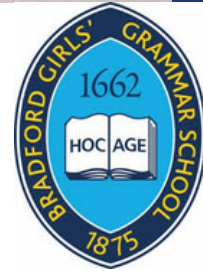




BRADFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Celebrating Diversity on Culture Day



Our annual Culture Day was a tremendous success, bringing together students and staff to celebrate the rich diversity that makes Bradford Girls' Grammar School such a vibrant and inclusive community.

Throughout the day, students enthusiastically participated in a wide range of activities designed to showcase and celebrate cultures from around the world. The atmosphere across the school was filled with excitement, curiosity and pride as students learned about different traditions, customs and forms of cultural expression.

One of the highlights of the day was the spectacular fashion show, where students confidently shared traditional clothing and outfits representing their heritage. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about the significance and history behind a variety of cultural dress. Students also enjoyed getting creative through flag-making activities, producing colourful displays that reflected countries and cultures from across the globe. The popular henna design workshops gave students the chance to explore this beautiful artistic tradition, while the Hanfu workshop introduced many to the elegance and history of traditional Chinese clothing.

The celebrations continued with energetic Zumba sessions, bringing students together through music, movement and fun. It was fantastic to see so many students taking part and embracing the opportunity to learn from one another.

Culture Day was a wonderful reminder of the strength and richness that diversity brings to our school community. We are incredibly proud of all the students and staff who contributed to making the day such a memorable occasion. The photographs capture just a small glimpse of the enthusiasm, creativity and joy that were on display throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support this fantastic event. We are already looking forward to next year's celebration!



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL – REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS

We would like to remind parents and carers that students should not bring medication, including over-the-counter medicines such as paracetamol, into school unless this has been agreed in advance with the school and the appropriate consent procedures have been completed.

This policy is in place to safeguard all students. Medication can pose risks if taken incorrectly, shared with others, or administered without appropriate parental knowledge and medical information. In some cases, students may have allergies, underlying health conditions, or be taking other medications that could make unsupervised use unsafe. Where a student requires medication during the school day, arrangements can be made through the school office to ensure that it is stored and administered safely and in accordance with school procedures.

We would be grateful if parents and carers could reinforce this message at home and check that students are not carrying medication in their bags or on their person without the school's knowledge and approval.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all members of our school community.

Free SEND Training for Parents/Carers

Here in the Bradford District, we have a fantastic offer of FREE support, online and in person, and available to everyone. Support ranges from pregnancy through to life with babies, toddlers, older children and for teens and beyond!

We aim to support parents and carers to develop the knowledge, confidence and skills to build a strong, happy, thriving family life. All parents have questions and worries. You can get support and answers here through:

- online courses that you can access 'on demand', day or night, pause and come back to whenever suits you.
- groups that you can attend 'live' with other people or families, delivered both online and in person, and at times that suit you.

There is no limit to accessing the free support available. You can choose what feels right for you and your family.

You can sign up now using the free code **BDPARENTS**

<https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/parenting-programme-pathway>



Exam Success

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 students for reaching the halfway point of their GCSE examinations. Throughout this demanding period, they have demonstrated exceptional routines, exemplary behaviour, and a mature approach to their studies. It has been wonderful to see students entering each examination feeling positive, prepared, and confident in their abilities.

A special mention must also go to our Year 10 students, who recently sat their Statistics GCSE examination. They approached this important milestone with great pride and confidence, embracing the experience as an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to our Year 11 teachers. The quality of the pre-examination sessions has been exceptional, ensuring students feel well-prepared and supported. The levels of student engagement in these sessions have been superb and are a testament to the dedication and expertise of our staff.

Finally, a huge thank you to all subject teachers who have organised and delivered additional masterclasses ahead of upcoming examinations. These sessions provide invaluable opportunities for students to refine their understanding, build confidence, and maximise every possible second of preparation. The commitment shown by both staff and students reflects the positive, aspirational culture we are proud to foster at BGGs.

We wish all our students every success as they continue through the remainder of the examination season.





Water Safety: Think Before You Jump In

As the weather becomes warmer, it can be tempting to cool off by swimming in rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals or other open water locations. However, these environments can be extremely dangerous, even for strong and confident swimmers.

Tragically, recent hot weather across the UK has been linked to a significant increase in water-related deaths. Over the past two weeks, a number of children, teenagers and adults have lost their lives after entering rivers, lakes and other open water sites. Water safety organisations and emergency services are urging families to discuss the dangers of open water with young people.

One of the greatest risks is cold water shock. Although the air temperature may feel very warm, water temperatures often remain surprisingly cold. Entering cold water suddenly can cause an involuntary gasp, rapid breathing, panic and an inability to swim effectively. This can happen to anyone, regardless of their swimming ability.

- Open water also contains many hidden dangers, including:
- Strong currents and underwater flows
- Sudden drops in depth
- Hidden debris, rocks or submerged objects
- Poor visibility and murky water
- Cold temperatures beneath the surface
- Isolation from immediate help or lifeguards



These hazards can quickly turn a fun day out into a life-threatening situation.

Staying Safe

We encourage all students and families to follow these important safety tips:

- Never enter open water to cool off during hot weather.
- Swim only at supervised swimming pools or lifeguarded beaches.
- Never jump or dive into unknown water.
- Avoid swimming alone.
- Stay away from reservoirs, quarries, canals and fast-flowing rivers.
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If you find yourself in difficulty in the water, try to float on your back and remain calm.

If you see someone in trouble, call 999 immediately and ask for the appropriate emergency service. Do not enter the water yourself; instead, look for something that can be thrown to help them float.

The recent tragedies across the country are a sobering reminder that open water can be far more dangerous than it appears. As we enjoy the warmer weather, we ask all members of our school community to make safe choices and help spread this important message.

A few moments of caution could save a life.