS Gold Polo Shirt	Casio Scientific Calculator FX83 GT PLUS or FX85 GT PLUS
Navy V-neck Jumper or Cardigan (optional)	Plain navy or black sweatshirt/fleece	Protractor, Ruler Pair of Compasses
Navy Blue Skirt or Navy Blue Trousers	Plain navy or black leggings/ joggers/tracksuit bottoms	Small English Dictionary
White Shirt and Senior School Tie	Plain navy or black leggings/ joggers/tracksuit bottoms	
Socks or Tights (navy or black)	PE Trainers	
Plain hair bands, clips, slides	Towel for Swimming	
Black Shoes (leather/leather look—not canvas) No boots/fashion shoes/pumps	Swimming Costume (mainly plain black/navy) swimming cap	
Please clearly mark all items of uniform with the girls' own name.		



SCHOOL

SKIRT

OR

TROUSER

School skirts should be navy and of a suitable length above the knee. School trousers are full length, tailored trousers. Skintight, fashion trousers, leggings and other styles of skirt are not acceptable.

PE TOPS

Pupils are also permitted to wear hooded and/or zip-up tops in PE now, as well as the fleece and sweatshirt options.

TRAINERS

Students must wear trainers that are specifically designed for sport. These will provide the correct cushioning, motion control, tread and mid-foot stabilisation which will offer the best support for the foot and ankle and thus minimise any sports injuries. Flat fashion pumps and 'high-tops' are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**. These are dangerous, offering little support or grip and have been the major cause of injury.

Jewellery is not allowed, apart from a watch and **one** pair of plain **stud** earrings (**no hoops**) in the lobes of the ears. Other jewellery and/or piercings are not allowed. If a student has an existing nose piercing, then a small plastic spacer would be deemed acceptable for school, to prevent the piercing from closing.

Make up, nail varnish, false nails, false eyelashes and decorative contact lenses are inappropriate for school and must therefore not be worn during the school day. Any pupil seen wearing these will be expected to remove them immediately.

Lady Royd Uniform

BOYS	Reception 4-5yrs	Year 1 5-6yrs	Year 2 6-7yrs	Year 3 7-8yrs	Year 4 8-9yrs	Year 5 9-10yrs	Year 6 10-11yrs
Navy Lady Royd Blazer		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Navy Jumper (Logo)	✓						
Plain Navy Jumper (optional)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Trousers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White Shirt		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lady Royd Striped Tie		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gold Polo Shirt	✓						
Plain Dark Coat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lady Royd Book Bag	✓	✓	✓				
PE Kit	Lady Royd gold/blue PE shirt with Lady Royd crest, navy or black shorts and/or jogging trousers, navy or black sweatshirt, white ankle socks, black pumps or trainers						
Swimming	Plain navy swimming shorts or navy trunks						



GIRLS	Reception 4-5yrs	Year 1 5-6yrs	Year 2 6-7yrs	Year 3 7-8yrs	Year 4 8-9yrs	Year 5 9-10yrs	Year 6 10-11yrs
Navy Lady Royd Blazer		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Navy Jumper/Cardigan (Logo)	✓						
Plain Navy Jumper or Cardigan (optional)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White shirt		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lady Royd Striped Tie		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plain gold polo shirt	✓						
Navy School Pinafore	✓						
Navy skirt/trousers		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Navy tights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plain Dark Coat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lady Royd Book Bag	✓	✓	✓				
PE Kit	Lady Royd gold/blue PE shirt with Lady Royd crest, navy or black shorts and/or jogging trousers, navy or black sweatshirt, white ankle socks, black pumps or trainers.						
Swimming	Plain navy swimming costume and swimming hat						



We hope your child has had a positive start to this academic year and wish you a lovely weekend.

With our best regards

Cath Proud

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