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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

Welcome to the second edition of the Brentford bulletin this year. Can I thank you all for your support over the last half term. It has been an absolute pleasure to meet many of you at the 'Welcome To' events or during target setting. If you were not able to attend one of these events and you have any concerns or queries about your daughters' progress more generally, please do feel free to make contact with her form tutor who will be able to provide you with the information which you may require. Can I please request that you do not turn up at the school without an appointment unless this is an emergency. Most of the teachers are busy during the school day teaching the children so it is unlikely that we will be able to see you. Thank you for your support with this in advance.

It has been a 'jam packed' half term, with the Year 6 Open evening, the auditions for the school play and the beginning of the after school and lunchtime clubs and activities. Additionally to this, of course, teachers and students have been busy learning during lessons. We were inundated with families visiting the school during our Year 6 Open evening and the open mornings that we have been running. All of the parents we have met so far have commented on how 'lovely' and confident our girls are, as well as the very homely and friendly feeling across the school. The students are a real credit to the school and there was so much positive feedback about how well they carried out their respective roles during open evening. Well done girls, we are very proud of you!

After the half term, we move into the winter season and you will be aware of the winter uniform that is compulsory for all students. If you are unsure, details of this can be found in your daughters' journal. As we move into the second half of this term there are a number of events and occasions which we hope you will be able to share with us, including the Christmas fair, Christmas concert etc.

As the evenings get darker, we do encourage the girls to go straight home after school unless they are involved in an activity after school. Please can you remind your daughter that she should not be hanging around the high street or anywhere else after school, this is about keeping her safe.

Thank you for all of your support over the last term

I am looking forward to working with you all after the half term break

Best wishes,

Marais Leenders

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our school production rehearsals are in full swing, with dances, songs and acting all taking place after school with Miss Marsh, Miss Shute and Miss Nairne. All cast members are reminded to check the rehearsal schedule for when they are needed, and ensure they return their contract as soon as possible.

The show is beginning to take form and is looking fantastic, so please keep February 9th and 10th free in your diaries so you don't miss the performance of the year.

UPCOMING THEATRE TRIPS

There are a number of upcoming theatre trips organised for Key Stage 4 & 5. Please be aware that letters will be available from Miss Marsh over the following month in regards to the trips detailed below:

02nd November 2016 - A Pacifists Guide to Cancer - Year 13.

23rd November 2016 - The Royale - Years 9 & 10.

01st December 2016 - Woman in Black - Years 9, 10 & 11.

11th January 2017 - School Of Rock - Key Stage 3

6TH FORM QUIZ EVENING

The 6th Form will be hosting their annual quiz evening on Thursday 17th November, 6-8pm in the main school hall. All Year 11 and 6th formers are invited to attend this fun social event where they will be competing against each other in groups. There will be first, second and third prizes available and refreshments will be provided.

UCAS DEADLINE

The school deadline for all UCAS applications, including the personal statement, is on Friday 09th December. All students applying for university through UCAS, must have paid their application fee, uploaded their personal statement and pressed 'send' by this deadline. Applications received after this deadline will be considered a late application.

UNIFORM

Returning to school on Monday 31st October marks the end of the summer uniform. All students will be expected to wear a shirt and tie to school, along with their blazer. As the winter months draw in, please can you ensure your daughter has an appropriate dark-coloured winter coat (with her name in it) Brentford School for Girls does not allow 'hoodies' in school. We are, as you are aware, very proud of our uniform and have been delighted to see our students looking so smart this half term. We really appreciate your support in ensuring that your daughter wears the correct uniform to school. If a student is not in correct uniform, we reserve the right to contact parents/carers and send them home to change. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that your daughter's hair should be a natural colour, and we reserve the right to send home any student who dyes their hair.

MOBILE PHONES

Please can I also reinforce the rules regarding mobile phones: If your daughter brings a phone to school, it must remain in her bag until the end of the day, and must not be used at all during school time. Please can you reinforce this with your daughter.

WORK EXPERIENCE AT GLAXO SMITHKLINE

Congratulations to Chloe McMaster, Disha Gill, Hadjar Maache and Husmo Sadiqi who will be spending their half-term holiday doing work experience at GSK. The Year 12 students beat off stiff competition to secure the prestigious placements that were offered to all Hounslow schools. The students will have the opportunity to shadow a professional as well as take part in various activities including: activities in the Skin Lab, a Clinical Pharmacology Workshop, a tour of GSK's manufacturing facility in Slough and a Q&A panel with various professionals exploring career progression routes including apprenticeships.

INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOUR DAUGHTER IS PROGRESSING AT SCHOOL THIS YEAR

There are a number of ways in which we communicate with you about your daughter's progress – both academically and socially. We have already held the “welcome to...” events where you had the opportunity to meet your daughter's form tutor and head of year. We also have at least one academic review day for each year group which involves an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss your daughter's progress. You will also be invited into school for parent's evening where you have the opportunity to speak directly to all of your daughter's teachers.

There are at least 4 data collection points for your daughter throughout the year and after each data point you will receive an interim report with information about your daughter's progress. Your daughter will also be given a copy that she will stick into her journal. Interim reports will show your daughter's target and her current or forecast grade. We use red to denote where a student is below her target grade, pink where she is just on her target grade, yellow when she is securely on her target grade and green when she is above her target grade. Please note that we are using a new assessment framework for all years in line with the changes from letters to numbers at GCSE. To the right is an example of the table.

You will receive a full report from the school annually. This year we have updated the format of the full report. The full report will be a version of the interim report and will also include information from her tutor and her head of year as well as a comment from a member of the senior leadership team.

NEW ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

END OF Y7 TARGET (1 S/L)	END OF Y8 TARGET (2 S/L)	END OF Y9 TARGET (3 S/L)	END OF Y10 TARGET (3 S/L)	END OF Y11 TARGET (3 S/L)	EQUIVALENT USING EXISTING GCSE GRADES
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9	9	9	9	9	A**
8+	9	9	9	9	A**
8=	9	9	9	9	A**
8-	8+	9	9	9	A**
7+	8=	9	9	9	A**
7=	8-	9	9	9	A**
7-	7+	8+	9	9	A**
6+	7=	8=	9	9	A**
6=	7-	8-	9	9	A**
6-	6+	7+	8+	9	A**
5+	6=	7=	8=	9	A**
5=	6-	7-	8-	9	A**
5-	5+	6+	7+	8+	A*
4+	5=	6=	7=	8=	A*
4=	5-	6-	7-	8-	A*
4-	4+	5+	6+	7+	A
3+	4=	5=	6=	7=	A
3=	4-	5-	6-	7-	A
3-	3+	4+	5+	6+	B
2+	3=	4=	5=	6=	B
2=	3-	4-	5-	6-	B
2-	2+	3+	4+	5+	B
2-	2+	3+	4+	5+	B
2-	2+	3+	4+	5+	B
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1+	2=	3=	4=	5=	B
1+	2=	3=	4=	5=	B
1=	2-	3-	4-	5-	C+
1=	2-	3-	4-	5-	C+
1-	1+	2+	3+	4+	C-
PG1+	1=	2=	3=	4=	C-
PG1=	1-	2-	3-	4-	C-
PG1=	1-	2-	3-	4-	C-
PG1-	PG1+	1+	2+	3+	D
PG2+	PG1=	1=	2=	3=	D
PG2=	PG1-	1-	2-	3-	D

KEY ASSESSMENT DATES

YEAR GROUP	PARENTS EVENING	ACADEMIC REVIEW	DATE FULL REPORT ISSUED	EXAMS	HEAD OF YEAR
YEAR 7	25th May 2017	6th December 2016	31st March 2017	26th – 30th June 2017	N. Garrett
YEAR 8	16th March 2017	25th November 2016	20th June 2017	30th January – 3rd February (results will be used for options pathways)	S. Rogers
YEAR 9	23rd February 2017	22nd September	20th June 2017	24th – 28th April 2017	J. Nairne
YEAR 10	20th April 2017	26th January 2017	30th November	5th – 9th December 2016 & 19th – 23rd June 2017	H. Reeve
YEAR 11	8th December 2016	29th September 2016 & 27th March 2017	8th December 2016	GCSEs start 2nd May 2017	L. Gers F. Minors
YEAR 12	26th January 2017	17th November 2016	20th June 2017	3rd – 9th January & 2nd – 5th May 2017	R. Mudie
YEAR 13	26th January 2017	17th November 2016	30th November 2016	A level exams start 11th May 2017	S. Ogunfidoddo

EXAMINATIONS

The exam season has begun and our students are working hard towards their mock exams. This notice is a gentle reminder of the exam code of conduct to be followed in all exams. Please support your daughter during this important time and ensure that she has a healthy breakfast/lunch prior to the exam to ensure maximum concentration. Students must come to their exam with the correct equipment and dressed appropriately by following the school uniform or business dress policy. We would like to wish all of our students the best of luck.

- Years 7 to 11 inclusive will wear full school uniform, if you are wearing a winter shirt a tie must be worn.
- Line up outside the Main Hall or Curie Gym in tutor group order 15 minutes before your exam is due to start.
- When the senior member of staff is ready to get you into the exam room, they will indicate that they need you to be quiet by raising their hand. At this signal you are to stop talking. Listen carefully.
- Exam rules state that you **must not** have a mobile phone, smartwatch, ipod or any technological/web enabled device in your possession whilst sitting an exam. For this reason, all mobile phones, smartwatch, ipod or any technological/web enabled device will need to be placed in the plastic wallet provided. These will be collected by a member of staff before entering the exam room and returned at the end of each exam.
- If you are found to be in possession of a mobile phone, Smartwatch, ipod or any technological/web enabled device whilst in an exam you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
- Normal analogue or digital watches may be brought into the exam room but must be placed on the exam desk next to your name card, they **must not** be kept on your wrist.
- Enter the exam room without talking. Sit at the desk with your name on it. Do not sit anywhere else.
- Make sure you have at least 2 black pens, a pencil, ruler, sharpener and eraser for all exams, plus a compass and a protractor for Maths and Science.
- Scientific calculators will be needed for certain exams, these will be provided by school for all exams.
- If you are bringing a pencil case it needs to be transparent to enable us to see the contents.
- If you wish to bring in a drink, it must be water only, no more than 1 litre and must be in a clear bottle. You should remove the label from the outside of the bottle and make sure it is full prior to the exam starting.
- Please bring all of your exam equipment in to the hall with you.
- Check you have been given the correct question paper, if unsure please ask an invigilator.
- Raise your hand if you need to ask a question and an invigilator will come and see you (they cannot help with questions in your exam).
- You will not be allowed to leave the exam room until the end of the allocated time for the exam, please make sure you use the toilet in break and lunch.
- If the fire alarm goes off during your exam, you will need to stop writing and sit in silence until instructed as to what to do. **YOU MUST NOT TALK TO ANYONE.** If you are instructed to evacuate the exam room an invigilator will escort you to the designated area, you will need to leave in an orderly manner and **REMAIN SILENT.** Failure to do this could lead to your paper being disqualified. **DON'T TAKE THAT RISK.**
- At the end of the exam, remain silent until you have left the room.
- You will be dismissed from the room by rows.
- If you have any questions about the tests please come and see Ms Lort.

YEAR 11	MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2016	TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
MORNING SESSION PERIODS 1 & 2 8.50AM- 10.30AM	SCIENCE 1HOUR GERMAN LISTENING 40 MIN	TEXTILES 1HR 30 MIN HEALTH & SOCIAL 1HR	SCIENCE 1HOUR GERMAN READING 50 MINS	P.E. GCSE 1HR 30 MIN DRAMA (THEATRE) 1HR 40MINS	ENGLISH LIT 1HR 30MIN	ART ALL DAY
MORNING SESSION PERIODS 3 & 4 10.50AM- 12.50PM	HISTORY PAPER 1 1HR 45 MIN	MATHEMATICS NON CALCULATOR 1HR 30MIN	FRENCH LISTENING 40 MIN FRENCH READING 50 MIN	GEOGRAPHY 1HR 15 MIN	HISTORY PAPER 2 1HR 45 MIN	ART ALL DAY
AFTERNOON SESSION PERIODS 6 & 7 1.40PM-3.20PM (OR AFTER)	RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1HR 30 MIN	BUSINESS STUDIES 45 MIN ICT 1HR 30 MIN	ENGLISH 1HR 45MIN	MATHEMATICS CALCULATOR 1HR 30MIN	MATHEMATICS PAPER 3 1HR 30MIN	ART ALL DAY

RE-SITS	MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER	TUESDAY 01ST NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 02ND NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 03RD NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 04TH NOVEMBER
EXAM:	IGCSE: READING PASSAGE START: 09:00 LENGTH: 1HR 45 MINS	ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE START: 09:00 LENGTH: 2HR 15 MINS	MATHEMATICS NON CALCULATOR PAPER START: 09:00 LENGTH: 1 HR 45 MINS	IGCSE: DIRECTED WRITING AND COMPOSITION START: 09:00 LENGTH: 2 HRS	MATHEMATICS CALCULATOR PAPER 2 START: 09:00 LENGTH: 1 HR 45MINS

CLUB BRENTFORD

Please have a discussion with your daughter about which extra-curricular clubs she is attending. Clubs are an excellent outlet for stress and a great support for your daughter's general wellbeing. Clubs can be signed up to via mychq.net

If your daughter has forgotten her username or password please log in using the 'forgotten login/username' link at the bottom of the homepage. The below Club Brentford timetable runs until Christmas.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB 08:00 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 08:00 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 08:00 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 08:00 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 08:00 - 08:30 (T1)
FITNESS 13:00 - 13:30 (CURIE GYM)	BADMINTON 13:00 - 13:30 (CURIE GYM)	BASKETBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (CURIE GYM)	DODGEBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	TABLE TENNIS 13:00 - 13:30 (CURIE GYM)
FOOTBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (CURIE GYM)	THE BRENTONES (SINGING) 13:00 - 13:30 (A6)	NETBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (NETBALL COURTS)	SAMBA BAND 13:00 - 13:30 (A6)	UKULELE CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (A6)
UPPER SCHOOL ART CLUB 15:20 (C7)	CROCHET 13:00 - 13:30 (B4)	TRAMPOLINING 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	UPPER SCHOOL ART CLUB 15:20 (C7)	UPPER SCHOOL ART CLUB 15:20 (C7)
BTEC SPORTS CATCHUP 15:20 (PANKHURST GYM)	NETBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (NETBALL)	UPPER SCHOOL ART CLUB 15:20 (C7)		
DUKE OF EDINBURGH 15:20 (T3)	TRAMPOLINING 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	ROCKSCHOOL (YR 10 & 11) 15:20 (A6)		
	UPPER SCHOOL ART CLUB 15:20 (C7)			

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2016:

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

- 21ST OCTOBER - 26TH OCTOBER: MFL SCHOOL TRIP TO BERLIN
- 09TH NOVEMBER: 6TH FORM 'STAY SAFE AND DRIVE' 9AM - 12AM
- 17TH NOVEMBER: YEAR 12 & 13 ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY
- 17TH NOVEMBER: 6TH FORM QUIZ EVENING
- 25TH NOVEMBER: YEAR 8 ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY
- 2ND DECEMBER: OCCASIONAL DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- 08TH DECEMBER: YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING
- 12TH DECEMBER: YEAR 7 ACADEMIC REVIEW
- 14TH DECEMBER: WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- 15TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS FAYRE 15:30 - 17:30
- 15TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS CONCERT 18:00 - 19:30
- 15TH DECEMBER: YEAR 7 PANTOMIME TRIP
- 16TH DECEMBER: END OF TERM (12:30 FINISH)

SPRING TERM 2016:

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY - FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

- MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY: HALF TERM
- 25TH JANUARY: INSET DAY
- 26TH JANUARY: YEAR 10 ACADEMIC REVIEW
- 6TH FORM PARENTS EVENING
- 09TH & 10TH FEBRUARY: SCHOOL PRODUCTION EVENING PERFORMANCE (WE WILL ROCK YOU)
- 23RD FEBRUARY: YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING
- 28TH FEBRUARY: YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY
- 02ND MARCH: WORLD BOOK DAY
- 16TH MARCH: YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING
- FRIDAY 31ST MARCH: END OF TERM

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