

Believe Achieve Succeed

Assalamoalaikum Wa Rahmathulahi

Wa Barakathuhu

Dear Parents and Carers

Alhamdulillah, we have had a very productive end of term and want to share and celebrate with you some of the highlights of our student achievements during this term.

We would also like to use this time to reflect on our time together with Dr Zakia, Mrs Waseem and Mrs Bhatti who will sadly not be returning to our school from January onwards. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and will always appreciate all the hard work and effort they put into making BIGS the school it is today. Please see messages from them to our community below.

You can see more detailed pictures shared on our School Instagram: @boltonislamicgirlsschool_uk or School website <https://boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk> .

Kindest Regards from BIGS

Assalamoalaikum wa rahmathulahi wa barakathuhu.

I would like to begin by saying that it has been an honour and a privilege to serve this community, and I will always be deeply grateful for my time at BIGS. My years here have contributed significantly to my professional and personal growth, and I remain proud of what we have achieved together. Watching our pupils grow, flourish, and prepare for their next steps has been a constant source of fulfilment, even though saying goodbye is never easy. I have been deeply humbled by the many kind wishes, gifts and prayers you have given me over the past few days. The decision to leave the school was a very difficult one, and I respectfully ask that you continue to keep me in your duas. I wish the school every success as it moves forward, and I pray that parents and pupils will continue to support the dedicated staff at BIGS. May the school continue to thrive and may Allah enable it to serve its community well in the years ahead.

Warmest Regards

Dr Zakia

Assalamoalaikum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BIGS family for all the love and support over the past 8 years. I am grateful for my time at BIGS and will miss the students, the staff and parents/carers.

The chance to be a part of the student's lives, both academically and emotionally has given me great joy and feeling of accomplishment. I wish everyone well from the bottom of my heart.

May Allah [swt] keep the girls happy and blessed and may the parents/carers continue to support our hardworking staff and Governors at BIGS.

Jazaka-Aallah khair to one and all.

Regards,

MsWaseem



**Monday 5th January 2026 –
Start of second Term**

School start time 8.20am
School Finish time 3.05pm
Monday to Thursday
12.35pm on a Friday

**Correct Uniform is
Compulsory:**

School scarf, blazer
&/cardigan, Abaya, black
leggings/trousers, Black
Shoes/trainers.
NO Hoodies, jewellery,
make-up and
NO nose-rings

**Make sure learners bring
the correct equipment:**

Geometry set

Scientific Calculator

Black Pen

Purple Pen

Glue Stick

Small Pair of Safety Scissors

**Roll-on deodorants only
(no sprays allowed for PE)**

Dua for Bidding Farewell

فِي حِفْظِ اللَّهِ وَفِي كَفَافِهِ، زَوَّدَكَ اللَّهُ التَّقْوَىٰ، وَغَفَرَ ذَنْبَكَ، وَيُسَرِّ لَكَ الْخَيْرَ حَيْثَمَا كُنْتَ

"May you be in the protection of Allah and His care. May Allah grant you the provision of taqwa, forgive your sins, and grant you good, with ease, wherever you go."

Darimi 2588, Tirmidhi 3444

Islam Hashtag



Fundraising initiatives in Term 1

JazakhAllah to Ms Farhana who has been working hard with learners to help participate in these worthy causes:

Macmillan Cancer Research:

Well done to everyone who helped raise £771.53!

For a charity dedicated to supporting families dealing with cancer.



During these difficult times we are very proud that we are able to support the local community. Our Year 9 collected the most items towards this project contributing to the 320 items collected in total! Supporting families needing food bank and the homeless in Bolton.



جزاك الله خير

Team work makes the dream work.

Term 1 Assemblies

Our Monday morning assemblies cover many topics, some of which are presented by learners. Well done to all who contribute and present to the whole school. Some of the topics covered so far include;

British core values-Head Teacher

Cancer Awareness-

Black History Month-

World Mental Health Day:

Anti-Bullying Week

Other than assemblies remembering the importance of rights of creation in Islam, students had fun participating in the national odd socks day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week.

Mawlid Un-Nabi-

School Assembly for Mawlid Un-Nabi

Students listened to the significance of the birth of our beloved prophet peace be upon him and remembering the lessons we should learn from their example in life.

International Day against violence towards women -

International Human Rights Day

Remembrance Day 2025 and the fallen South-Asian soldiers who fought for Britain.

During WW1: Nearly 1.5 million men from the Indian subcontinent served across major fronts. In WW2 the army swelled to 2.5 million volunteers, the largest volunteer army ever. These were millions of South Asian soldiers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka – they fought bravely for the British Empire serving in every major theatre. Their contribution has been overlooked in British History but plays a major part in the success enjoyed by Britain during both wars.



BIGS BAKE-OFF 2025



Yr 7: Maryam, Maera, Hibba



Yr 7: Aaira & Eliza



Yr 8: Rabia&Maheen



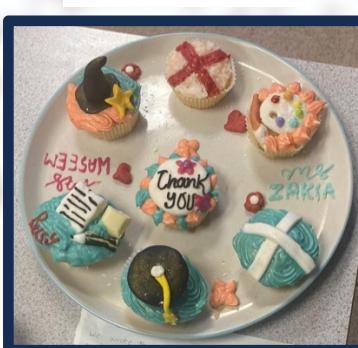
Yr 8: Fatima Tuz Zahra &Umme Aiman



Yr 9: Zainab Asghar&Fatima Saleem



Yr 9: Zainab Azam&Amina



Yr 10: Manha&Shifa



Yr 10: Umaiama & Arsh

BIGS Bake-Off 2025

This year the theme was

Dr Zakia and Ms Waseem

Participants produced some fantastic quality of work and made us proud!

Well done to everyone.

Runner up – Year 8 Umme Aiman and Fatima Tul Zahra



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students learn importance of British Values through getting the opportunity of voting for different students for different leadership roles in School. Well done to learners selected by classmates and teachers for representing their classes. All students work hard to be role models and uphold British and School core values.

BIGS HEAD GIRL
Doha Riaz



Well done to our Finalists

Yr 10: Umaiama & Arshia

Yr8: Fatima Tuz Zahra&Umme Aiman



School Council Representatives

Year 10: Eshal M and Leah N

Year 9: Zainab A and Fatima S

Year 8: Aroosh S

Year 7: Malaz and Inaya

Prefects

Year 11: Alishba and Alishba
Year 10: Hafsa and Mishaal
Year 9: Halima and Maria
Year 8: Uswa and Aaminah
Year 7: Maryam and Amina

Librarians

Year 11: Memoonah and Samreen
Year 10: Khansa and Hibba
Year 9: Zaynab and Maira
Year 8: Zoha and Taneer
Year 7: Noor Fatima and Javeria

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Year 11: Saman and Fatima H
Year 10: Manha and Shifa
Year 9: Isma and Maryam
Year 8: Maheen and Rabiya
Year 7: Aymen and Elisa D

END of TERM REWARDS

Most Outstanding year group:

YEAR 9

Year group with Best Attendance:

YEAR 11

Best year group collecting items for Homeless AID UK: **YEAR 9**
rewarded with a meal 😊

Bake-OFF 2024 winners:

**Year 10 Arsh Iqbal
and Umaina Saleem**

Most outstanding student for Academic and Moral Excellence:

Year 10: Umaina Saleem

Head Teacher Termly Gold Star Award for Most Merits awarded to following:

YEAR 7: Maryam Hussain

YEAR 8: Minah Saeed

YEAR 9: Nagat Mobarak

YEAR 10: Zymal Ihsan

YEAR 11: Doha Riaz

Aalimah of the term

Yr7: Emaan Ali

Yr8: Amina Hussain

Yr9: Lyo Kadir

Yr10: Manha Mujahid

Yr11: Samreen Sarfraz

May All our students continue to show Moral and Academic excellence like these wonderful role models.

Very proud of you girls!

KEY DATES for Term 2:

January 5th – Start of Term 2

February 16th–20th – Half term Holidays

February 23rd Year 11 Mock Exams

February 17th – Ramadhan Begins

March 18th – Eid Holiday*(TBC)

March 9th– End of term examsKS3/KS4

April 1st – Parent-Teacher Day

April 2nd – End of Term 2 and EID party

April 20th– Term 3 begins

Attendance

As a school, we are proud that our overall attendance is 96% (though it was pleasing to see a number of children with attendance above 98%). Please remember, parents and carers have a statutory duty to ensure children attend school every day. There has been a number of absences related to extended holidays abroad. The school will not authorise these and parents will be fined by the school and local council.

The year group with the best attendance are frequently rewarded with 5minutes extra for lunch for a week. This seems to be Year 8 on most occasions!

Parents / carers, staff and Trustees can gain further information and help from the DFE publication “Working Together To Improve School Attendance”.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-schoolattendance>

Additionally, please find a copy of the Attendance Policy on our school website:

<https://boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Attendance-Policy-March-2023.pdf>

Daily drop off and pick up

We have seen a gradual increase in the number of children arriving after 8:20am. We would like to remind you that our doors open at 8:10am and children are expected to be in school at the start time of 8:20am. We hope you will support us with this by ensuring children are dropped off as well as collected on time every day. More than 2 lates a week will result in a Friday after school detention.

School Fees

Please ensure all fees for this term is paid by **15th January 2026** if you are paying termly. Any monthly payments must be paid before the 11th of each month. We will have no choice but to impose a £25 extra late fee for anyone not paying on time. If parents are having difficulties with payments, they must inform school admin ASAP so that we can try and come to a payment plan arrangement.

Seeking help for domestic violence:

Sadly, the holiday periods sometimes bring with them added pressures on families which result in them facing challenges. In order to support victims of domestic abuse, we are involved in 'Operation Encompass' - the purpose of which is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse incidents. This involves working in partnership with the police and social services. Should you experience issues related to domestic violence, these can be reported as follows:

- If you are in immediate danger phone 999 or get someone else to phone on your behalf.
- Move to a safe place, avoiding kitchens or stairs, and stay near a door for a quick escape. If in doubt, get out.
- If the situation is not an emergency, but you still need the police, call 101.
- Further non-urgent advice and support about domestic violence is available from: www.boltonathome.org.uk or by calling 01204 329636, 01204 327997, 01204 328008 during office hours; <https://fortalice.org.uk> or by calling their 24-hour helpline on 01204 365677.

Support with mental health and wellbeing:

Mental Health and wellbeing are a priority for our school particularly throughout these last few years which have been exceptionally challenging and difficult for parents and pupils in so many ways. If Parents have any concerns about their child, please contact our School Pastoral Support worker. The Pastoral Support worker, Ms Rabia can also be contacted by email directly Pastoral@boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk. For more resources and help to help manage mental health and wellbeing visit our school website: <https://boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>.