

Friday 15 October 2021



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**BRADFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to parents of Year 11 students who attended our Careers evening on Monday. We were delighted to have over half the year group represented and to receive such positive feedback about how useful it was. This is clearly a very exciting stage for Year 11's and we are keen to make sure they are well supported throughout this year. Please be reminded that next Monday is our revision skills workshop, designed to help girls prepare for upcoming mock examinations.

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2. The Week Ahead: Week Commencing 18th October 2021:

Weekly Assembly Theme				
Day	Session	For	Time	Location
Monday	Revision Skills Evening	Year 11 Parents and students	6 – 7pm	Main Hall
Tuesday	Coffee & Conversation	ALL parents	2.45-3.15pm	Dining hall
	Parents' Evening	1P, 2L, 4L	3.30-6pm	Primary classroom
Wednesday	Mental Health & Wellbeing	ALL parents	3.45 – 5pm	Main Hall
Thursday	Parents' Evening	Year 11 Parents and students	4 – 6.30pm	Various rooms
	Parents' Evening	1P, 2L, 4L	3.30-6pm	Primary classroom
Friday	Stay and Learn	Reception Parents	8.30-8.50am	Reception
	Curriculum Showcase	Yrs 1-6 Parents and students	2.15-3pm	Primary classroom

2. Year 7 Parents' Evening Thursday 4th November 4pm – 6.30pm

We look forward to meeting parents face-to-face in school. Please book via Edulink One by following the instructions attached.

Many teachers of Year 7 have more than one class, which means that unfortunately they will not have enough appointments available to meet every parent. Bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis, but if no appointments are left and you have any concerns, please do email the teacher and arrange a telephone call.

Some departments are also joining together to alleviate this issue and one teacher will be prepared to give feedback about more than one subject.

3. Bradford Women in Manufacturing Panel

This week we were proud to host a panel of inspirational female role models from some of Bradford's blue-chip manufacturing companies as part of Bradford's Manufacturing Week. The women lead and manage businesses in the chemical, aerospace, component, textile and metallurgical laboratory sectors.

Our Year 10 students prepared some challenging questions, including:

What advice would you give to your 18-year old self?

Has Brexit affected your supply chain? If so, how?

What is it like being a woman in a traditionally male-dominated environment?

What advice would you give to young women entering a profession in your sector?



4. Student Council

We are extremely pleased to have re-established our student council and wish to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Chair, Saarah Hussain in Year 10, and Secretary, Anfal Ismail in Year 8. The Council have founded 4 committees based on issues they consider are very important for the school:

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – this will merge with our existing school committee
- Charities
- Teaching and Learning
- School operations, this will include work on the environment and sustainability

Lady Royd's first school council meeting was a great success. They spoke about starting a new school year and settling into new classes, how ASPIRE values are being followed through school and our plans for the future. Miss Joshi was incredibly proud of our school council and said that they demonstrated great commitment to their role. Congratulations to our Head Boy Kaif Ansar and Head Girl Saarah Jamal.

5. Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Monday, all Year 9 will receive an assembly introducing them to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. We hope that all students will participate in the scheme which genuinely transforms lives, through experience of the outdoors, volunteering and skill development.

A parents' evening will be held after half term (further details to follow), but in the meantime please check out their website here:

[The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

6. Wild World Heroes Reading Challenge

Huge congratulations to the students who completed the Wild World Heroes Challenge, a reading scheme delivered through our public libraries. This year's theme of Wild World Heroes was created in partnership with WWF and aimed to inspire children to explore ways of helping to save the planet, with a focus on tackling real-world environmental issues.

Mrs Hughes, Director of Literacy who proudly presented the certificates said; *'We encourage all our students to read out of school and make full use our local libraries. I am delighted that these students took part in the reading challenge which demonstrates a considerable effort and commitment to reading, and we therefore feel it is worth recognising and celebrating their achievement'*.



7. Safeguarding Update

Geek Bar (Vape Alert)

Please be aware that an increasing number of students are gaining access to Geek Bars. These vapes, that are also known as (shisha pens) can resemble highlighter pens, but have the potential be harmful to those who smoke them. It is unknown what chemical is inside them. This product contains nicotine, which is a highly addictive substance, and in some cases unknown other harmful chemicals. They appeal to young people as they advertise to have harmless flavours. We are asking parents to stay alert.



Squid Game

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils are watching 'Squid Game' on Netflix. We are concerned that the content of the series may not be age appropriate and quite disturbing for some to watch. There has also been concern around many schools that pupils are mimicking the violent scenes that are featured in the program.

We advise that you consider this and continue to monitor the programmes that your child is watching, especially Squid Game. Clips of the violent scenes are also being featured on social media platforms such as TikTok and Instagram. For more information on Squid Game and how to support your child, please visit: [National Online Safety](https://www.nationalonline-safety.org/).

8. Year 7 Halloween Disco

As part of our transition programme, Year 7 students are invited to a Halloween disco on Wednesday 20 October, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Please note, it is normal school uniform during the day, but students will be allowed to change into their party clothes before the discos starts.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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