

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed meeting parents at our various workshops this week. Please note below the events we have planned for next week. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

In this letter you will find:

- 1. The week ahead diary dates for parents
- 2. Feedback and Suggestions including a new dedicated email address
- 3. Family Fun Swim Sessions
- 4. Uniform Reminders Senior School PE Kit
- 5. Celebrating Student Success
- 6. Year 11 Parent Notices important updates

1. The Week Ahead: Week Commencing 11th October 2021:

Weekly Assembly Theme				
Assembly	This week: Black History Month			
theme	Next week: International Day of Eradication of Poverty (17.10.21)			
Day	Session	For	Time	Location
Monday	Post-16 Pathways Evening	Y11 parents & students	6-7pm	Hall
Tuesday	Parents' Evening	Reception – Y6 parents	3.30-6pm	Lady Royd
Wednesday	Maths Workshop –	Year 7–9 parents	3.45-4.45pm	Hall
(Workshops	how to support your child			
run back-	English Workshop –		5-6pm	Hall
to- back)	supporting reading			
Thursday	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year 6	3.30-6pm	Lady Royd
Friday	Stay and Learn Sessions	Reception parents	8.30-8.50am	Reception

2. Feedback and Suggestions

We very much value parents' feedback and suggestions and want to offer as many ways to communicate as possible. We have created a dedicated email address for this purpose and look forward to hearing from you: feedback@bggs.com

Thank you to all the parents and families that attended the recent Open Evening and Open Doors held in senior school. It was lovely to meet so many of you and we hope you found them useful. To help us with our planning of future events, we would very much welcome your feedback and therefore ask if you would spare just a couple of minutes to complete our short <u>on-line survey here.</u> Thank you for your time.

3. Family Fun Swims

Last night we held our first family fun swim. Judging by all the positive comments on the feedback form this was a huge success.

"It was nice to meet other parents and the teacher who was fabulous".

"It was a lovely experience to share with my child at their school pool".

"It was nice to have female lifeguards on site. Thank you for opening up for mothers and students".



We hope you will attend one of our Family fun days. Please make a note in your diary of the forthcoming family events that are now booked in our <u>Parent Engagement Calendar</u>:

Thursday 16 Dec 3.15pm - 4.15pm Family Sports
Thursday 3 Feb 3.15pm - 4.15pm Family Fun Swim

4. Uniform Reminders - Senior School PE Kit

Unfortunately, some girls are bringing incorrect items of PE uniform to school with some regularly forgetting their kit for PE lessons. Please could parents check your daughter has packed her PE kit on the days she has lessons, and that her kit is in line with the school's uniform policy (available here). Please note, the changing rooms are now open. All girls are expected to change into their full PE kit in the school changing rooms as was the case before the Covid restrictions.

5. Celebrating Student Success

We are delighted that Janna Serry in 10B has been selected for the GB Natural Taekwondo team. She is one of only 45 athletes on the development squad – a huge achievement that is testament to the hours of hard work and dedication she has committed to this sport.

6. Year 11 Parent Notices:

We have planned several events to help support our Year 11 students over this critical year and as they prepare for exams and make their post-16 choices. Details are below – please make a note in your diaries, as we hope that all students and parents will attend.

Summer 2022 GCSE Exams

The government has stated that exams <u>will</u> go ahead this summer 2022 as this is the fairest way of assessing students. They have made some adjustments to the assessments in some subjects to mitigate some of the pressure on teaching time. However, they have also said that if need be, Teacher Assessed Grades will be used in the same way as last year. It is therefore important that students understand that their mock examinations w/c 6th December, could be used as part of the evidence for teacher assessed grades if the need arises due to the pandemic.

Further information can be found here.

Y11 Post-16 Pathways Evening

Monday 11th October 2021 6-7pm

The session will include a talk from Mrs Thorpe (Careers Coordinator). Representatives from local post-16 providers, including New College and Belle Vue Girls, will be present to provide information about the courses they offer and advise about the application process. The school's independent careers adviser, Karen Hodgson, will be available from 5pm to speak to parents on an appointment basis. If you would like to book an appointment with Ms Hodgson, please log onto Edulink and go to the Parents' Evening section where you will find 'Year 11 Careers Pathway'.

Y11 Revision Skills Evening Monday 18th October 2021 6-7pm

An opportunity for parents to learn how best to support their daughter as she prepares for her upcoming exams. Students will be given resources to help with their revision over coming weeks.

Y11 Parents Evening

Thursday 21st October 2021 4-6.30pm

Parents can book slots using EduLink. Booking will open from Monday 11th October and close Wednesday 20th October to allow staff time to prepare for the evening.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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