

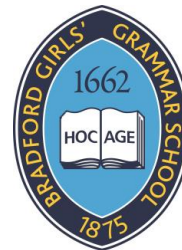
Bradford Girls' Grammar School

Parent and Families briefing

24th April 2023

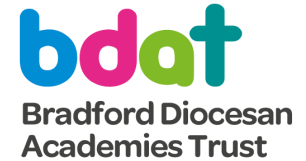
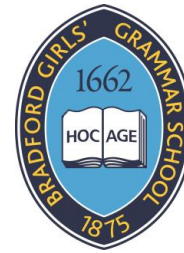


Welcome and introductions



- ❖ **Jane Tiller**, Executive Headteacher, Bradford Girls' Grammar School
- ❖ **Keeley Poole**, Head Teacher Lady Royd
- ❖ **Rachael Howarth**, Interim Secondary Head Teacher
- ❖ **Chris Sutcliffe**, Chair of Governors, Bradford Girls' Grammar School
- ❖ **Carol Dewhurst OBE**, Chief Executive, Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust
- ❖ **Claire Berry**, Director of Corporate Affairs, Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust
- ❖ **Mark Dowson**, Head of Corporate Projects, Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust

Why are we here?



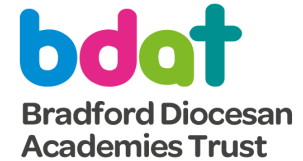
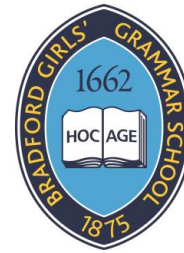
Following the recent parent engagement meetings held with Bradford Girls' Leaders, Governors and BDAT leaders, we are continuing our promise to seek your opinions on important matters affecting the school.

We really value your views as parents and carers and want to keep you up to date with developments and continue to seek your opinions.

We would really welcome your comments on two key areas:

1. **For feedback:** De-amalgamation of Bradford Girls' Grammar School and Lady Royd Primary School
2. **For information:** Changes to the school year from September 2024

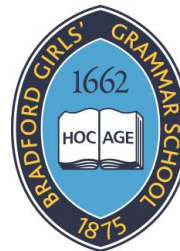
1. De-amalgamation of Bradford Girls Grammar School and Lady Royd Primary school



- Currently Bradford Girls' Secondary and Lady Royd Primary are one school. Inspected as one establishment and there is one Governing Body.
- We are seeking your views regarding the proposal to split or de-amalgamate the 'All through' School into 2 schools:
 - Bradford Girls' Grammar (secondary phase, ages 11 - 16)
 - and Lady Royd Primary School (primary phase, ages 4 to 11)

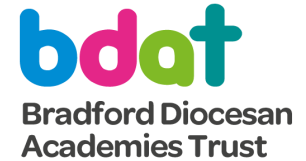
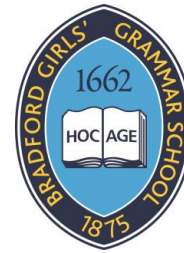
Why?

- The two schools already operate separately in many ways:
 - Identity and branding
 - School Uniform
 - School Website
 - Lady Royd is co-educational, Bradford Girls' Grammar School is for Girls (as such, the school is not operating as an all through school, with the majority of pupils being new to the School in Year 7)



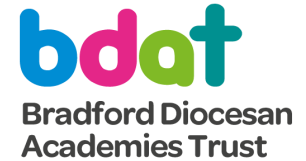
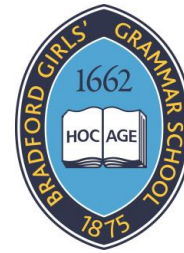
- There are clear education benefits to the de-amalgamation. The school is currently accountable for the delivery of one education vision, which is challenging due to the breadth of teaching years from reception through to GCSE.

What does this mean for your child?



- The school's ethos, vision and values will remain unchanged.
 - Staff supporting and teaching your children will remain the same, with dedicated leaders:
 - Keeley Poole Head teacher of Primary
 - Cath Proud substantive Head teacher of Secondary from September 2023 with Rachael Howarth acting as Interim Secondary Head from September 2023.
 - School will continue to offer the same curriculum and extra curricular activities.
 - Update of the admissions arrangements to ensure that all girls will continue to have the same priority opportunity to proceed from Lady Royd primary to Bradford Girls' Grammar school. Primary Admissions will remain unchanged.
- ❖ A copy of the detailed FAQ's are available for you to take away today. They will also be available on the parent's section of the BGGS website.

How can you feedback?



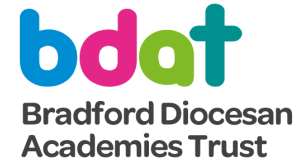
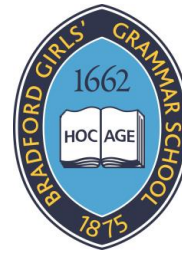
We are keen to make sure that your views are taken into account before we make any final decisions or approach the Department for Education.

The consultation period will run over the next half term from 24th April to 26th May 2023.

1. Parental engagement events:

- a) **Today, Monday 24th April**
 - b) **Wednesday 24th May at 3pm** to gather interim and additional feedback
 - c) **Monday 19th June at 8.30am** to provide initial feedback on the proposals following consultation.
2. Send us your views to the dedicated email address consultation@bggs.com
 3. Add your paper based comments to the postal boxes at the primary and secondary entry points.

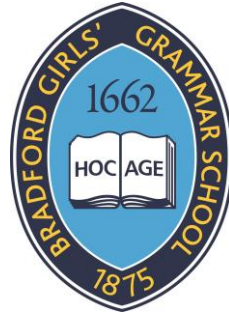
2. For Information: Changes to the school year from September 2024



- The Government expects schools to offer 38 weeks education to students.
- This is what we believe your children are entitled to and will guarantee them the very best education.
- BGGS has historically operated a 36-week school year (a legacy from when the school was an independent school)
- Increasing to 38-week school year would ensure a full entitlement of learning, whilst aligning to the wider BDAT family of schools, Bradford Local Area and national requirements for educating young people.



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Thank you Any Questions?

Please also see our website for lots more
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