

Dear Students,

Hello and congratulations on confirming your place at Bradford Girls' Grammar School. My name is Miss Dickinson and I will be your Year Leader when you come to us in year 7. It is my job to make sure that you look forward to joining us here in September and that you feel safe, happy and comfortable as you leave your primary school and join us in secondary school.



Secondary school brings lots of changes. You will have lots of new teachers, and you'll have many new subjects to learn, but you're about to make a whole lot of new friends too! On top of that, we have a lot of extra-curricular clubs at lunch and after school, house competitions, fund raising and charity events, sports day, drama and music performances and many more activities for you to get stuck into during your time at Bradford Girls' Grammar School.

I hope you are feeling excited about joining us at BGGGS and are looking forward to all the new experiences you will have during your time with us. However, it is totally normal to feel a little bit worried, anxious, or even scared at times when you think about leaving what you know behind. This year is vastly different from our normal experience and I understand that this could spark even more worries. Although your transition visits to BGGGS have been put on hold, I will still be in contact with your primary school to ensure I gather the relevant information we might need to know, so that we can fully prepare for your arrival in September. We are also planning a range of other ways to help you get to know us and our school, so you feel ready to join us when schools open fully again.

So, your transition experience will be slightly different this year compared to our normal programme. You will still get to take part in our transition day but this will take place on your first day in September. This is when you will get to meet your form tutor in person, perform some team building with your new class and year group and get to know the school. Your first week in school will include lots of opportunities to help you settle in nicely and meet lots of new friends!

You will soon receive an information booklet for you and your parents to read. This includes the information I would normally have shared with you when I visited at your primary school. We have planned a number of activities for you to complete over the next few weeks. These can be found on our website (<https://www.bggs.com/senior-school/welcome/transition-to-senior-school/>). Check the page regularly for new activities and information specifically for you and your new year group. For a peak at some of the other things we do in school, you can also follow us on twitter; @BGGSchool.

So here is the first task I am going to set you. Find a safe place like a special drawer or folder to keep and organise all the information that you receive from us in the coming weeks. Put this letter there along with the booklet you should receive next week. When you get any more information from us, add this to your special place too. If you have a go at any of the challenges or activities from me or from the website, keep these safe too. If you have any questions you or your parents want to ask, you could write these down and save them here too. You will get a chance to ask these over the coming weeks.

I look forward to meeting you in September and hope that you and your family remain safe.

Kind regards,

Miss Dickinson  
Year Leader 7