

# HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER 2021



ACRYLIC ON CANVAS by Marta Cárman, Year 11



**BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
**BRENTFORD & FORM**

## HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer

What a year it has been once again!!!!!! Following the disruptions of the previous year we certainly didn't think that we would be going into another lockdown in January this year! With the Prime Minister's announcement that the restrictions will be coming to an end, and the increase in vaccination levels, September feels like a new beginning.

We tried our very best last term to return to some of our end of year activities which have always been so important for bringing our community together and allowing the girls to develop some of those wider skills identified in our school vision. The annual Sports Day event, Activities Week, the Year 11 Prom, the Record of Achievement event and Sixth Form Leavers Party took place at the end of the summer term. All of these events were thoroughly risk assessed in order to ensure that they were safe for both students and staff and it is fantastic to be able to share with you the summer highlights .

As we move into the new school year, we have been busy planning for what the year ahead might look like and identifying priorities for 2021-22. We will continue to work with the girls to bridge any gaps in their learning, as a consequence of the lockdowns, as well as refocusing on developing the wider skills of our vision. Student well-being will continue to be a focus and we are lucky to be working with a fantastic organisation two days a week, who will be providing therapeutic support for our young people. We have also reorganised the school away from the girls learning in 'bubbles', and instead only facilitating bubble areas for the lunch and break times from September onwards. This will allow the girls to continue to stay in their own year groups at lunch times, whilst allowing them to move freely around the school during the school day to access the specialist facilities.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank you for your support and commitment over what has been a challenging year for us all. It is an absolute pleasure to serve such a fantastic school community and we look forward to new beginnings and returning to the vibrant and dynamic school life that is unique to Brentford School for Girls.

Stay safe

Best wishes



Marais Leenders

Headteacher

STAY CONNECTED



@brentfordschool

## IMAGINE THE FUTURE BRENTFORD GIRL

She thrives on challenge and has a desire to fulfil her **LEARNING POTENTIAL**.

She is able to think **INDEPENDENTLY** and is **CONFIDENT** in her social and academic capability.

She is emotionally aware and emotionally **INTELLIGENT**.

She is **CAPABLE** and dependable.

She is **RESOURCEFUL** and inquisitive.

She embraces the technological world as a global village and is **READY TO INTERACT** with others in the local and worldwide **COMMUNITY**.

She accepts the welfare of others as **HER RESPONSIBILITY**.

She understands the need for **SUSTAINABLE LIVING** both locally and globally.

**SHE IS READY FOR LIFE IN THE FUTURE , WHATEVER THAT MAY BE**

**She is the CENTRE OF OUR VISION and will remain the very CORE of our being and PURPOSE**



@brentfordschoolgirls

WEBSITE [www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)



## NEW BEGINNINGS

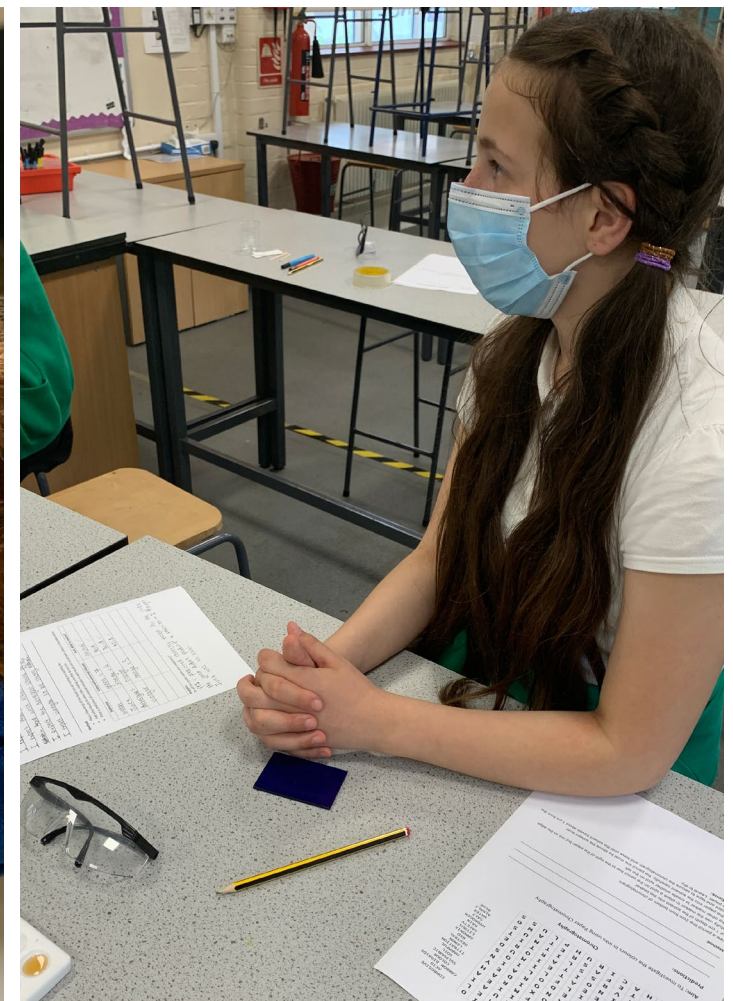
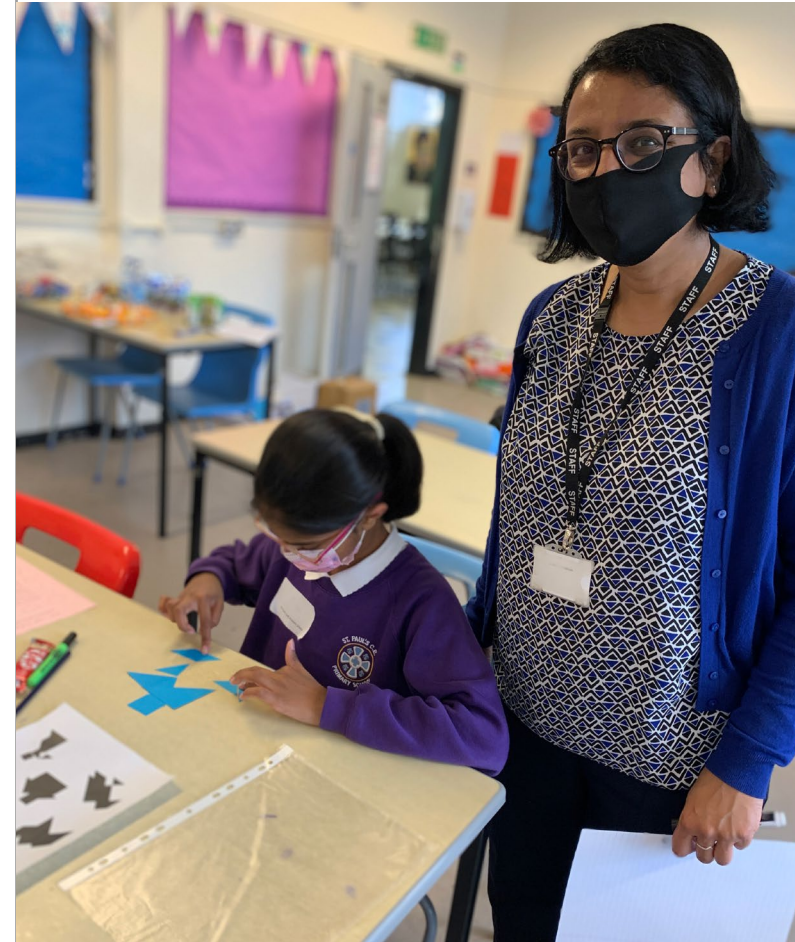
*We were delighted to be able to welcome year 6 students joining us this September to visit Brentford School for Girls in June and participate in some specially curated subject taster workshop lessons.*

*The evening ran from 4 -5.30pm and offered our new students the opportunity to get to know other students in their cohort, familiarise themselves with the school site, take part in some fun and educational activities and meet different members of staff, in particular key subject leaders.*

*Starting secondary school is such an exciting time with so many opportunities for our young people as they begin a journey of deeper academic exploration.*

*These events are important in helping ensure the transition from primary to secondary is as seamless and positive as possible and that our new starters feel part of the 'Brentford family' from a very early stage.*

*Operating in a covid pandemic environment does mean that these events required much more rigorous planning and risk assessment to ensure strict adherence to Covid regulations but the value to our new students is immense and we were thrilled that we were able to provide this support to them and also grateful to all our staff for their commitment and dedication in helping make this happen.*



STAY CONNECTED



WEBSITE [www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)





## WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT YEAR 11!

*The year 11 Record of Achievement Ceremony took place on Friday 25th June. It was a wonderful way to bid a fond farewell to our amazing year 11 students. The girls were presented with flowers and a year group photo to commemorate the 5 years they have spent working towards becoming the 'Brentford Girl'. We were lucky enough to be able to show messages from staff, past and present and also to witness songs and dancing from our very talented pupils. We are so pleased that lots of the girls will be returning to the sixth form in September and we can't wait to welcome them back!*

*The year 11s also were able to have their leaving Prom this year which took place at the end of July at the Holiday Inn in Brentford. Despite some nail-biting wondering if COVID restrictions were going to be lifted in time for the prom to take place, lady luck was shining on us and we had an amazing evening. It was so lovely to see all the familiar faces and the girls looked absolutely stunning in their prom outfits.*

*"I am so proud to have had the privilege of working with this amazing group of girls and seeing them grow into the fantastic group of young ladies they have now become. It was so lovely to have been able to celebrate together as a group of students and staff. The girls looked absolutely stunning at the prom and I am going to miss them so much."* MS SINGH, SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

STAY CONNECTED



@brentfordschool



@brentfordschoolgirls

WEBSITE [www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)



## BONNE CHANCE YEAR 13!

*On the evening of Friday 25th June we hosted the year 13 leavers Graduation in school. After what has been the most disruptive two years of the schools sixth form journey, we were so pleased to have given them the best send off we could in current climate.*

*The student sixth form leadership team did a fantastic job of planning the event for their year group and decorating the main hall, so it could be a memorable event for all those that attended.*

*The evening included speeches from Ms Leenders, Ms Singh, Ms Agnihotri and Ms Richmond. We also had the pleasure of hearing some great stories from their sixth form tutors; Ms Welsh, Mr Holloway, Ms Downton and Ms Pugh, as well watching video messages from their subject teachers.*

*The ladies enjoyed a delicious BBQ, presentations, year 13 Awards and an opportunity to say farewell to their friends. All those that attended looked beautiful and we wish them all the very best in their next steps.*

*"May you flourish in all the goals you set for yourself and not let any barriers defeat you" MS AGNIHOTRI*







## ENCOURAGING DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

*As part of our commitment to the SMSC provision for sixth formers, our PSE and RE day were held on 30th June during the summer term.*

*After the success of our workshop on mental health led by the 'Self Esteem Team' earlier in the year, we invited them back to lead a workshop on LGBTQ+. They describe the purpose of the workshop in the following way: "while progress is being made for LGBTQ+ rights, there is so much more work to be done to increase understanding and inclusivity. With sex and relationship education now mandatory, this is a huge step. Our brand-new class promises to deliver content on gender and sexuality with expertise in an age-appropriate approach"*

*The RE session was on the theme of race and equality and organised by the Head of RE, Ms Evans. During the session, year 12s watched the film SELMA, a film linked to the theme of race and explored the issue of racial equality in society today.*

*There were many fantastic discussions amongst the students surrounding the issues it raises and how we, as a school community, can seek to develop our understanding of race and move forward to have a positive influence on the wider community as a whole.*

STAY CONNECTED



@brentfordschoolgirls

WEBSITE [www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)



## RIVERS OF THE WORLD

*In July we were very excited to host professional artist Shona Watt for an special art workshop. This day of art making was part of the **Rivers of the World international art project**. Similar activities have taken place in schools around the world as students are challenged to learn new art skills as well as consider their environment.*

*Since our year 8 cohort have now chosen their GCSE subjects, we used this opportunity to welcome and inspire the year 8s who will be taking art next year. They had a day with Ms Watts who taught them essential skills in research, design and making. To link the river theme, the girls looked at ancient cultures and beliefs that celebrate and worship rivers and river goddesses. They also looked at more modern references such as theatrical costumes for concerts, festivals and parades.*

*After their careful research and design work, we were blown away by the beautiful and intricate wearable head-dresses made by the year 8s. They considered their materials, their time frame and techniques like professionals and should be very proud of themselves.*

*We look forward to seeing their work displayed in school and as well as being shared online after being professionally photographed. This project has been a wonderful reminder of the limitless inspiration we can take from nature, the reward of being brave enough to learn a new skill as well as how meaningful it is to be part of something happening in schools around the world.*

*Well done year 8s and thank you for all your help Ms Curtis.*

*'Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world'* ALBERT EINSTEIN





## THE SPORTS EVENT OF THE YEAR!

*Sports Day this year was held at Osterley Sports and Athletic Centre, on a beautiful summers day. Moving our sports day to the track allowed us to have a more traditional day, with a range of track and field events for our students to compete in.*

*The students competed races of varying distance, with some excellent duels in year 9 and 10 in the 100m sprints. **The field events were hotly contested, with new school records made and students beating their personal bests all in the name of their houses!***

*The day was rounded off nicely with the 4x100m relays for each year group, cheered on by the rest of their year and houses. With the very last event of the day, the staff relay, which this year was won by the Senior Leadership team, albeit contested by team PE! The day was a huge success, with the students thoroughly enjoying themselves and the experience of competing on a professional track.*

***Our sports day winners for 2021 were Ambitious house, with the trophy presented by our Head of PE Ms Lecocq, to Head of House Miss Partington (unsurprisingly, against a backdrop of cheering from the elated students in Ambitious house!) Roll on next year!***









## CAREERS ENRICHMENT

Careers week was held in July and was filled with activities to support all students in years 7-10 develop those all-important employability skills: communication, team work and problem solving. Each year group had a dedicated day with a range of activities from an 'Elite Skills' team building exercise with the Army Outreach team to creating the perfect wedding outfit using only newspaper and sticky tape for year 9 students, an enterprise task for year 8 and input and information from the University of Roehampton for year 10 students.

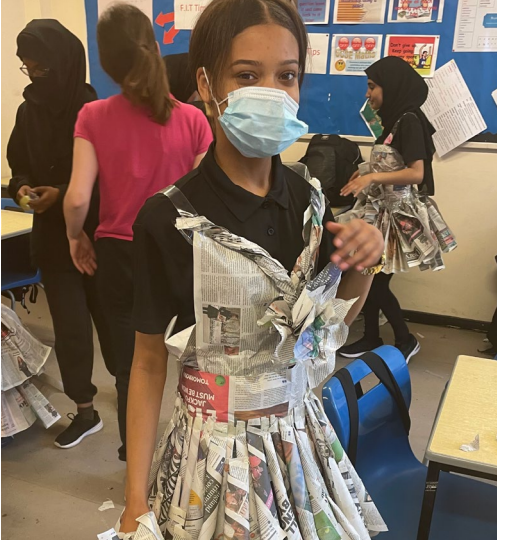
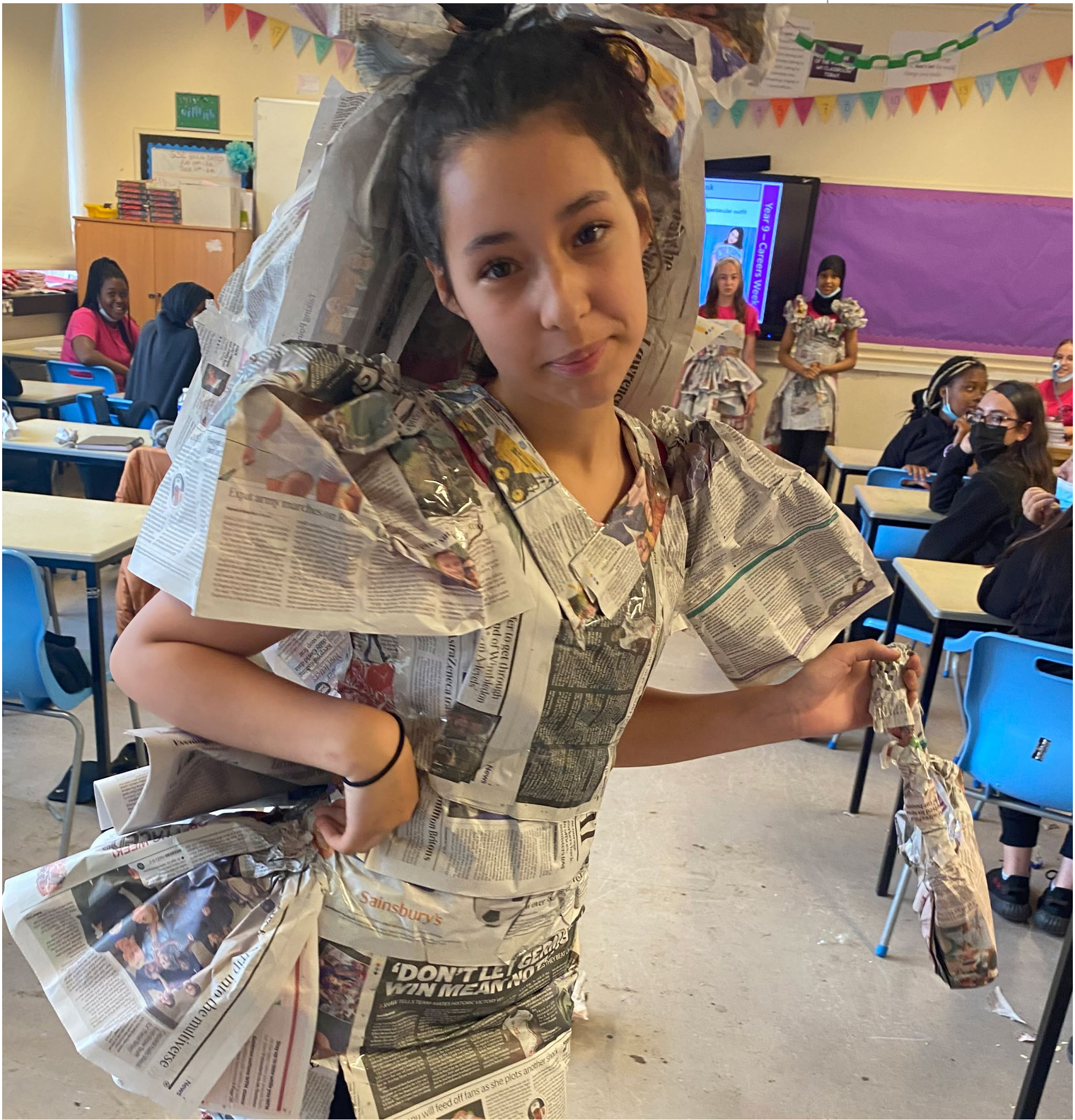
The week was also supported by St Mary's University and West London College. Each year group was also able to access the careers portal Unifrog, to complete a skills and personality quiz, and research the careers library, packed with up-to-date facts and figures (LMI) about 1000s of jobs and the qualifications and skills needed to do them.

The autumn term will be a busy one for the careers department as the school will once again be submitting evidence for re-accreditation of the prestigious Quality in Careers Standard (awarded in July 2018). The Quality in Careers Standard is the single national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in secondary schools.

Interested parents and carers can request their own Unifrog log in details, or find out more about the QCS standard by emailing the careers department on [ebrown@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:ebrown@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)





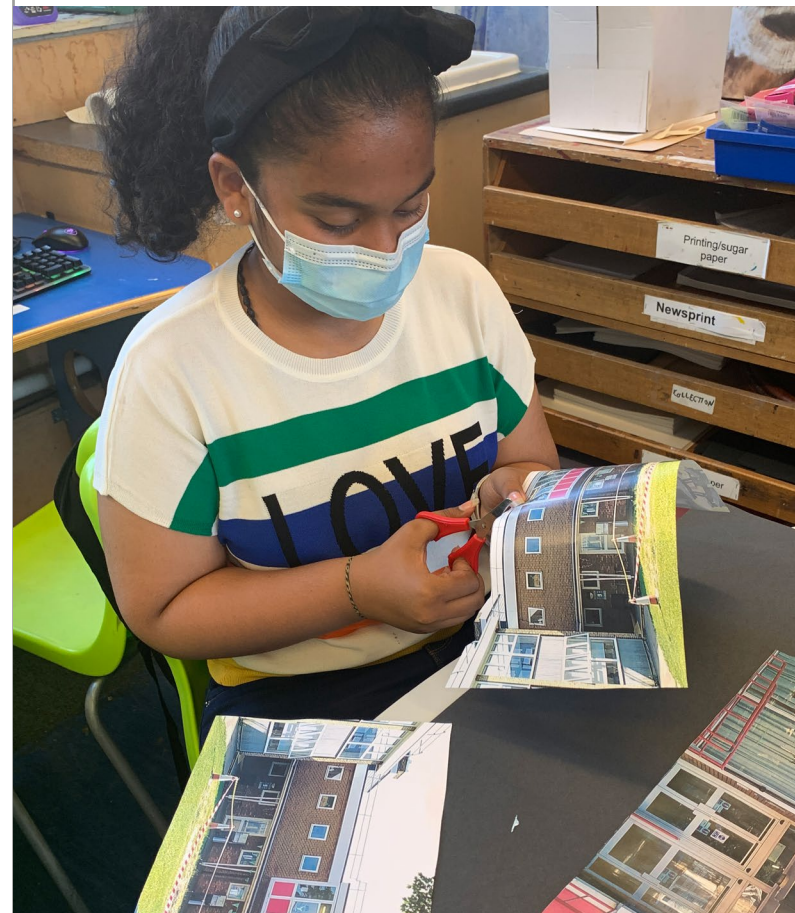




## ***A SPECIAL END OF SUMMER TERM***

*We were delighted to be able to run two days of trips and in-school activities in such an unusual year. In total nine trips ran to enable the students to experience theme parks, zoos, Go-Ape, Liquid Leisure, Adventure Island and activity centres. In-school students embarked on themed activities based around sport, Japanese creativity, art, photography, music and STEM.*

*Thank you for all those who supported the trips and for how the students conducted themselves on both days.*



STAY CONNECTED



@brentfordschool



@brentfordschoolgirls

WEBSITE [www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)



## STUDENT TERM DATES



## BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS BRENTFORD 6<sup>th</sup> FORM

### **AUTUMN TERM 2021: WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021**

*INSET days:* Wednesday 1st September, Thursday 2nd September 2021

*Year 7 ONLY:* Friday 3rd September 2021

*Staggered start year 7-11:* Monday 6th September 2021

*INSET day:* Tuesday 5th October 2021

*School ends:* Friday 22nd October 2021 / 15:10

*Half term:* Monday 25th October - Tuesday 2nd November 2021

*School returns :* Wednesday 3rd November 2021

*Occasional day* (School closed to staff & students): Friday 26th November 2021

*School ends:* Friday 17th December 2021 / 12:30pm

*Christmas holidays:* Monday 20th December - Friday 31st December 2021

### **SPRING TERM 2022: MONDAY 3RD JANUARY TO FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022**

*Bank holiday:* Monday 3rd January 2022

*School returns:* Tuesday 4th January 2022

*School ends:* Friday 11th February 2022 / 15:10

*Half term:* Monday 14th - Friday 18th February

*School ends:* Friday 1st April 2022 / 12:30

*Easter holidays:* Monday 4th April – Friday 15th April 2022

### **SUMMER TERM 2022: MONDAY 18TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 22ND JULY 2022**

*School returns:* Tuesday 19th April 2022

*Bank holiday:* Monday 18th April 2022

*INSET day:* Tuesday 19th April 2022

*Students return:* Wednesday 20th April 2022

*Bank holiday:* Monday 2nd May 2022

*School ends:* Friday 27th May / 15:10

*Half term:* Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

*School returns:* Tuesday 7th June 2022

*INSET day:* Monday 6th June 2022

*Students return:* Tuesday 7th June 2022

*School ends:* Wednesday 20th July 2022 / 12:30pm

*We will notify you of any changes throughout the year. These dates can also be found on our website.*

STAY CONNECTED



@brentfordschool



@brentfordschoolgirls

WEBSITE [www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)

BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS: 5 Boston Manor Road, Brentford, TW8 0PG. TEL: 020 8847 4281 EMAIL: [general@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:general@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)