

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your understanding regarding teacher industrial action this week. Currently, further strikes that will impact school are scheduled to take place on the dates below. Although we hope that negotiations will resolve this situation, it may be advisable to start considering arrangements for your child in case we need to partially close once again.

- Tuesday 28th February 2023 (Northern, Northwest, Yorkshire & The Humber)
- Wednesday 15th March (whole country strike)
- Thursday 16th March (whole country strike)

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1. The Week Ahead

Weekly Assembly Theme: Holocaust Memorial				
Next week: Rosa Parks Day				
Day	Session	For	Time	Location
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday	Oral Hygiene Workshop	Reception Parents & Carers	8.40am to 9.15am	Lady Royd
Friday	Reception Stay & Learn	Reception & Year 1 Parents & Carers	Reception 8.30am to 8.50am	Lady Royd Classrooms
	Curriculum Showcase	Year 1-6 Parents & Carers	8.45am	Lady Royd Classrooms

2. BDAT / BGGGS Parent Engagement Event

The next date planned for parents to meet with BDAT and BGGGS staff is Wednesday 8th March 8.45am – 10am. We hope to see lots of parents there, to continue our dialogue and to listen to your feedback.

3. Seasonal Showcase

It was fantastic to see all the students involved in the Seasonal Showcase last night. To have so many students taking part, including some Lady Royd children, was amazing. Please see the end of the letter for images from the evening.

Thank you to Miss Gant and to Miss Budimir for all the work involved in preparing students for this great opportunity to showcase their talents. I am sure parents were proud of their children and enjoyed this celebration of their achievement. A special mention also goes to our Year 11 BTEC students who acted as stage crew and who also managed the sound and lighting so brilliantly.

Thank you, also, to Mrs Usher for her help with the event. Mrs Usher leaves us at the end of next week, after 37 years of working with the school. Literally hundreds of students will have benefited from her passion for music and skilful tuition. I am sure parents will join me in sending Mrs Usher our best wishes.

4. Languages and Business Competition



This week, thirty students studying French in year 9 and 10 took part in a Languages and Business competition organised by the University of Leeds.

Five teams are competing against each other to present their business idea, based in a French speaking country, in French.

The two teams who will win the first heat in school will attend the final heat with other secondary schools at the University of Leeds. We wish them 'bonne chance!'

5. Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts Workshop



Our Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts students were lucky enough to experience a workshop with Gareth Aled this week, in preparation for their final assessments. Gareth, who trained at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, has many puppetry and acting performances to his credit, including Puppet Director for War Horse for its UK and International Tour.

Gareth was able to give the students a valuable insight into performance and input into the student's work. At the end of the workshop, Gareth said he was "thrilled that that students had achieved such innovative performances".

6. Senior School Uniform

We are proud to have high standards, to reflect the positive and professional ethos we all want our young people to demonstrate. However, unfortunately, over the past few weeks, we have seen a decline in standards of personal presentation. Please could parents check their daughter's uniform. Some key issues to look out for please:

- Hoodies are not permitted; if students are cold, they may wear a navy-blue V-neck jumper or cardigan (plain or BGGs-branded) under their blazer.
- If students are wearing a plain white shirt, they must also be wearing a tie. These are available to order via ParentPay to collect in school for £4.99 (Velcro-version) or £4.50 (self-tie). They are also available at uniform shops.
- The only items of jewellery that are permitted are: a watch, one pair of studded earrings, and - if they have a nose piercing – a nose stud. Necklaces and bracelets, hooped earring, and multiple pairs of earrings are not permitted, and students should expect that they may be confiscated.

Thank you for helping to uphold the high standards of BGGs by checking and reinforcing this at home.

7. National Apprenticeship Week



Next week, from the 6th to 12th of February, is National Apprenticeship Week. The theme for this year is 'Skills for Life.' The aim of the week is to bring together agencies from across the education and skills sector, as well as employers, to celebrate the achievements of apprentices around the country and to showcase to prospective students and pupils what an apprenticeship can offer.

As part of the BGGs Careers programme, we will be highlighting National Apprenticeship Week to all Senior Phase students and will be signposting students to additional information and resources.

Further information regarding National Apprenticeship week can be found via their website: [National Apprenticeship Week](#).

8. Parent Workshop – Kindness, Compassion and Understanding



Following on from the successful pupil workshops held at BGGs earlier this month, we will be offering parents the opportunity to participate in a similar workshop on **Monday 6th March 2023**.

The workshop will be delivered by the NHS Healthy Minds Apprentices and will cover areas such as the problems young people face surrounding bullying and discrimination and the opportunity to explore alternative solutions such as early intervention and awareness, as well as how to promote and instil empathy, resilience, equality, diversity, and inclusion. More information can be found by viewing the KCU resource video here: [KCU resource video](#)

Places are limited and need to be booked. Please email Mr Mahmood directly to secure your place: kmahmood@bggs.com

9. Road Safety

Traffic issues are continuing Squire Lane. There are ongoing concerns about the safety of pedestrians and other road users due to parents parking on double yellow lines, the chevron areas outside the school, stopping to drop off pupils outside the school gates and parking in front of the school exit barriers.

Whilst we await the planned improvements from the Highways agency, which should help improve the situation somewhat, could I please request all parents to act with due consideration towards others. Cars should not be parking on pavements, parking on double-yellow lines, opening doors next to pedestrians or blocking the exit barrier areas

from school. The safety of our pupils, parents and other road users is of the utmost importance and I would urge everyone ensure that they are acting accordingly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to reflect on their transport arrangements and consider walking, parking further away, or using public transport where possible.

On Friday next week, Year 3 will be completing Pedestrian Training which will include: finding safer places to cross and crossing safely at junctions.

10. CPR Training

Please find at link to free online [CPR training](#).

January always feels like such a long month, and so I am sure we will all appreciate that is almost half term. Just a reminder that we break up next Friday, 10th February and will return to school on Monday 20th February.

Best wishes for the weekend, and for the week ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Martin" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clare Martin

Principal

Bradford Girls's Grammar School

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