

Key dates in the first half of this term : September-October 2009

1. Parents' Meeting for parents of Upper Sixth boys who are taught in the Girls' School

This meeting, at which parents are able to meet with subject teachers, takes place in the Girls' School on **Tuesday 15th September**, beginning at 7.00pm. U6th Formers (who are also welcome to attend the meeting with their parents) should make appointments with their teacher(s) in the Girls' School.

2. First Form parents' meetings with Head of Year and Form Tutors

This meeting will take place during the evening of **Wednesday 23rd September**. Mrs Taylor, the Head of Year, will be in touch with First Form parents to arrange meeting times.

3. E-Safety meeting for parents

During week beginning Monday 21st September we will be holding an 'Internet Safety Week' for the boys. Following this there will be a meeting for parents in the Assembly Hall at 7.00pm on **Monday 28th September**. Please see the enclosed flyer.

4. School Photograph

A whole school photograph will be taken on **Wednesday 30th September**. I should be grateful if you would do your best to ensure that your son is in school that day. Details will be published later about how to order a copy of the photograph. We take a whole school photograph once every two years – so that boys who are with us only for the Sixth Form are able to have such a photograph as a record of their time at BGSB.

5. Staff INSET day : Friday 2nd October

Parents are reminded that the Junior School and the Senior School will be closed for a staff INSET day on Friday 2nd October.

6. Open Morning : Saturday 3rd October

This occasion is for parents who are considering BGSB for their sons. The Kindergarten, as well as the Junior School and the Senior School, will be open. We will publicise the event in various ways, but I should be very grateful if you were willing to encourage those known to you who are thinking about their sons' schooling to come and see what we have to offer. Parents, as well as the boys themselves, are important ambassadors for the school and we should greatly appreciate your help and support here. Thank you.

7. Parents' Association AGM

This meeting will take place in the Junior School at 8.00pm on **Monday 12th October**. All parents are warmly invited to attend this meeting and to learn more about the valuable work which the Parents' Association does on behalf of the school.

8. Prizegiving : Wednesday 21st October

Prizegiving takes place in the Victoria Hall, Bolton. It is a whole school occasion for us, so that the whole community – boys, parents, staff and Governors – can be part of an annual celebration of the boys' achievements and successes. We use the Victoria Hall in Bolton simply because there is no venue in Bury able to accommodate us all. The Guest of Honour will be Mr Warren Smith, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester. All boys are expected to attend – and I very much hope that all parents will also be with us. If

transport presents a problem for a boy, I should be grateful if parents would explore the possibility of their son travelling with a friend and his parents. **Any request for a boy to be excused from Prizegiving should be made in writing to me no later than Friday 16th October. On the day of Prizegiving, school will end for Senior School boys at 12.55pm and the buses will leave at 1.10pm.**

9. Half-term

Half term begins at 3.15pm on **Friday 23rd October**. As previously notified, there will be a two week break for half term. Term resumes at 8.35am on **Monday 9th November**.