

Friday 9 July 2021



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**BRADFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Co-educational up to 11, Girls only 11-16

Dear Parents

I would like to start this letter with a sincere 'thank you' for all your support over what has been an extremely challenging year for all of us. Every family has its own stories, and has felt its own anxieties during the pandemic, but what has shone through has been the value of relationships and community – and none more so than within our school community. The way in which teachers have risen to the challenge of teaching remotely; parents have juggled work and home-schooling; and children have engaged in learning with all the restrictions placed upon them, has been astonishing. I am personally extremely proud of what we have achieved together during this time and thank you for being such a supportive group of parents.

Ofsted

As you will be aware, this week we had our second monitoring visit from Ofsted. This was an extremely rigorous process, over two days, involving six HMI. The letter will not be published until September, and the outcome must be kept confidential until then, but we were pleased that they acknowledged the progress we have made as a school during such a challenging year and agreed with our priorities moving forward.

School Reopening

Sadly, our new Year 7 cohort have not been able to spend a transition day in school due to the COVID restrictions. We are therefore opening on **Monday 6th September for Lady Royd Primary and Year 7 only at 8.30am.**

We have also been informed that we need to undertake on-site lateral flow testing for students as they return to school. We therefore need to stagger the start for other students as follows:

Return to School Tuesday 7th September:

- Year 8: 12.30pm
- Year 9: 12.30pm
- Year 10: 1.00pm
- Year 11: 1.00pm

School Organisation from September:

As COVID-19 restrictions are easing, we are looking forward to returning to more 'normal' arrangements in September. In particular:

- We will no longer have staggered starts, breaks, or lunchtimes
- Students will no longer need to wear face coverings
- Students will return to moving between lessons to specialist rooms
- Students must wear their normal uniform every day and change for PE once again
- Our full range of equipment and resources will be available for teachers to use

We will be publishing a list of after-school activities which we encourage all students to participate in.

A reminder of the school day is below:

8.30am	Student arrival
8.40am	Form Time
9.00-10.00am	Period 1
10.00-11.00am	Period 2
11.00-11.30am	BREAK
11.30-12.30am	Period 3
12.30-1.30pm	Period 4
1.30-2.15pm	LUNCH
2.15-3.15pm	Period 5
3.15pm	After-school activities

Opportunities for Parents

Now that restrictions are lifting, we look forward to expanding the range and variety of opportunities for parents to get involved in the life of the school. As part of this commitment, we have recently signed up for the Leading Parent Partnership Award, which is an accredited award, led and assessed by external advisors. Please look out for our programme of opportunities which will be published in September, but two dates for your diaries in the meantime are:

- Open Evening: 29th September 5pm-7.30pm
- Open Doors: 30th September 8.45am - morning coffee and tour of the working school

We warmly encourage you to join us at these events.

Standards

The start of the new academic year is always a time to reinforce exceptionally high standards. These are some of our expectations, and we appreciate support from parents in reinforcing them at home.

- Uniform: Standards of uniform will be checked by form tutors every morning. Please ensure your children have the correct uniform (see our website). We have spare items which students will be expected to wear if need be.
- Presentation: We are purchasing high-quality exercise books that also contain key facts and concepts to support students' learning. Students should take a pride in their work.
- LEAD: We expect students to work in partnership with their teachers to 'LEAD' their learning. Listen to the teacher; have all necessary Equipment; Ask questions and contribute to discussions, and Deliver their best work every lesson, every day.
- Punctuality: students should arrive at school on time and move between classrooms quickly to ensure that lessons start promptly.

Finally, I have included a flyer at the end of this letter which provides details of a 6-week summer camp which has been organised by NAFS, a community-based organisation and starts Monday 26th July. Please note, the school is registered with them to allow for free school meals. Also attached is the flyer from Bradford West Family Hub which provides details of the support organisations available over the summer.

Hope you have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



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