

NEW STAFF

BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF WHO HAVE JOINED THE SCHOOL THIS TERM:

- PAUL MAY – ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
- LINSEY CORNWELL – HEAD OF SIXTH FORM
- NICOLA GREEN – SENCO
- SHELLY COLES – HEAD OF ASD
- HAROLD GARNER – TEACHER OF SCIENCE
- JENELLE BLEAU – TEACHER OF SCIENCE
- SARIKA SHARMA – TEACHER OF ENGLISH
- DARRYL BANK – TEACHER OF ENGLISH
- ELLA PARTINGTON – TA IN ASD UNIT
- CAROLINE VINCENT – TEACHER OF TECHNOLOGY
- DANIELA JANTSCHY – LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

YEAR 7 OPEN MORNING APPOINTMENTS

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT, GO TO WWW.BRENTFORD.HOUNSLOW.SCH.UK/OPENEVENING2017/OPENMORNINGS AND FILL OUT A QUICK FORM. OR CALL OUR RECEPTION: 020 8847 4281

MONDAY
09TH OCTOBER 9.30AM - 11AM

FRIDAY
13TH OCTOBER 9.30AM - 11AM

OPEN MORNING SCHEDULE

09:30 ARRIVAL - TEA/COFFEE AND WELCOME
09:45 INTRODUCTION & TOUR
10:40 HEADTEACHER Q&A
11:00 FINISH

BRENTFORD 6th FORM

“TOP 100 NON-SELECTIVE STATE-FUNDED SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND”
NICK GIBB, MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOLS (FEBRUARY 2016)

OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 6PM - 8PM

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BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

ALUMNI

IF YOU ARE AN ALUMNI OF OUR SCHOOL THEN BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR NETWORK AND HELP INSPIRE OUR FUTURE BRENTFORD GIRL

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL OUR COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR, LIZ GERS:
LGERS@BRENTFORD.HOUNSLOW.SCH.UK

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TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2017:

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER - THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

- 10TH OCTOBER: SCIENCE TRIP, SO YOU WANT TO BE A... LUNCH
- 11TH OCTOBER: STAY SAFE & DRIVE, YR 12 & 13 PSE DAY, MONEY CHARITY
- 12TH OCTOBER: WELCOME TO YEAR 7 MEETING, WELCOME TO 6TH FORM EVENING
- 13TH OCTOBER: 6TH FORM TEXTILES KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW
- 16TH OCTOBER: YR 8 TEEN READ
- 17TH OCTOBER: YR 13 SCIENCE TRIP, GUMLEY CONFERENCE
- 18TH OCTOBER: INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR, 6TH FORMER FOR A DAY
- 19TH OCTOBER: ACCELERATED READING EVENT, 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING, WELCOME TO YR 11 MEETING, PTA MEETING
- 20TH OCTOBER: WEAR IT PINK DAY, YR 12 INDUCTION DAY TRIP, END OF TERM
- 23RD - 28TH OCTOBER: AUTUMN HALF TERM
- 30TH OCTOBER: TERM BEGINS
- 01ST NOVEMBER: YR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP, YR 13 ACADEMIC REVIEW
- 06TH NOVEMBER: YR 11 MONITORING WEEK
- 07TH NOVEMBER: YR 7 ACADEMIC REVIEW
- 13TH NOVEMBER: YR 11 PPE'S, YR 10 HISTORY TRIP
- 14TH NOVEMBER: SO YOU WANT TO BE A... LUNCH
- 16TH NOVEMBER: YR 12 ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY, CAREERS FAIR
- 20TH NOVEMBER: YR 13 PPE WEEK BEGINS
- 23RD NOVEMBER: 6TH FORM QUIZ EVENING
- 29 NOVEMBER: YR 9 & 10 REHEARSAL ROCK SCHOOL EVENING
- 01ST DECEMBER: SCHOOL CLOSED. 6TH FORM APP DEADLINE
- 04TH DECEMBER: YR 8 PEDESTRAIN THEATRE VISIT, YR 10 PPES
- 07TH DECEMBER: 6TH FORM TESCO CHRISTMAS EVENT
- 15TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT STUDENT LUNCH
- 18TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT, CHRISTMAS LUNCH, 6TH FORM JUMPER DAY & PARTY
- 19TH DECEMBER: YR 7 PANTO TRIP
- 20TH DECEMBER: END OF TERM, 6TH FORM ELDERLY VISITS

SPRING TERM 2018:

THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY- THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

- 04TH JANUARY: SPRING TERM BEGINS
- 08TH JANUARY: YR 12 PPES
- 09TH JANUARY: SO YOU WANT TO BE A... LUNCH
- 11TH JANUARY: WATERMANS ART EXHIBITION

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○ OCTOBER ○ 2017

BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear parent/carer,

I hope that the term has started well and that both you and your daughter have settled back into school life after the long summer break. As a school our priorities this year are to continue to raise achievement. Our year 11 and sixth form students did especially well this summer in their public examinations. We had some phenomenal results and were delighted for the girls and their families. Most of our Year 11 students have moved into the sixth form to study A levels or our BTEC in Travel and Tourism and public services. Additionally, we welcome the students who have joined us from other schools in the borough to study with us in our sixth form.

A huge well done and thank you to our new year 7 students and their families. The girls have settled in so well and it was a delight to watch them running tours for Year 6's (prospective year 7's) at our annual school open evening. You wouldn't believe these girls only joined the school a few weeks ago. Their confidence was tremendous and the knowledge of the school and the way in which Brentford works was particularly impressive. As always the night was a real success with over 200 families visiting us. The feedback from prospective parents was very positive, and they were particularly impressed by the impeccable behaviour, good manners and enthusiasm that our girls showed during the evening. Well done girls and thank you to your parents. Good manners start at home and we are very fortunate at Brentford to have a group of excellent and supportive parents who enforce these expectations both at home and in support of the school.

Once again, this year our priorities are to continue to develop the vision of the Brentford girl within the school. Be that through ensuring that our behaviour for learning is always exceptional, to developing resilience and encouraging good study habits in our students, as well as developing those wider skills required for the world of work: adaptability, emotional literacy, empathy and confidence. I know that as a community, we all support this vision and this year as with all others we will continue to drive forward with our school vision

So I will leave you on that note....'Imagine the Brentford girl...'

Thank you for your support and enjoy the rest of the half term

Best wishes

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BEHAVIOUR

As always at Brentford School, we remain focused on ensuring that each and every pupil reaches their full potential and has a positive school experience. The school is back in full swing following the summer break and remains a hive of activity day to day. The students have returned with a very positive attitude towards their studies and school. It is important we are able to support each pupil in reaching their own personal targets.

There are a number of ways in which you can help your daughter succeed during her time at Brentford. Firstly by creating a calm and quiet space for your daughter to complete homework and revision. During home study periods, removing all distractions that may get in the way of your daughters focus is a must, including television and mobile phone access. Create a work routine, so that pupils are aware that each night they are expected to complete a set time of home study. Help to plan and organise your daughter, ensuring they are ready and fully equipped for each day at school. Insist on regular reading, this should take place for at least 30 minutes every day to

improve your child's vocabulary and creativity. Ensure that your daughter is fully rested and having enough sleep each night in order to arrive to school fully alert and ready to learn.

What pupils eat really does matter, so please take the time to carefully choose what your child is eating both in and outside of the school day. Remain in contact with the school, report any concerns you have in order for the school to act as quickly as possible to support you and your daughter. Attend all parents and subject evenings so you are up to date and fully aware of the progress your daughter is making, these evenings allow you the opportunity to have any questions or queries answered or indeed hear directly from staff any concerns we may have as a school.

Following pupils return to school after the October half term break, the summer shirt will no longer be permitted. All pupils must return on the 30th October wearing the pink school shirt and school tie.

Finally, ensuring your daughter is on time and in school each day to avoid any unnecessary gaps in pupils learning. I look forward to your continued support in upholding the expectations and strong reputation of Brentford.

2017 EXAM RESULTS - PROGRESS 8 SCORE

As you may be aware the threshold measure of the 'number of students achieving 5A* -C grades' used previously to gauge a school's exam performance has been replaced by a progress 8 score. This is a reflection of the progress that students make (value added) in their GCSE exams across 8 subjects and is dependent on the students' various starting points from KS2. Our progress 8 score based on our 2017 exam results was a praiseworthy 0.72. This can be interpreted as our students achieving on average three-quarters of a grade better than students in other schools with the same KS2 results. We are really proud of this fantastic achievement which, based on last year's data, would put us in the top 5% of schools nationally for achievement. This is a real testament to the hard work of all our staff who are committed to ensuring that every student at Brentford always achieves her best.

'FUTURES' UNIVERSITY FAIR

On Thursday 16th November, we are holding a Higher Education Fair between 3:00 - 6:00pm. This will give your daughter an opportunity to receive free impartial information and advice from representatives from a range of universities about possible future career paths as well as information about alternatives to university. We have chosen a twilight session so that parents can also attend the event.

WELCOME TO YEAR 7

On Thursday 12th October we will welcome all year 7 students and their parents/carers to the school. The evening will take place in the main hall from 17:00-19:30 with a variety of key staff members delivering valuable information on your daughters progression. The 'welcome to year 7' event will be an excellent opportunity for parents and students to discuss their journey to secondary school so far, their achievements worries and future development at Brentford.

WELCOME TO 6TH FORM EVENING

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to two events in the upcoming month. On Thursday 12th October we welcome all new sixth form students. We are also hosting our sixth form open evening on Thursday 19th October, which will showcase all the sixth form has to offer for year 11 students from both Brentford and other schools.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A....

This term we have two Careers talks as part of our 'So You Want to be a....' lunch time Speaker Programme. All students are invited to come along and hear from successful professionals about the world of work. This term we are delighted to welcome staff from both British Airways and Lloyds Bank.

Tuesday 10th October – 'So You Want to work in.... 'British Airways'

Tuesday 14th November - 'So You Want to Be a 'Banker'

Students should register their interest on CHQ at least a week in advance of the event. All sessions will take place in the theatre.

PPE'S ARE COMING

The Pre-public examinations (PPEs) at Brentford are an opportunity for students to sit assessments in all their subjects under exam conditions and provides valuable data for staff about which students may need intervention in order to achieve their targets. All students receive an exam timetable in advance of the exams so that they have sufficient time to prepare adequately for these. Please try to ensure that your child is not absent/late during the week of her PPEs and that they come in fully prepared and equipped for the examinations that they will be sitting. Please find below the dates for all upcoming PPEs:

Y11 - 13th Nov to 20th Nov

Y13 - 20th Nov to 24th Nov

Y10 - 4th Dec to 8th Dec

GRADE 9 IN ENGLISH LITERATURE EXAMS

All students currently in Year 11 sat their actual English Literature GCSE exam at the end of Year 10 and received their results during the summer holidays. We are incredibly proud of their achievements with 65% of the year group achieving a Grade 5 and above in these new, more challenging GCSEs. The four students listed below excelled in the exams and achieved a Grade 9, which on the new 9-1 scale is considered to be higher than the previous A* grade and far more elusive to achieve:

Manahil Badar, Sabah Halimi, Phoebe O'Logbon, Mehrunisa Kakar

Well done to all of Year 11 and may we see many more Grade 9's from all of you in your GCSE exam results.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING - THE BENEFITS

Independent learning helps students take responsibility for their own learning and be more proactive in completing tasks without the need for teacher's help. Ultimately it means learning how to learn!

For a student to be an effective independent learner they need to:

1. take control of their own learning;
2. take responsibility for the outcome of the learning;
3. make effective choices about how to develop their independent learning tasks;
4. develop ideas creatively;
5. work on their own with small amounts of guidance from a teacher;
6. analyse their learning and make appropriate adjustments.

If you completed a 'One Day In History Project', have a look at the list of skills above and think to yourself 'how many of these skills did I use when completing my project?'

The main benefit of developing independent learning skills is that it improves academic performance. Students with well-developed skills can complete activities to a higher standard as they generally have more confidence in the work they produce; have greater awareness of their own strengths and areas for development as pupils and are more motivated to achieve highly in their work and feel more included and involved in their learning.

So there are many, many reasons to keep developing our independent learning skills.

Easy Methods to Learn Independently:

- Reading around the subject – this is particularly helpful if you know the next topic that will be covered in class
- Watching TV – watching TV relating to subjects is helpful to aid understanding e.g. if you take Business Studies, watching "Dragon's Den" may help
- Using revision guides, Apps (e.g. Gojimo) or revision
- Websites (e.g. Bitesize) to improve and test knowledge
- Take an active part in classroom discussions

PHONE NUMBERS

A reminder to all parents/carers; it is really important that if you move, change your telephone number or email address that you please let us know immediately. We are trying to keep you up to date and send out more information electronically which is cost effective and a green way of communicating with you, but if our information is not kept up-to-date by you, then you will not receive it.

PARKING

We ask that all parents/carers dropping and collecting students do this safely. We have had several reports this term from both local residents and passing pedestrians, that students are not being dropped off safely or legally. Cars have parked on the zigzag lines and students are allowed to jump out – this is both illegal and really unsafe for the students and we ask parents and carers not to persist with this practice. We also ask that when you pick up students you arrange to do this safely in one of the surrounding areas that has parking spaces and that you do not pull up outside school or block the church entrance and expect them to jump in. This is not safe for students and could result in a parking fine for the driver should the police be patrolling the area. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

ACADEMIC REVIEW DAYS COMING UP

These events provide a valuable opportunity for parents to come in during the school day and meet with their child's tutor, Head of Year or a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their progress and set personalised targets to help them further improve. Parents will receive a letter in the run up to your child's academic review day listing her appointment time. Dates for upcoming Academic Review days are as follows:

Year 13 - 1st November 2017

Year 12 - 16th November 2017

Year 11 - 26th March 2017

Year 10 - 25th January 2018

Year 9 - 18th April 2018

Year 8 - 24th November 2017

Year 7 - 7th November 2017

'FRIENDS' OF BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

We are delighted to be holding the Friends of Brentford School for Girls meeting on Thursday 19th October from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. The first meeting is an opportunity for you to find out more and to discover how you can get involved, including volunteering at school events such as our Summer and Christmas Fayres to help raise funds for the school, help with social events for current students alumni, parents, carers and teachers, or putting your name forward to be on the committee. If you would like any further information, please contact Ms Gers, lgers@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We look forward to welcoming all members of our community to our upcoming annual fair. There will be a wide range of activities and stalls at this year's fayre which runs from 3:20pm - 5:30pm.

A massive thank you from the school community to local Estate Agents, Quilliam, who have sponsored the event this year. Located on the High Street in the heart of Brentford, Quilliam Property Services team, led by Julia Quilliam have extensive knowledge of the area and can offer the best advice on everything local. To find out more or get involved please call 020 8847 4737 or drop in at 206 High Street, Brentford TW8 8AH.

PE AT BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The PE Department is comprised of a team of three PE practitioners and educators. We work closely as a team and provide our students with the skills and knowledge and understanding which enable them to achieve in PE and gain an understanding of the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

THE TEAM

Ms Ashworth - Studied a BEd in Secondary Education with Physical Education at the University of St Mark and St John. She completed her teacher training as part of her Undergraduate Degree. Ms Ashworth plays in a Netball League at the weekends.

Ms Giddens - studied a BEd in Secondary Education with Physical Education at St Mary's Twickenham University. She completed her training as part of her Undergraduate Degree. Ms Giddens is a keen hockey player and is the Captain of a local hockey team which complete in a hockey league at the weekends.

Mr Dexter - Studied a Bsc in Sports education and Leisure management at the University of Gloucestershire. Completed training as part of an undergraduate degree. Mr Dexter is a keen footballer and enjoys keeping fit in his free time.



WHAT STUDENTS LEARN AT KEY STAGE 3

In KS3 we cover a wide range of sports including dance, gymnastics, netball, football, basketball, fitness, rounders, OAA, cricket and athletics. Students have the opportunity to try a range of different sports and the department ensure there are a wide range of extracurricular clubs for students to attend. In KS3 students focus in PE is;

Skill development- developing your physical skills in a range of sports

Tactical Awareness- developing your knowledge of how tactics and strategies can be used to beat an opponent

Analysis of Performance- we aim to develop your ability to coach and improve others

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN AT KEY STAGE 4

In core PE students continue to develop their range of skills in a variety of sports. Students may have the opportunities to try new sports such as table tennis, volleyball and ultimate frisbee.

In GCSE PE students develop their skills in a wide range of sports and they have opportunities to gain leadership qualifications.

Topics covered in GCSE PE:

Anatomy and physiology, Movement analysis, Physical training, Use of data, Sports Psychology, Social cultural influences

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Many of the extra-curricular activities at Brentford School for Girls are run by the PE department. The list includes, gymnastics, netball, trampolining, badminton, athletics, dodgeball, table tennis, dance, football, fitness club and basketball. The department also runs the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the world's leading youth achievement award, a flexible programme that helps to develop young people for life and work.

BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB 07:45 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 07:45 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 07:45 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 07:45 - 08:30 (T1)	BREAKFAST CLUB 07:45 - 08:30 (T1)
ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 12:50 - 13:30 (C7)	ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 12:50 - 13:30 (C7)	ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 12:50 - 13:30 (C7)	ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 12:50 - 13:30 (C7)	ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 12:50 - 13:30 (C7)
LUNCHTIME HOMEWORK CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (T1)	LUNCHTIME HOMEWORK CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (T1)	ATHLETICS 12:50 - 13:30 (REDGRA)	MICHAEL JACKSON EXPERIENCE 12:50 - 13:30 (THEATRE)	LUNCHTIME HOMEWORK CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (T1)
BOOMWHACKER ORCHESTRA 13:00 - 13:30 (A6)	NETBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	LUNCHTIME HOMEWORK CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (T1)	LUNCHTIME HOMEWORK CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (T1)	DANCE 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)
GYMNASTICS 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	NETBALL 15:20 - 16:20 (PANKHURST GYM)	SCIENCE CLUB (YR 7, 8 & 9) 13:00 - 13:30 (M7)	BRENTFORD SINGERS CLUB 13:00 - 13:30 (A6)	DEBATING CLUB (YR 7 & 8) 13:00 - 13:30 (P4)
DUKE OF EDINBURGH (YR 9, 10 & 11) 15:20 - 16:20 (T3)	ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 15:20 - 16:30 (C7)	TRAMPOLINE 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	DODGEBALL 13:00 - 13:30 (PANKHURST GYM)	TABLE TENNIS 13:00 - 13:00 (CURIE GYM)
FOOTBALL CLUB 15:20 - 16:20 (REDGRA)		BADMINTON 13:00 - 13:30 (CURIE GYM)	DUKE OF EDINBURGH (YR 9, 10 & 11) 15:20 - 16:20 (T3)	UKULELES! 13:00 - 13:30 (A6)
ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 15:20 - 16:30 (C7)		FITNESS 15:20 - 16:20 (A6)	ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 15:20 - 16:30 (C7)	BASKETBALL (YR 8 & 9) 15:30 - 16:30 (BASKETBALL COURTS)
		ROCK SCHOOL (YR 10 & 11) 15:20 - 17:00 (A6)		ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 15:20 - 16:30 (C7)
		SOCIAL SCIENCE SOCIETY (YR 10, 11 & 12) 15:20 - 16:00 (P1)		
		ART GCSE (YR 10 - 13) 15:20 - 16:30 (C7)		