



# BRADFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## **ASPIRE - SUCCEED - LEAD**

The start of this half term marks the halfway point of the school year, both a crucial and busy time of the year where our girls are fully immersed in the challenges linked to academic attainment and exciting conversations around the possibility of transitioning to the next key stage! Yet again, our girls have used the start of this new term to exhibit their resilience, increased self-regulation and growing confidence as they face trial exams, actively participate in incredible campaigns to secure the possibility of head girl and celebrate winning a local competition in producing the best Eid card in the whole of Bradford! Truly remarkable!

Honouring and reflecting on what it means to live and breath our school motto of Aspire, Succeed, Lead...

As we start thinking ahead to Spring, it's timely that we look to do a bit of a refresher on the values stipulated in our school motto; 'Aspire, Succeed, Lead'. Fundamentally, these core values underpin the aims and ethos of BGGS as a school that encourages our girls to never feel there is ever a glass ceiling on reaching their potential, there is never any limitations in them becoming future leaders and there is never ever an end point to their success! In the infamous words of Malala Yousafzai, we teach our girls what it means to 'raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot all succeed when half of us are held back". This quote encapsulates our shared mission and drive in the power of standing together as a school community and pushing for equality and unbridled success

## **Key events**

Year 11 Mock Exams Start

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to Year 9! As a year group they achieved highest attendance for last half term 91.8%!

As a school our attendance is now above the national average which is fantastic. Thank you to students and families for helping to make this happen.

This half term we will continue to focus on improving punctuality to school. Students are expected to be in their form classes by 8.40am. Please support them in achieving this by dropping them off at school by 8.35am.

Thank you again for all the support families continue to provide students in achieving excellent attendance and punctuality to school.

#### Ramadhan Mubarak

As we approach March, lots of our girls will be observing the month of Ramadhan, using it as an opportunity to reflect, renew and increase their spiritual growth. Ramadhan will also provide some of our girls the opportunity to exercise leadership and spiritual success and aspiration as they use this month to exercise self-discipline, patience and empathy for those less fortunate. Again, another prospect for our girls to show deep fidelity to our school motto as we come together as a community to participate in this blessed month irrespective of faith, culture and ethnicity!



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# **SEND FOCUS**

The SEND focus for this week is about Sensory and Physical difficulties. Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which makes accessing the learning environment difficult.

These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. These can affect the way they move, their vision or their hearing amongst other things.

Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties.

There are many different ways that they can be supported and at BGGS we work with health services to ensure that young people are able to access as much as possible

#### **April Teacher Training Days** Important update for year 11

As part of our ongoing commitment to support your daughters to prepare for their GCSE examinations, we wanted to communicate our expectations for the teacher training days on Wednesday 2 April and Thursday 3 April. Although the school is closed to most students, we expect Year 11 to attend school on these days and lessons will be running as normal. Attendance is mandatory.

Please ensure your daughter come fully equipped and in the correct uniform so we can maximise these learning



#### TOP ACHIEVEMENT POINT EARNERS LAST WEEK

Year 7

Umnia K

Year 8

Malaika H

Year 9

Naira A

Year 10

**Maryam B** 

Year 11

Ameera A

#### **TOP ACHIEVEMENT POINT** EARNERS LAST HALF TERM

Year 7

**Huda H** 

Year 8

Safia H

Year 9

Hadiyah J

Year 10

Zohha F

Year 11

Raagd A

179 students (26% of the whole school) Did not recieve a behaviour point during HT3.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Our wonderful girls have been busy applying for Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl, eagerly getting their campaign ready for hustings in week 3





#### **BGGS HAS TALENT**

This week we have been very busy enriching our science curriculum for Mrs Webster, our Key Stage Leader for KS4 organised our first Talent Show of 2025, it was a resounding success as our

girls showcased exactly what is that gives them that star quality and sass when it comes to music and performance



#### PARENT ENGAGMENT SURVEY

This week you should have recieved a link to the latest BDAT Parental Engagment Survey - If you have not yet had chance to complete this survey, you can access this by using the QR code below.



#### INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

International Women's Day is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also serves as a reminder of the ongoing efforts toward gender equality.

As part of our celebration, we will engage students in activities that promote awareness and understanding of women's contributions across different fields. Students will participate in discussions and other activities that honour the achievements of women both locally and globally. As part of it, your daughter will be invited to celebrate an inspirational woman in their life.

In addition to our activities, we are asking students to donate a minimum of £1 to support a local women's charity which will be decided by the Junior Leadership Team. Donations can be made easily via ParentPay. The deadline for this is Thursday 6 March.

If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the activities, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to inspire and empower the next generation.