



### **2024-25 Girls' Leadership Group (GLG) here to support the BGS Community**

#### **Tania Chatterjee: Head Girl**

Subjects: Biology Chemistry, Maths

I have been at BGS since Year 4 and I have loved every moment. I have always tried to get stuck in and try new things which have allowed me to meet new people across the school and find new passions. Over the years I have had a chance to explore many parts of school life from music, dance, drama etc. I have tried a range of clubs from Board Games Club to Rock School To Model United Nations (MUN) which has been my most recent passion as I really enjoy debating. I am really excited to work with the GLG this year as I have always liked working in a team and I'm really looking forward to the upcoming year and planning events for the community. Feel free to come and talk to me about any ideas or thoughts you have for the GLG or if you just want to have a chat.

#### **Rachel Forbes-Laird: Deputy Head Girl**

Subjects: International Baccalaureate; HL: Chemistry, Philosophy German. SL: Biology, English, Maths

I'm really looking forward to taking on leading Student Voice this year - I hope to make everyone within our school community feel heard. I have been at BGS since Year 4 and have taken part in a variety of pursuits, including ballet, sports, musical endeavours and drama productions. I have always felt included in some aspect of school life, and feel actively recognised within the community - I'm excited to build on Alex's work in ensuring everyone has the same positive experience I have!

**Tireni Salako: Diversity and Inclusion Captain**

Subjects: International Baccalaureate; HL: English Literature, Physics, Maths, SL: German, Philosophy, Economics

Diversity & Inclusion to me means ensuring that every student at BGS feels represented and welcome in our school community. This has been important to me throughout the past 9 years I've been at this school and I'm so excited to have the opportunity to continue the efforts made by the previous D&I teams. I'm looking forward to bringing my own passion to the role and I'm hoping to inspire all of my fellow students to be advocates for diversity and inclusion. At Bedford Girls' School, we embrace the rich diversity of our staff and student body, celebrating the wide range of cultures, ages, religions, sexual orientations and gender identities within our community.

**Lucy Scott: Service Captain**

Subjects: English Literature, History and Maths

Service has been a really important part of my life both at Bedford Girls' School and outside of it. I have taken on many challenges outside of school for charity, including hikes, sales and recently a half marathon, which the school has always really supported me with. I have also enjoyed the service opportunities at school including the Giving Forward campaign and the campaign challenge. As service captain I am looking forward to continuing this and sharing my enthusiasm with others in the school.

Having been at Bedford Girls' School for 8 years, I've been involved in a lot of amazing opportunities, including taking part in dance for most of my time here and recently being on the well-being committee. I am now very excited to begin my new role as Service Captain, along with the service team, and have the opportunity to spread awareness of the charities, encouraging people to get involved in service events!

**Lydia Henry: Arts Captain**

Subjects: Art, Chemistry and Maths

I joined BGS in Year 6 and have enjoyed each and every year here. I have been supported and grown in confidence, while getting involved in many of the opportunities offered, from Calligraphy Club to Ionic Liquids research to rowing, which have all allowed me to make great friends. I have always enjoyed being involved with the arts. Dance, music and art are all very important to me and you will often find me in the art department, refining my coursework or experimenting on new pieces! In this role I hope to bring different year groups together through art workshops and activities. I don't remember a time when I haven't been dancing, it allows me to relax, focus and most importantly have fun! I have loved participating in BGS's dance shows and collaborating across year groups. After leaving BGS, I think I would like to study chemistry or a chemistry related degree at university. I am really excited about what the next year will bring, working on events with the arts team and with the GLG! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible getting involved with upcoming arts events.

**Molly Lincoln: Sports Captain**

Subjects: English Language, PE & Psychology

Ever since I can remember sport has always been a passion of mine, and I spend a lot of time playing it. BGS has given me so many opportunities to get involved in many different sports, being part of such incredible teams has been amazing and each teaches me so many life lessons. BGS has always encouraged us to join in and learn. Throughout my journey BGS has always helped me to balance all these commitments with my academic work. I have participated in a variety of sports since Year Three and continue to, so feel free to come ask me questions! My favourite sport is hockey, I am currently playing in the National league at Bedford Hockey Club and I'm excited for what the future holds. Hopefully I will be playing in my dream university team next year, yet I am still unsure which university that will be. I am really looking forward to organising some new events and everything that the summer term has in store, especially sports day!

**Lily Robertson: Parks House Captain**

Subjects: Drama, Religious Studies and Business

I have been at BGS for almost 10 years and have genuinely loved every minute. I have always tried to get involved in everything that I can and have made friends all across the school. I am so excited to be the new Parks captain (and have already made orange my new favourite colour!!). As House Captain, I want to make sure everyone has fun, is heard and appreciated but most importantly, feels welcome to join in with everything, no matter their confidence or ability. I'm looking forward to working closely with my prefects, Eloise, Georgina and Isla and our head of house, Mrs Horton, on new exciting events, competitions and assembly activities. I'm really going to embrace this role with LOTS of enthusiasm, tackle any obstacles that come our way and I can't wait for all the fun we're going to have. Also... I'm very friendly so don't be afraid to come and speak to me around school or email me with any queries or suggestions. LET'S GO PARKS!!!

**Harriet Whitbread: Franklin House Captain**

Subjects: International Baccalaureate; HL: English, Geography, Economics SL: Biology, Maths, Spanish

I have been at BGS since Year 3 and although that seems like a long time ago, I feel like it was only yesterday. In those almost 10 years I have found myself able to explore all aspects of the school community, including sports, drama, dance, and music. Spending my time with my friends at school has made it clear to me that I find great enjoyment from working in a team; and it's one of the many factors that encouraged me to apply for this role on the GLG. I am so excited for this upcoming year and for all the new opportunities this role has to offer. Although I am unsure of a career path, I am looking to study finance at university next year. I love meeting new people so please come and talk to me if there are any questions or ideas you may have. All I have to say now is... GO FRANKLIN!!

**Francesca Isherwood: Nightingale House Captain**

Subjects: International Baccalaureate; HL: Biology, Chemistry, History SL: English Lit, Maths, Italian

I've attended BGS since Year 3 and can not believe it's nearly been 10 years. I've been involved in almost all aspects of the school over the years and met so many different people. I am extremely excited to be taking over as Nightingale Captain, a role I've been looking up to since I was 7. I am

most looking forward to taking part in sports day and house glee with my house team and making lots of fun new memories. Along with house antics, I am also excited for working together as a GLG to make a real change in the school with our campaign ideas. I am still undecided on my exact career, but I know I would like to do something in the medical field. I hope I can encourage lots of house spirit for NIGHTINGALE!!! (objectively the best house!)

**Anya Pawar: Hepburn House Captain**

Subjects: Chemistry, Biology & Psychology

As a girl who has been attending BGS for nearly 5 years now, I could not be more happy to have been granted the chance to finally give back to the community that played a part in shaping the person I am today: from the lovely teachers & tutors that have been nothing short of amazing since day one, to the friendships I have made here and continue to cherish, for what is now more likely the rest of my life. I always love to meet new people, as I adore getting to know each person and what they enjoy. On that note, I also love hearing about everyone's new ideas - so fellow 'Hepburnians', I encourage you to always reach out to me. I value your thoughts, and am currently working towards making new competitions that everyone across school (...and in particular, Hepburn), can further enjoy - and of course, win. In terms of my own interests and hobbies, that would also include winning... which I am also very set out to do during my time as Hepburn Captain. But overall, my ultimate goal is to make everyone feel included in our House community, as I believe this is the first way to achieving victory!

**Carys Roberts: Chanel House Captain**

Subjects: English literature, History and Art

I have been at BGS since Year 9 and it is honestly the most amazing community to be a member of as I have never felt more valued and respected than I do here. I am a dedicated rower and love to see the kind of community that such dedication fosters. As for my future I think I would like to take a degree in English Literature as well as an Arts Foundation course. But for now I am so excited to be Chanel House Captain and have many ideas about promoting collaboration and most importantly fun within house events. I am most looking forward to House Glee which has been the highlight of my year since I joined and I can't wait to hear what you guys want to do to win. GO GO CHANEL!!

**Ella Bowis: Austen House Captain**

Subjects: Art, Drama, Business

I have been at BGS since Year 5 and what a journey it's been. I have found my true passions and hobbies here including being part of my band Counteract and various school productions so it's clear to say that I love music and drama. I have felt so nurtured and encouraged to be the best I can be. At BGS I wasn't just encouraged to follow my dreams, I was taught to create them. In the near future I would love to study marketing and management at uni but until then I will be working my hardest as Austen's new house captain. I am so honoured to receive this role as it has been one of the goals I had since being in Year 5. I will encourage every last one of the Austen house team to join in some house competitions, some old and hopefully some new. I will always hear people out so if anyone has any new ideas, I do encourage you to come talk to me and I will work with my team to make it a

reality. My favourite house competitions are House Talent and Sports day so I hope to see all of the Austen House there. I'm so excited and can't wait to see what this role holds. I hope to lead Austen to victory so I part with these words LETS GO AUSTEN LETS GO!!!

**Deeksha Dinesh: Sustainability Captain**

Subjects: International Baccalaureate; HL: Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, SL: Philosophy, Spanish and Maths

I've been in BGS for 8 months so far as I joined at the start of the Lower Sixth, and am incredibly grateful to be a part of the GLG. I felt an instant connection with BGS from day one and all due credit goes to the warm, friendly girls that BGS has nurtured who made me feel very welcome and the lovely staff who make BGS the spectacular school that it is. I have forged wonderful friendships with many girls with whom I'm sure to remain friends with well into adulthood. I wish to pursue human anatomy or biomedical sciences at university but I'm not fixed on that yet! Along with my prefect team, I aim to spread awareness about the importance of sustainable living and introduce events that help the girls of BGS to be environmentally responsible here and beyond in their lives to preserve this wonderful world for future BGS generations. I'm very excited to be Sustainability Captain and as a new student, I'd love to get to know you, so please do come and say hi!

**Serena Jacob: Digital and Enterprise Captain**

Subjects: International Baccalaureate; HL: Mathematics, Computer Science and History, SL English, Biology and Latin

I'm thrilled to become the first ever Digital and Enterprise Captain of BGS. I've been attending BGS since Year 3 and love our school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed immersing myself in all aspects of BGS life, from sport to speech and drama and music and some of my fondest memories have been singing with our school choir Bel Canto in assemblies and concerts and regularly representing the school at the Bedfordshire Festival. I was also delighted to represent BGS after winning a National Science Award, receiving the title "Junior Engineer of the Year" in 2021. I'm super excited to bring my passion for all things tech into my new role: it is wonderful to see the school I love embracing the new tech era and progressing with the times in creating a new digital role such as this. I hope to work collaboratively with my team to foster greater enthusiasm and interest in technology at BGS and further our digital capabilities as a school.

**Licia Cacioppo: Junior School Captain**

Subjects: Maths, Physics and Design Technology

I joined BGS in Year 5, and am currently in my eighth year. I have loved taking part in a large range of extracurricular opportunities so far. This has allowed my interests to develop and change over time, from most sports the school has offered and computer science to CCF, DofE and rowing. I spend the majority of my time outside of schoolwork on the river, as I seem to row a little bit too much. When I'm not on the river or in the gym, you can probably find me at CCF. I am very excited for the opportunity to work with the Junior School students, having been in the Junior School myself. After BGS, I am considering studying either Engineering or Material science at university, before potentially attending RMA Sandhurst.