

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone is settling in well to the new term.

Yesterday, you will have received a letter from Carol Dewhurst, CEO of BDAT, and Chris Sutcliffe, Chair of Governors, informing you that I have secured another job as Headteacher of King James's School in Knaresborough. This is an exciting opportunity for me personally, as it takes me back to the roots of where I began my leadership career, and to where my passion for education was born. I am, however, extremely sad to be leaving BDAT, BGGs and our wonderful students and community. I am so proud of the school and know it will continue to flourish.

This is a great example of how being part of a family of schools brings strength and security to the school, as I am confident that BDAT will put in place excellent leadership arrangements to continue to drive the school forwards, together with our Senior Leadership Team. We will keep you informed of arrangements once they have been finalised.

Next week, on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm**, we will be holding our first post-conversion BDAT parent engagement event. We hope that as many parents will be able to join us as possible and look forward to the opportunity to gain your feedback, and to answering any questions you may have.

In this letter you will find:

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3. GCSE Curriculum Information
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Weekly Assembly Theme: This week: World Religion Day Next week: Civil Rights/Martin Luther King Day				
Day	Session	For	Time	
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday	BDAT/BGGs Parent Engagement	All Parents	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Main Hall
Thursday				
Friday	Reception & Year 1 Stay & Learn	Reception & Year 1 Parents & Carers	<u>Reception</u> 8.30am to 8.50am <u>Year 1</u> 2.50pm to 3.15pm	Lady Royd Classrooms

## 2. Uniform and Jewellery

As it is the beginning of the term, this presents a good opportunity to highlight the BGGs uniform policy. The wearing of the correct school uniform plays an important part in upholding the school's behaviour policy, as we believe that it promotes good behaviour and helps reinforce the high standards we expect from our pupils. A full copy of the uniform policy can be found here: [BGGs Uniform Policy](#)

I would like particularly to re-iterate our policy on jewellery. The only jewellery which is allowed is one pair of studded earrings and one nose stud. Bracelets, necklaces, and rings should not be worn.

Parents are also reminded that it is now uniform policy in the Senior and Primary Phase that if a student is wearing a white shirt that they must wear a tie. Ties can be purchased from the usual uniform retailers. We also have a small number of Senior ties available at school and these can be purchased via Parentpay. Please contact Mrs Harry for any assistance needed with Parentpay.

### 3. GCSE Curriculum 2023

For Year 9 parents, please find the link to information regarding the [GCSE Curriculum 2023](#), which contains important information regarding the double and separate science routes, MFL and Humanities.

### 4. Stem Big Ideas Workshop



Following on from the workshop at the end of last term, we again welcomed Solutions for the Planet and Northern Gas Networks into school to continue working on the Big Ideas Workshop with our Y9 students. In the first of a series of development sessions, students worked on producing and submitting a business plan for their product, service, or campaign. One of the mentors, Mahliqa, from @nothergasnetworks, who came to support students during the session, believes “we have some very exciting ideas.”

### 5. Jennifer Burkinshaw - Author Visit



We were delighted to welcome author Jennifer Burkinshaw into school on Tuesday who came to speak to our Year 7 pupils 7 about her debut novel Igloo - a heart-warming story set against the stunning backdrop of the French Alps.

The students listened to the first chapter of the novel, watched two book trailers, and even pitched their own new winter story. The students thoroughly enjoyed her visit and asked her lots of interesting questions. We hope to invite Jennifer back very soon to speak to other year groups in the school.

## 6. Mental Health Workshops

We were also delighted to welcome the teams from Healthy Minds Bradford and Craven AllStar into school as part of their First Give UK programme of workshops. Pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 participated in a workshop focused around the theme of anti-bullying.

We are also hoping to offer this workshop to Parents and Carers, which will be delivered by NHS Healthy Minds Apprentices aged 16-24. The aim of the workshop is to give parents an insight into the problems that young people face surrounding bullying and discrimination, offering parents and carers alternative solutions by way of early intervention and awareness, promoting and instilling empathy, resilience, equity, diversity, and inclusion. A date for the workshop, together with instructions on how to register, will be communicated shortly.

Supporting our pupils not only academically but also emotionally and providing an enriched curriculum is a key part of the BGGs educational journey. If you require any additional information, our [website](#) signposts some useful support services.



## 7. Keeping Warm Event

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Bradford West Family Hub and Bradford Council will be running a keeping warm event, from 10am to 2pm. Free advice and support on a variety of subjects will be available. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

## 8. Flu and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are circulating at high levels across the country, and it is likely this will continue in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, also continue to be reported. The government has provided the following advice for schools and parents to help minimise the spread of infection:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- Help children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene by practising regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that Flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. Vaccination among young children remains low and getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with. It's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- All primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

## **9. Flu Drop In Clinic**

The School Immunisation Team will be running a drop-in Flu Vaccination clinic on Saturday 21st January 2023 between 9.30am – 2.30pm at Horton Park Health Centre, 99 Horton Park Avenue, Bradford, BD7 3EG .

The Flu nasal spray and the Porcine-free flu injection will be available.

The drop-in clinic is for students that have NOT received their flu vaccination this season. Please be aware the school immunisation team are still carrying out school sessions throughout January, however if you would prefer a clinic appointment, please attend this drop-in clinic. This clinic is eligible for students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

If you would like to speak to a member of the team or for further information about the Flu vaccination, please contact us on 01274 221269 / School Immunisation team - Bradford

## **10. Community Notices**

Bradford Trampoline Club host weekly sessions at BGGs. Interested parents should book directly through the club. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. E. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Clare Martin

**Principal**





# Learn To Trampoline

at Bradford Olympian Trampoline Club

Please use the contact form on our website  
for enquiries and to reserve a place on our  
waiting list:

**[www.bradfordolympian.co.uk](http://www.bradfordolympian.co.uk)**



We are a friendly club with mixed age (5+), gender  
and ability recreational classes several days a  
week.

We offer quality coaching, the British Gymnastics  
award scheme and select members for higher level  
training and competitions. Our members have had  
great success at club, regional and national  
competitions.



Sessions are held at  
Bradford Girls Grammar  
School on Mondays,  
Thursdays and Saturdays.  
Prices start from £20 a  
month (for an hour class).  
Please see our website for  
further details and to  
reserve a place on our  
waiting list.

# KEEPING WARM

A Warm Space For You To Come Have A Cuppa & A Chat

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

10am to 2pm

West Family Hub

Farcliffe Family & Children's Centre

56 Toller Lane

Bradford BD8 8QH

