#WEAREBGGS

November 2026

Half Term 2 - Week 1

Behaviour Focus: Excellent Manners Make the Difference

At BGGS, we believe that the small things make a big difference. This half term, our whole-school behaviour focus is Excellent Manners, linked to our commitment to Excellent Corridor Conduct and creating a culture where every member of our community feels respected, valued and welcomed.

Throughout the half term, students will take part in a series of five-day focuses designed to help develop positive habits and strengthen our school culture. We begin with "The BGGS Way: Manners Make the Difference", encouraging students to consistently greet staff, visitors and one another with a polite "Good morning" or "Good afternoon", use "please" and "thank you", hold doors for others and demonstrate courtesy in every interaction.

As the term progresses, our focus will build from raising awareness to embedding routines and, ultimately, shaping the culture of our school community. Students will explore what it means to put others first, demonstrate courtesy and respect, be positive role models and strive for excellence in every interaction.

Parents and carers can support this work by encouraging polite language, respectful communication and consideration for others at home and in the wider community. By working together, we can ensure that excellent manners become a habit that reflects the very best of the BGGS Way.

Our key success criteria this week are:

- **Greeting staff, visitors and one another politely.**
- **Using "please" and "thank you" in daily interactions.**
- **Holding doors and showing consideration for others.**
- **Speaking respectfully at all times.**
- **Representing BGGS positively through words and actions.**

Excellent manners cost nothing, but they make a lasting difference. Together, we can create a school where courtesy, kindness and respect are visible in every corridor, classroom and conversation.



Year 11 Trial Examinations – November 2026

Our Year 11 students will begin their first series of trial examinations next week, starting on Monday 9 November and continuing until Friday 20 November.

These examinations are an important opportunity for students to experience formal examination conditions, demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed so far, and identify areas where further revision and support may be needed ahead of their summer GCSE examinations.

We encourage all students to approach their trial examinations with a positive attitude, giving every paper their best effort. It is important that students continue to revise regularly, make good use of revision resources and seek help from their teachers wherever needed.

Supporting your daughter at home

Parents and carers can play an important role in helping students prepare. We encourage you to:

Support your daughter in following a manageable revision timetable.

Encourage regular revision rather than leaving everything until the last minute.

Ensure she gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast each morning.

Check that she arrives at school on time and has all the equipment she needs.

Remind her to stay positive and approach each examination with confidence.

Trial Examination Timetable

Year 11 Trial Exam Series 1

Week 1: Monday 9 – Friday 13 November

	Mon 9 Nov	Tue 10 Nov	Wed 11 Nov	Thu 12 Nov	Fri 13 Nov
AM	English Literature	Chemistry and Combined Science	English Language	French and Spanish Writing	Biology and Combined Science
PM	Maths Paper 1	RS	Geography P1	History Paper 3	Maths Paper 2

Week 2: Monday 16 – Friday 20 November

	Mon 16 Nov	Tue 17 Nov	Wed 18 Nov	Thu 19 Nov	Fri 20 Nov
AM	Geography P2 & P3	Physics and Combined Science	Health and Social Care	Sport	IT
PM	French Listening and Reading	English Language	Maths Paper 3	Business	Spanish

Aspire Succeed Lead

The examinations will cover a range of subjects across the two weeks. Please see the timetable below so that you can support your daughter in preparing for each paper.

We wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck. Remember, these examinations are an opportunity to show what you can do, learn from the experience and continue working towards achieving your full potential.

BGGS Word Of The Week

credit - trust, belief, or recognition that someone has done something well

E.G Amira received credit for helping to organise the school charity event.

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SEND Community Events in Bradford

We are pleased to share some local SEND opportunities available to families across the Bradford district.

SEND Marketplace Events

These monthly drop-in events provide families with the opportunity to speak directly with specialist services and access advice on autism, ADHD, speech and language development, sleep support, education, and family wellbeing. Professionals from SENDIASS, Carers Resource and the Bradford Local Offer regularly attend to provide support and guidance. Families can find further information here: Bradford SEND Support in Family Hubs. [localoffer...ord.gov.uk], [fyi.bradford.gov.uk]

SEND Parent and Carer Support Groups

Family Hubs across Bradford host regular SEND parent/carer coffee mornings, support groups and SEND play sessions. These sessions offer a welcoming opportunity to meet other families, share experiences, and access practical advice and support. Further details can be found at: SEND Support in Family Hubs.

Free Sensory Room Access and Specialist Youth Groups

Many Bradford Family Hubs provide free access to sensory rooms and specialist youth groups for children and young people with SEND. These sessions offer safe and supportive spaces where children can socialise, build confidence and engage in sensory activities. Families can learn more here: Bradford SEND Support in Family Hubs.

SEND 'Life Admin' Support Sessions

Parents and carers can also attend SEND 'Life Admin' sessions, which provide support with forms, paperwork and navigating the SEND system. These parent-led sessions are designed to help families access the services and support available to them. More information is available here: SEND Support in Family Hubs.

For a full list of services, support groups and upcoming activities, please visit the Bradford District SEND Local Offer: https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk. Families can also sign up to receive the monthly SEND newsletter through the Bradford SEND Local Offer website: Bradford's SEND Local Offer Newsletter. [localoffer...ord.gov.uk], [bso.bradford.gov.uk]

If you would like any further information, please contact the school's SEND team, who will be happy to signpost families to appropriate local services and support.

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Wellbeing Newsletter

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We asked our staff...

What is something you wish our girls understood about mental health?

We will be sharing the answers over the coming weeks...

Answer 1:

That it affects us all!



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Mental Health Matters

Mental health is a part of all of our lives. It can go up and down, and it is okay to feel overwhelmed, worried or low at times. What matters is that you are not alone and there is support available — both in school and in the wider community.

Remember...

- ✓ It's okay to talk about how you feel.
- ✓ Asking for help is a sign of strength.
- ✓ Support is here for everyone.

There is lots of support available in and out of school if you are struggling with your mental health, let us help you!

In School Support

- Speak to a trusted adult – your form tutor, Head of Year or any member of staff.
- Access our school counsellor and pastoral support team.
- Join wellbeing activities and student support groups.

Outside of School Support

- **YoungMinds** – advice and information for young people (www.youngminds.org.uk)
- **Childline** – free, confidential support 24/7 (0800 1111 or www.childline.org.uk)
- **NHS** – mental health advice and local support services (www.nhs.uk/mental-health)

Need to talk?

If you are feeling worried, upset or just need someone to listen, please reach out. We are here to support you.

Looking after your mental health helps you to learn, grow and achieve your best.