

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

We welcome all our Bradford learners and their families back to school, and a warm welcome to our new learners and their families who have joined us in Term 2.

Term 2 is a time for learners to reflect on their accomplishments from Term 1 and establish objectives to enhance their academic progress during this term and beyond.

Our Grade 3 to 8 learners should be actively engaged in their academic preparation for the upcoming June Exams. It is advised that last-minute cramming be avoided. Instead, learners are encouraged to manage their study time effectively, allowing for a structured learning approach that enables thorough revision of the curriculum. Exam contents were emailed to all parents and guardians to identify the learning areas for revision.

Study tips for learners:

- Have a quiet and effective study space.
- Study well with no disruptions for 40 minutes and take a 15-minute break.
- Avoid gadgets during study time: such as phones, tablets, laptops etc.
- Use a variety of learning techniques: such as visual and auditory.
- Pace yourself throughout your study timeframe so that you cover all the necessary content and applications.
- Give yourself sufficient practice time – practice does make perfect!

Cambridge

Bradford Schools' vision and mission is to ensure that all Bradfordians are equipped for lifelong learning through the Cambridge Curriculum, which allows our children a global footprint for their future. We are pleased to announce that The British Council and Cambridge International have recognised Bradford Schools as an official Cambridge Exam Center offering the following further qualifications:

- **Cambridge Lower Secondary with Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint**
- **Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)**
- **Cambridge Ordinary Level (O Level)**
- **Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level (AS/A Level)**

By offering our learners the full Cambridge Pathway experience to Advanced level, our learners are fully recognised with these Cambridge International qualifications which ensures their progress

into tertiary institutions across the globe. As an official exam Center – our school has a registered exam center number, ZA347, which allows our internal students and external students the opportunity to write Checkpoint exams from Cambridge Primary through to Advanced level.

Term 2 Calendar

Term 2 (62 days)	
Start	Tuesday 7 May
Close	Thursday 8 August
Half Term	CLOSE Friday 28 June
	RETURN Monday 8 July
Public Holidays	Monday 17 June (School Holiday)

16th of June - Youth Day

17th of June - Public holiday

Please note that school closes at 12h00 for half term and end of term.

Events

On the 10th of May, the Bradfordian Family gathered to celebrate Mother's and Special Person's Day. This morning event was truly memorable as our Early Years learners up to Lower Secondary learners showcased performances dedicated to their mothers whilst mothers enjoyed a delightful breakfast. The guest speaker, Mrs. Annemie Pitzer, delivered a presentation focusing on the wellbeing of individuals, families and the school community as a whole, drawing from her extensive lifelong learning experiences as a counsellor and formal qualification as a Master of Science in Psychology. Mrs. Pitzer shared insights to guide others towards achieving a harmonious balance in maintaining their wellbeing. Our Mother's Day is always a special time and thank you to all our parents and guardians who shared this celebration with us.



Our Special Person's Celebration is around the corner! Bradfordian Dads and Guardians, **BOOK THIS DATE!**

When: Friday, 14th June 2024

Time: 12h30 for 13h00 (An afternoon event)

Where: Glen Austin Campus

What to bring: A cooler box with your favourite drink/s and cold drinks

Dress: Casual and comfortable

Please RSVP your attendance to debbie@bradfordschools.co.za



This Special Person's Celebration is a time in which we can celebrate our parents and guardians who play such an important role in the lives of our learners. There are many mothers, uncles and other family members who take on the role of 'Dad'. We encourage you to attend this event and to request these significant others to attend too.

Vorna Valley dads and guardians are to join us at the Glen Austin Campus. Learners will remain at the Vorna Valley campus.

This special afternoon event is for you to kick back, relax and enjoy some social time out with others. What a great start to the weekend!

The aftercare facilities at Vorna Valley and Glen Austin are available until 16h30 for all our learners on this special day, to allow our parents a carefree, un-rushed afternoon! You may perhaps want to arrange for your child/children to be collected at 13h30 while you enjoy your early start to the weekend.

New Staff Members

We welcome Ms. Sihlangu as our Cambridge High School Mathematics and Science Educator. Ms. Sihlangu has a BSc in Statistics through the University of Zimbabwe. She has extensive knowledge of Mathematics in algebra, geometry, calculus and statistics & programming. Ms. Sihlangu has taught both Math and Science at High School level and we are looking forward to seeing her expertise and skills benefiting our learners to Cambridge Advanced Years.



We also welcome Mrs. Ferreira to our Bradford team as our Afrikaans educator. Mrs. Ferreira has a BEd (Hons) Degree through the University of Pretoria. Mrs. Ferreira has taught Afrikaans Home Language and FAL to Matric level and has been involved with Matric Exam marking and invigilating for many years. Her passion and knowledge of Afrikaans will benefit our learners as they progress through IGCSE High School Afrikaans.



School Photographs

Last week, school photographs and branded items were handed out to our learners according to their orders.

Uniforms

Please note that no blankets may be brought to school. Thermal vests are an excellent base layer and retain the body's natural warmth. Layer up with school jerseys under tracksuit tops or blazers. Navy gloves, navy scarves and school beanies may be worn.

Thank you to our parents & guardians in assisting your school in upholding the school uniform and hair policy. There has been a significant increase in the number of Primary and Lower Secondary learners wearing school blazers, and learners are looking smart and wearing their uniforms with pride. We encourage parents to contact Tr. Grace (gracet@bradfordschools.co.za) to order a school blazer if you have not yet done so. Please note that the old, red school jerseys are to please be replaced with the navy school jerseys.

Lost property is unfortunately rife as more and more lunchboxes, water bottles, school uniform items and schoolbooks are being left unclaimed at school. Since our return this term, teachers and monitors have been distributing named/labelled items each morning to homeroom classes. This unfortunately takes away from the learning and teaching time in our first period of the day. It is alarming to see how many 'No-Name' and unclaimed tracksuits and jerseys are still in the lost property box since the start of Term 2 only. When learners have been asked from class to class whether they have lost items since the start of Term 2, no hands are raised, and the items cannot be returned. We are thus imploring our parents and guardians to please help our teachers and be vigilant in the following:

1. Be aware of what items of clothing or other items your child is bringing home. If an item is labelled with someone else's name, or you know does not belong to your child – Return it, and you are most likely to find his/her item in the lost property box.
2. When collecting your child from school, do a quick check to ensure that all items brought to school are brought back home.
3. Please label all your child's items from stationery to books and clothing. Waterproof, iron-on labels are permanent and an excellent way to label school clothing.

Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up:

Parents are requested to courteously follow the instructions of our security person who mans the drop-off zones and entry into the premises of our Glen Austin Campus. Parking on the outside front lawn is not permitted and parents & guardians are urged to come in and drop-off their child/children at the required areas.

1. Early years parents are to park in the parking area closest to the Early Years' Gates. This prevents our young learners from walking across a busy car park and ensures their safety.
2. Primary and Lower Secondary learners are dropped off at the swimming pool gate for a quick stop and go. Please edge forward to allow cars to stop behind your vehicle. This process allows for easier traffic flow.

It has been noted that there are parents dropping off sport kits, lunch items and bookbags during the school day. Unfortunately, this does disrupt our learners in the Grade 2 classroom and support staff who are busily caring for the day-to-day operations at school. Parents and guardians are encouraged to have a routine at home whereby your child packs his/her bag the night before, thus enabling them to take ownership of this task and further instilling mindfulness and responsibility. Please be mindful of school times as we begin our school day at 07h15. Late comers unfortunately do interrupt our class lessons.

We wish you a wonderful week ahead.

Yours in Education



Ms. Mace
Principal