


BVGA **Year 6 to 7** **transition**



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My name is Mrs Anness and I am the Headteacher of Belle Vue Girls' Academy.

I am very happy that you will be joining our wonderful school in September.

Belle Vue is a friendly, caring and very successful school for girls aged 11 to 18.

When you join us, our staff and students will make you feel at home and I can

promise that you will settle into Belle Vue life very quickly. I understand that the step up to secondary school is a big one. You will be excited, but also a little nervous. You can be confident that you will be well looked after in your first few weeks.

Our aim at Belle Vue is to provide you with an exceptional educational experience so that you grow to become **confident learners, confident communicators** and **confident future citizens**. To get the best from your time at school I expect you to:

- Have excellent attendance and punctuality
- To come to school ready for learning with the correct uniform and equipment
- To always behave with kindness and compassion
- To be excited by your learning and to always aim high and work hard
- To get involved in all the exciting and enriching opportunities we offer

We have very high expectations of everyone, and that means our school is a safe and happy place for you to learn and fulfil your potential. We will encourage you to dream big, take risks, and be brave. We will challenge you and expect you to work hard. We will care for you and support you. Most importantly, we will always believe in you and your potential.

At the end of your journey with us you will have the knowledge, skills, experiences, personal competencies and confidence to be a successful and happy young woman, ready to achieve your dreams and take your place in the world.

I look forward to meeting you on Transition Day and in September when you become one of our new Year 7 Belle Vue Girls.

You have a very exciting journey ahead!

Mrs. Anness, Headteacher

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September Year 7 First Day

Thursday 19th October Close for Half Term

Friday 20th October Training Day

Monday 30th October School Re-opens

Friday 15th December Close for Xmas

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 2nd January School Re-opens

Friday 9th February Close For Half Term

Monday 19h February School Re-opens

Thursday 28th March Close For Easter

Summer Term 2023

Monday 15th April School Re-opens

Monday 6th May School Closed

Friday 24th May Close For Spring Bank

Monday 3rd June School Re-opens

Friday 5th July Training Day

Tuesday 23rd July School Close For
Summer



YEAR 7 START AT BVGA
TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2023



Ofsted

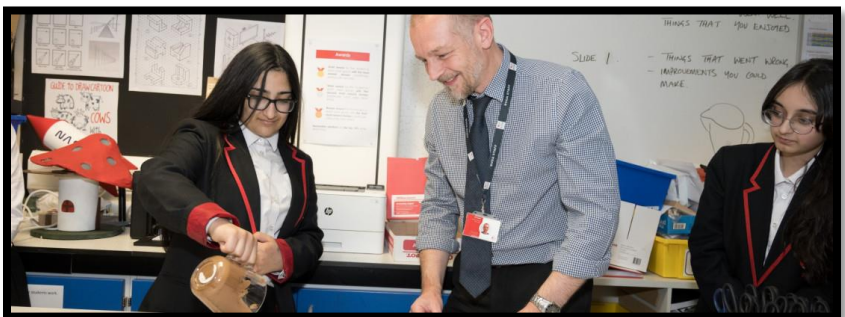
Our most recent Ofsted inspection was in December 2021 at which point we were judged to be **GOOD**.

You can find the inspection report here:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50177204>

What is it like to attend this school?

Pupils at Belle Vue Girls' Academy are proud of their school. They like the diversity, the fact that they meet people from a range of cultural backgrounds. Pupils say that behaviour in lessons is good. They enjoy being able to focus on their work without disruption. There is a calm, positive learning atmosphere in classrooms. Pupils are respectful and kind towards one another. The corridors are busy, but pupils feel safe. They are pleased to see so many staff on corridors. Staff know the pupils well. Pupils respect the staff who work with them. The school takes incidents of bullying seriously. Pupils say that bullying is rare. Most pupils and parents believe that staff deal with bullying effectively. Staff have high expectations of what pupils can achieve. They have established a curriculum that enables pupils to succeed academically. Leaders continue to take steps to develop pupils' love of reading. The school has a strong focus on the development of pupils' character and personal qualities. The chances the school offers for pupils to take on a leadership role are just one example of this.





Safeguarding

Keeping young people safe is a key element of all the work we do. We have clear policies and procedures in place and a wealth of expertise amongst our staff, who take part in regular training as part of their continued professional development.

Part of our commitment to safeguarding is to support students and parents by increasing awareness of the types of issues faced by young people in society today, as well as providing the guidance, advice and resources which can help to address those issues.

If you need support with a wellbeing / child protection issue, or as a parent / carer you have a concern about a young person in school, please contact reception and ask to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team.

Contact

DSL: Mr Jonathan Patterson (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

jonathan.patterson@bvga.bdat-academies.org

DDSL: Mrs Eleanor Hatch (Deputy Headteacher)

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DDSL: Ms Farah Nisar (Child Protection Officer)

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Designated teacher for looked after and previously looked after children:

Mr Jonathan Patterson (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Tutor Time

- **Students go to tutor time everyday at 08:20 until 09:00**
- **Your Year 7 tutor is the only teacher you will see every single day**
- **In tutor time you will make friends with other new Year 7 students**
- **You will study the personal development curriculum**

Support is offered to our Year 7 students to help them to settle in to Belle Vue Girls' Academy. Every student will know who their Pastoral Manager is and who they can approach with any concerns.

Students will be introduced to Mrs Pickerden and Mrs Crabtree and know where they can find them for any careers guidance they need at any point in their Belle Vue journey.

Students will hear at least one speaker from a business or industry, talking about their sphere of work. They will visit at least one place of work. They will have the chance to sign up for the Children's University, and the opportunity to increase their cultural capital with a variety of trips and visits.





Behaviour and attitudes to learning at Belle Vue Girls' Academy are excellent.

We have clear systems and processes in place to ensure the highest standards are consistently met by our students.

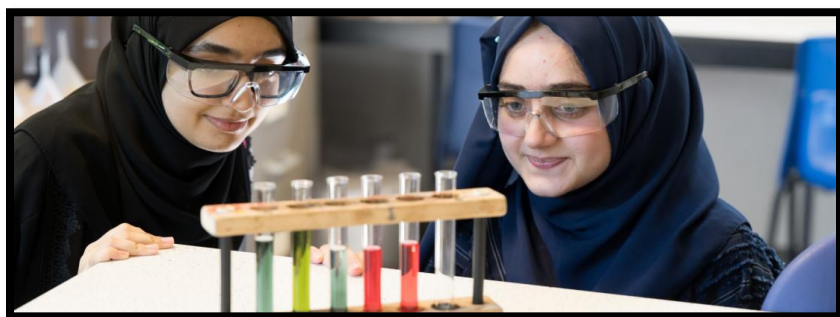
BVGA pupils are expected to:

- Strive to have excellent attendance and be punctual and well equipped so that the lesson can start on time and run smoothly.
- Co-operate with teachers, listen and follow instructions so that the learning of the whole class is not affected.
- Be well organised with the correct equipment, homework recorded, completed and handed in on time so that learning can continue without time being lost.
- Work hard to complete all tasks to a high standard.
- Move around the academy in a calm, quiet and considerate manner.
- Treat the academy buildings and property with respect.
- Be polite and show respect to fellow pupils.
- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Know and then follow, without question, the procedures laid down in the event of a fire or other emergency.
- Uphold the good name of the academy as we move around in our local community.
- Accept sanctions when given.



Attitudes to Learning

As well as conducting themselves in an orderly fashion, students are taught about and expected to demonstrate outstanding attitudes, and develop as **confident learners, confident communicators** and **confident future citizens**. They do this by **aiming high**, developing **creative thinking, independence**, and **teamwork** skills. They are also encouraged to show **compassion, respect, responsibility**, and **resilience**. These attitudes are taught and nurtured throughout academy's academic and personal development curriculum. Student's attitudes will be graded by their teachers twice a year and this will be reported to parents.



Rewards & Sanctions

In relation to the Code of Conduct and Attitude to Learning Criteria, pupils who behave well and bring credit to themselves, their families and the academy will be **recognised** and rewarded. Those who break the code of conduct will be **sanctioned** appropriately.

Curriculum

The aim of our curriculum is to provide a truly exceptional educational experience for all, enabling all our learners to become academically, socially, culturally and emotionally fulfilled young people, ready to take their place in the world. It is ambitious, challenging, cohesive, inclusive and enjoyable. It builds character and empowers students so that they become confident learners, confident communicators and confident future citizens.

At Belle Vue Girls' Academy you will study a broad range of subjects which will help to prepare you for the future. You will study;

Maths
English
Science
History
Geography
Religious Studies
Art
Music
Drama
ICT
PE
Design and Technology
Modern Foreign Languages

To learn more about the subjects you will be studying and to get an overview of your learning journey please visit our website [Belle Vue Girls' Academy - Learning at BVGA \(bvgacademy.co.uk\)](http://bvgacademy.co.uk). Here you will have access to each subject's curriculum map.

Modern Foreign Languages

At Belle Vue Girls' Academy we offer 4 languages: Arabic, French, Spanish & Urdu

In year 7 pupils will be able to choose one of three of these languages. **The languages that are available for each pupil will depend on which band pupils are in.**

During the first week of Language lessons teachers talk to pupils about the three languages they can choose.

In lesson 1 we ask pupils to write their three options in their planners to discuss with their parents.

In lesson 2 pupils choose which language they would like to study. Pupils put a number 1 for their first choice and a number 3 for their last choice. If Arabic or Urdu are available and is a pupil's first choice, they will complete a short assessment in this language in lesson 3.

In week 2 pupils are assigned a language. We work very hard to give all pupils their first choice, but we cannot always guarantee this. Pupils will never be given their 3rd choice.

Once pupils have been assigned to a language, they cannot swap languages and will study this language to GCSE.

If pupils already speak one of these languages fluently, they will not be able to study this language in school, but they can be entered to do a GCSE in this language when they are in year 10.

Our students learn about places that are outside of their own experience, develop their understanding of the world's diversity of peoples and cultures, and are encouraged to challenge stereotypes and foster understanding.



Trips, Clubs and Enrichment

Belle Vue Girls' Academy is committed to offering an excellent programme of enrichment activities and opportunities that every student can access.

This complements our broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring that every Belle Vue girl regularly steps outside her comfort zone, experiences something new, and gains the confidence to embrace new opportunities in the future.

- There is a strong culture of student voice at Belle Vue Girls, and students are encouraged to get involved in many of the different **Student Leadership** opportunities which the academy had to offer.
- A broad range of exciting **after-school clubs and activities**, from STEM club, to Calligraphy Club, to Culture Club, to Sports Hub, there is something at Belle Vue for everyone.
- Participation in the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme** from Year 9 onwards.
- Participation in the **National Citizen Service** from Year 11 onwards. We became an NCS Gold School in 2019.
- The opportunity to plan, lead, and participate in, national, regional and local **charity events**;
- The opportunity to get involved in student leadership, charity fundraising and local community work.

As a result, our students are thoughtful, considerate young people, who are proud to be global citizens, and to make a positive contribution to their school, their community, their country, and beyond. Students go on to study a broad range of subjects at universities both within and beyond West Yorkshire; they pursue purposeful and fulfilling careers in new areas, they travel widely and support their communities, always pushing at boundaries and stepping out of their comfort zones with growing confidence.



Uniform

All uniform clothing items are stocked by Rawcliffe's or Natasha's in Bradford.

- BVGA blazer
- Plain white shirt/blouse
- Plain 'academy style' black tunic or skirt (may be worn with black trousers)
- Optional red/black academy sleeveless jumper with logo, or a plain black jumper (no hoods/zips/logos)
- A plain black scarf can be worn
- Boots (low-heeled), trainers and shoes may be worn and must be plain black
- One pair of plain ear studs is permitted
- One small flat nose stud is the only permitted facial piercing
- Black jeans are not allowed
- No rings, bracelets, or necklaces
- No painted or false nails
- Very subtle, natural make-up is acceptable for older students

Physical Education

- Royal Blue polo shirt with academy logo
- Navy Blue or black jumper with logo (optional)
- Navy Blue or black jog bottoms
- If you wish to wear a headscarf for PE, elasticated headscarfs are required
- Sports trainers

In addition:

A sensible bag for books and equipment is essential.

Support

At Belle Vue we have followed government guidance and ensured that the cost of school uniforms is reasonable and secures the best value for money. If you require support with uniform please get in touch with your daughter's Pastoral Manager.



Transport

We have designated school bus services exclusively for Belle Vue Girls' Academy students that serve areas across Bradford, including BD3, BD5, BD7, BD8, BD9 and BD14. Please see below for information on routes and fares.

All students travelling on the school bus services will require an **Under 19's MCard**. The best MCard pass for use on the school services is a 'MyWeek' pass, which gets you unlimited travel across West Yorkshire for £9 per week. This is available via the MCard Mobile App.

All students travelling on the school bus services will also require a **Metro Priority PhotoCard**, which allows them to board the designated school bus. This card is free and has no cash value. Applications can be made online.

Bus Routes

A7

West Bowling - Belle Vue Girls' Academy
Belle Vue Girls' Academy - West Bowling

A8

Killinghall Road – Belle Vue Girls' Academy
Belle Vue Girls' Academy – Killinghall Road

A9

Clayton - Belle Vue Girls' Academy
Belle Vue Girls' Academy – Clayton

Late Bus

The free late bus leaves BVGA at 4pm



A7 Bus Route



Service A7

West Bowling - Belle Vue Girls Upper School
Belle Vue Girls Upper School - West Bowling

Routes

Towards Belle Vue Girls Upper School

From Parkside Road, Manchester Road, Smiddles Lane, Smiddles Lane, Southfield Road, Southfield Lane, Hudson Avenue, Cross Lane, Great Horton Road, Horton Grange Road, Ingleby Road, Whetley Lane, Toller Lane, Duckworth Lane, Toller Lane, Bingley Road, Thorn Lane.

From Belle Vue Girls Upper School

From Thorn Lane, Bingley Road, Toller Lane, Lilycroft Road, Toller Lane, Whetley Lane, Ingleby Road, Horton Grange Road, Great Horton Road, Cross Lane, Hudson Avenue, Southfield Lane, Southfield Road, Smiddles Lane, Manchester Road, Mayo Avenue, Raymond Street, Parkside Road.

Timetable

Parkside Road near Woodroyd Road	DEP	0725
Legrams Lane	DEP	0740
Toller Lane Roundabout	DEP	0755
Belle Vue Girls School	ARR	0810

Belle Vue Girls School	DEP	1510
Toller Lane Roundabout	DEP	1525
Great Horton Road	DEP	1540
Smiddles Lane	DEP	1545
Parkside Road near Woodroyd Road	ARR	1600

Schools Served:

Belle Vue Girls School Thorn Lane, BRADFORD BD9 6NA

Operator:

First Bradford 0845 6045460

For any more information, please contact Education Transport 0113 3481122 or go to <http://www.generationm.co.uk/>

A8 Bus Route

SERVICE A8

Killinghall Road – Belle Vue Girls' School

Belle Vue Girls' School – Killinghall Road

REVISED ROUTE & TIMETABLE: To accommodate students living in the BD3 area, this service will be extended to serve Barkerend Road and Killinghall Road. As a result of the extended route, the bus will no longer pick up/drop off on Westgate in Bradford. Students who previously boarded/alighted on Westgate are advised to use the bus stops on Lumb Lane instead.

Route Description

Towards School

From Killinghall Road, Barkerend Road, Shipley Airedale Road, Canal Road, Hamm Strasse, Drewton Road, Westgate, Lumb Lane, Marlborough Road, Manningham Lane, Oak Lane, Lilycroft Road, Toller Lane, Bingley Road, Thorn Lane.

From School

From Thorn Lane, Bingley Road, Toller Lane, Lilycroft Road, Oak Lane, Manningham Lane, Marlborough Road, Lumb Lane, Westgate, Drewton Road, Hamm Strasse, Canal Road, Shipley Airedale Road, Barkerend Road, Killinghall Road.

Timetable

Operates Monday to Friday schooldays only

Killinghall Road / Greenhill Lane	0719
Barkerend Road, opp. Nuttall Road	0728
Lumb Lane, opp. Darfield Street	0740
Toller Lane Roundabout	0753
Belle Vue Girls' School	0808

Belle Vue Girls' School	1510
Toller Lane Roundabout	1525
Lumb Lane / Darfield Street	1535
Barkerend Road / Nuttall Road	1547
Killinghall Road, opp. Greenhill Lane	1557

SCHOOLS SERVED: Belle Vue Girls' School, Thorn Lane, Bradford, BD9 6NA

OPERATOR: First West Yorkshire (tel. 0113 381 5000)

For lost property, please contact the bus operator on the telephone number above. For schools transport information, contact Education Transport on 0113 348 1122 or visit our schools transport web site at www.generationm.co.uk. You can also follow our Twitter feed @metrogenm for school bus service updates.

A9 Bus Route



Service A9

Clayton - Belle Vue Girls
Belle Vue Girls - Clayton

Routes

Towards Belle Vue Girls

From Clayton Road, Bradford Road, Green End, Clayton Lane, Park Lane, Nursery Road, Station Road, Pasture Lane, Clayton Road, Hollingwood Avenue, Clayton Road, Legrams Lane, Ingleby Road, Thornton Road, Rhodesway, Allerton Road, Pearson Lane, Daisy Hill Lane, Heights Lane, Haworth Road, Bingley Road, Thorn Lane, Belle Vue School.

From Belle Vue Girls

From Belle Vue School, Thorn Lane, Bingley Road, Haworth Road, Heights Lane, Daisy Hill Lane, Pearson Lane, Allerton Road, Rhodesway, Thornton Road, Ingleby Road, Legrams Lane, Clayton Road, Hollingwood Avenue, Clayton Road, Bradford Road, Green End, Clayton Lane, Park Lane, Nursery Road, Station Road, Pasture Lane, Clayton Road.

Timetable

Clayton Fields Works	DEP	0730
Thornton Road Ingleby Road	DEP	0745
Daisy Hill Back Lane	DEP	0755
Belle Vue Girls School	ARR	0810
Belle Vue Girls School	DEP	1510
Daisy Hill Back Lane	DEP	1525
Ingleby Road Plumpton Street	DEP	1540
Scholemoor Avenue	ARR	1555

Schools Served:

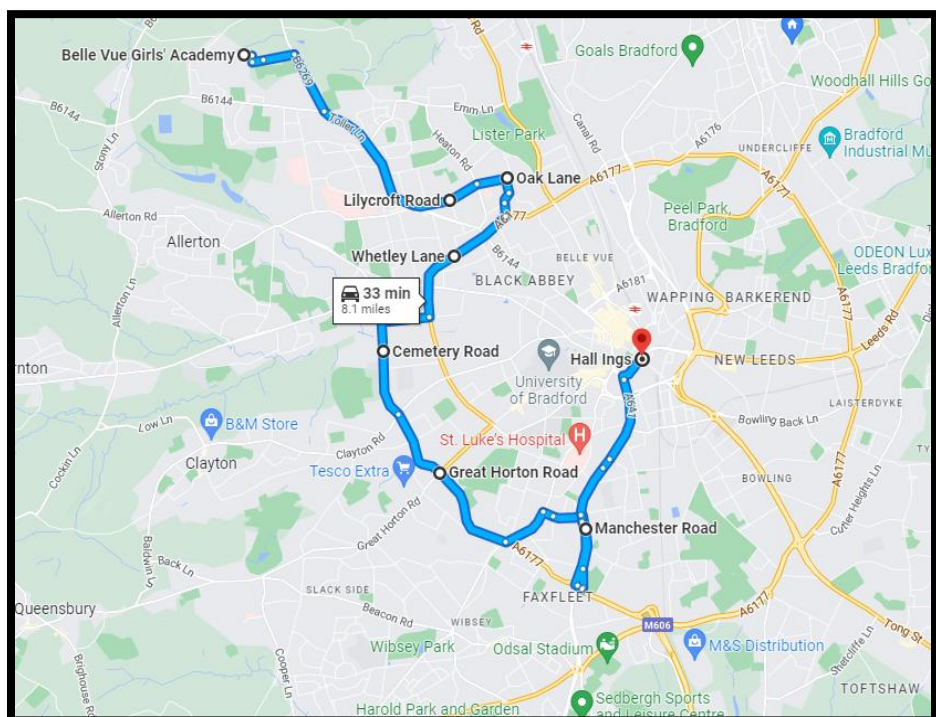
Belle Vue Girls School Thorn Lane, BRADFORD BD9 6NA

Operator:

First Bradford 0845 6045460

For any more information, please contact Education Transport 0113 3481122 or go to <http://www.generationm.co.uk/>

Late Bus: Departs 4pm



Monday-Thursday

Leaving Belle Vue Girls' at 4.05pm

Route:

Belle Vue Girls' Academy-Lily Croft Road-Oak Lane-Carlisle Road-Whetley Lane-Thornton Road-Cemetery Road-Legrans Lane-Great Horton Road-Southfield Road-Manchester Road-Hall Ings

Parent Pay

Belle Vue Girls' Academy will be a cashless school as of 1 September 2023. Please ensure you are signed up to Parent Pay. This is the system we will be using for all payments in school.

Benefits of using ParentPay:

- Parents can manage the account directly and monitor what their child is eating/spending on a daily basis.
- Zero cash handling.
- Safe and secure financial transactions for dinners, trips, school events and equipment.

Step 1: You will get a letter from us about Parent Pay

· Includes information about how to activate your account. If you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will still need to activate your account to pay for trips, events, books and equipment.

Step 2: Activate your account

· Use the codes in your letter and you will be able to pay for school dinners and other items straight away.

Step 3: Don't miss out!

· Now your account is available to pay for future trips, school dinners and other payment items.

Step 4: Support

· If you need assistance setting up the account or any queries please contact the Finance Office on 01274 492341



School Catering

Price list effective from Monday 25th April 2022

Product	Cost
Main Meal No pudding or drink	£2.24
Meal Deal - meal and pudding	£2.50
Meal Deal - meal and drink	£2.50
Pudding only	£0.86

Product	Cost
Cheese / Garlic Bread	£0.40
Fruit	£0.25
Fruit Pot	£1.15
Half Pannini	£0.95
Jacket Extra Filling	£0.65
Jacket Filled with one filling	£2.15
Naan Bread Pizza	£0.90
Pain Au Chocolat	£0.75
Panini	£2.15
Pasty / Samosa	£1.75
Pizza	£2.15
Pizza Square	£0.90
Plain Salad Pot	£1.15
Salad Pot W/Filling	£2.15
Sandwich	£2.15
Savoury Item	£1.15

Free School Meals - Meal Deal

One of these -

Panini, Jacket spud, hot meal, Sandwich

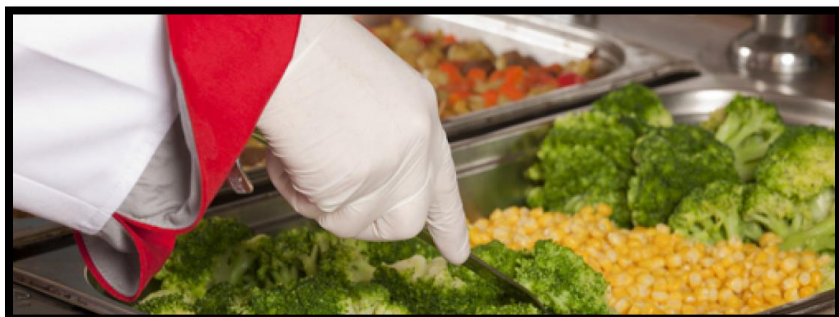
Plus one of these -

bottled plain water, small fruit juice carton,
cookie, muffin, hot pudding,
small chocolate bar, Pom Bear

Product	Cost
Bottle Water	£0.45
Flavoured Water	£0.75
Hot Drinks	£0.70
Juice Carton	£0.40
Juice Tree	£0.90
Suso Can	£0.90

Product	Cost
Cereal Bar	£0.40
Chocolate Bar	£0.75
Crisps	£0.75
Pom Bear	£0.60
Small Choc Bar	£0.35

- All meat provided by an authorised licensed halal suppliers.
- 5 Star kitchen as awarded by Environmental Health.
- Certified Vegetarian options available daily.
- We abide by legislation as set out by the Government School Food Trust.
- Special Dietary requirements are accommodated.





Top Tips to help with transition from our current Year 7s

Making friends

Don't worry you will make lots of new friends. Just make sure you smile and are kind to new people you meet. They are probably as nervous as you are.

Worries

Try not to worry, everyone is really friendly. If you are worried you see your tutor every day in form time and they will help you.

Be organised

Make sure you have a copy of your timetable and get your bag packed and things ready the night before

Traveling to School

Make sure you know how you are getting to school, find out which bus you need. You can always do a practice run

Extra Curricular Activities

Make sure you get involved in extra curricular activities, it is a really good way to make friends and there is the late bus that can get you home - just check the route

Be on time

It can be really stressful when you are running late. Make sure you leave in plenty of time.

Enjoy it

You will love BVGA

Getting lost

Don't worry about finding your way around, just ask a teacher or another student. Everyone is happy to help

Times Of The School Day

08:20 – 09:00 Tutor Time

09:00 – 10:00 Period 1

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:20 Period 2

11:20 – 12:20 Period 3

12:20 – 12:50 Lunch

12:50 – 13:50 Period 4

13:50 – 14:50 Period 5



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