

# Schools Presentation

## Script/Notes for PowerPoint

### 2021/22



#### Preparation before your presentation

Our Schools presentation is aimed at under 11s. These notes are a guide not a script, although they do include some **key messages to highlight (bold)** during your presentation/talk.

The presentation should be around 10 minutes (practise your timings), but it's important to agree the time and expectations with the school before the day. Extra time can be added at the end to answer questions.

Be comfortable with what you are saying and how are saying it, use your own words. Add in your own short examples of activities, trips, events etc you do in your own Company/Group, but remember to keep these examples brief.

Remember to keep it simple as you may be sharing with very young children and attention spans could be short. Try not to use too much BB terminology, remember terms like "Company" or "Officer" probably won't mean very much or even be confusing to someone with no BB background. So, instead, try to use words like "BB Group" and "Leaders" which will be more readily understandable.

Interaction – generally more difficult as the size of group you're talking to increases. However, try to have some interaction as it can turn a presentation that children might not remember, into something more fun that they will remember and associate with BB (remember the three main learning styles – visual, auditory and kinesthetic). Depending on the circumstances you may be able to use a simple introductory activity (e.g. 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' or 'Simon Says') to gain everyone's focus, help warm them up to what you're going to say and demonstrate that BB can be fun.

Videos – depending on the time available you may want to download and add in a video to your presentation (suggested in slide 4). For example, using 'Boys Brigade Under 11s', available: <https://vimeo.com/137277343> (duration 2 mins).

If your Company is boys only, find out if there is another BB locally that has a Girls' Association that you can highlight during your presentation.

Ideally wear a BB polo shirt for your visit to the school.

Be at the school in plenty of time for your presentation, to allow you to make sure the PowerPoint is ready. Remember to let the school know you'll need time to set things up.

## **Slide 1 - Introduction**

Introduce yourself (smile and be enthusiastic)

Explain – tell them that you have come to tell them about the BB because it is something that they might enjoy and that they are welcome to try!

Question - ask if any of them have heard of the BB? What do they already know?

**We believe that you are all unique and you can all do great things. BB gives you a chance to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring place.**

**Our BB symbol or logo of the BB is the Anchor (point it out in the top left of the image and on the boys jumper). We are a Christian organisation, and the anchor is a symbol of God's love. Anybody can come to the BB whether they believe in God or not.**

**Challenge - see how many anchors you can spot in my presentation, we already have 2 on this slide (point them out – on logo and boy's jumper)**

## **Slide 2 – Around the UK and across the world...**

Explain - that you are from a local BB group, but that there are lots of BB groups in the area and all over the country, and actually all over the world, in countries like Canada, Australia and Kenya.  
**Thousands of other children go to the BB every week all around the world.**

Explain - briefly share the history of the BB. Started in Glasgow, Scotland in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by a man called Sir William Alexander Smith because he wanted to help young people to stay on the right path through life.

**Sometimes things come along in life that are a challenge - maybe a difficult decision that we have to make or a situation that we find difficult - the things that you can learn in the BB can really help you through these challenges.**

## **Slide 3 - Age groups**

**We would love for you to come and join our BB family. If you are not sure then you are welcome to come and give it a try.**

Explain - the different age groups and uniform for each, highlighting Anchors- red jumper, Juniors- blue jumper, Company and Seniors.

## **Slide 4 - At the BB you can...**

Explain – **At the BB we do lots of different things, we don't just focus on one thing. There are opportunities to learn new things and skills, grow as a person and discover more about yourself and the world around you.**

Optional video - you could show the video here and then ask them what kind of activities they spotted.

Explain - there are different activities to focus on at the BB to get you active, get learning, get adventurous, get to know more about Jesus, get creative and to make a difference to others

locally and around the world. We also love it when the children and young people who come to the BB suggest new things for us to do - if you come to the BB we will also listen to your ideas.

**Slide 5 - Learn...**

You can learn at the BB.

Explain – you come to school to learn don't you? **Well you can also learn at the BB – you can learn new skills, or work on skills you maybe already have and develop different interests.**

Share - give some examples of learning activities that you do within your Company/Group.....

**Slide 6 – Grow**

You can grow at the BB.

Explain - The different things we do at BB are also about helping you to grow – not to grow taller, but to grow in the different things you can do and help you realise what you're able to achieve.

That's why **we have lots of different activities, because we want you to grow completely as a person, and reach your full potential. That means we might encourage you to try new things and have a go at new experiences. Our activities might mean that you sometimes get to work as part of a team or maybe take the lead.**

Share - give an example of an activity that supports personal growth and development in your Company, perhaps talking about going to camp if your Company does that (which develops vital life skills like confidence and independence etc)  
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**Slide 7 – Discover...**

You can discover at the BB

**Explain - We want you to discover more about you, maybe challenging yourself to do new things. We are all special and all have our own unique talents, but we don't know what they are until we have tried things - there will be something that you love doing but you might not know about it yet, and you could find out what it is at the BB.**

We also want you to learn and discover more about your communities and the world around you and how we can all play a part in helping others.

Share - give an examples of an activity in your Company/Group that helps others.....

**Slide 8 - Gain Awards...**

Explain - **As you take part in activities at the BB you can also gain awards or badges for what you are doing. Our top award or badge at the BB is called the Queen's Badge.**

Share - in the summer time we have an annual awards night, when families come and see some of the things that you have learnt and watch you get your awards/badges.

Share - as well as the badges we have other awards, give examples from your Company/Group.....

### **Slide 9 – Fun and friendship ...**

Explain – There's some other things though that are really important about the BB that I want to tell you about, and they are really important to us.

**The BB is also about fun and friendship, it is a place and a space where you can have fun and make new friends. People who go to the BB often describe it as like another family for them.**

Share - give examples of games and other fun activities you do in your Company/Group.....

### **Slide 10 – Open To You...**

[Note: This slide has space for you to add in information about your own Company/Group]

Summarise – I have told you a bit about the BB and what we do.

**Action – I'd like to invite you to join/come along to try BB (if you are holding an Open Night tell them about it).**

Share – tell them about your Company/Group

- Where is it held- is it in a building the children might know?
- What night is it on?
- Who are your leaders? Explain that leaders in the BB are very special because they are volunteers- do the children know what a volunteer is? Explain that it is someone who does something because they love it, and not to get paid. The leaders in the BB are there because they love helping children and young people to live their life to the full.

The school are going to send all of their parents/carers information about how they can do this (would need to be agreed with school prior to your presentation\*)

Challenge - How many Anchors did you spot in my presentation then (ask them now as the last slide has lots on peoples' tops and it could get confusing).

### **Slide 11 - Find out more about BB... (last slide)**

Explain - If you want to find out more about BB you can also visit the website, your family can also find information on here about us.

Closing - Thank you for listening, I've really enjoyed my visit to your school and I hope you've enjoyed learning about the BB.

Thank You.

## Questions

There may be an opportunity, depending on time available, for children to ask questions. Be prepared for the following questions:

- How much does it cost to join?
- How much does it cost for the uniform?
- Why do you have a uniform?
- Can girls join?
- Do I get to play football?
- Do I have to go to camp?
- What the best thing you get to do at the BB?

## After your presentation/follow up

\*Information for children to share with parents/carers – if it's ok with the school you can use our Open Night Invites or Parents/Carers Pass It On leaflet to leave at the school or be emailed out by the school if they are willing to do that. These can be downloaded from [boys-brigade.org.uk/open-to](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/open-to)

Remember - thank the Head Teacher, teacher and or/office staff involved in organising your visit – helping to build positive long term relationships with the school. This could be done in person and followed up with an email. Perhaps you could also invite the Head Teacher and/or teacher along as a guest to your Company Display/Presentation evening.