

BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been another busy half term, with Year 11 and Year 13 sitting their mock examinations. Although this can be a stressful time for students, the girls have managed these well and we look forward to sharing some very positive results over the coming weeks.

As we move into the last few weeks of the term, we will be celebrating with a number of different events. The Christmas concert, Year 7 social event for parents, Year 10 Christmas Carol event, the visits to elderly peoples' homes, a yoga event for parents and students and many more events. Please do check the school calendar on the website to keep up to date with what is going on across the school, this is regularly updated throughout the year.

Thank you for all of your support over the last term.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas break.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Leenders

Headteacher

BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

Parents, Guardians & Carers

The first term of the year has come and gone in the blink of an eye and we are now quickly heading towards the end of the autumn term. I don't know where the time goes. The autumn term has been a very busy one so far, with many events and activities for the students to get themselves involved with. Seeing the new Year 7 cohort find their feet at the school, the year 9 pupils beginning their journey towards their GCSEs and the 6th form announcing this year's Head Girl and senior prefect team. The new year has also seen the introduction of the Blooming afternoons, which Ms. Pearce and Ms Williams will share more detail around later in the bulletin. Needless to say, all of the year 7 and year 11 students involved enjoyed these afternoons immensely.

There is so much more to come before the end of term, including the year 7 students attending the Pantomime at Richmond theatre, year group celebration parties for those students who have shown outstanding attitude towards their studies, and the term concluding with our Christmas lunch and concert.

I would like to remind your daughter of some key behaviour expectations. Our place in the local community is important and we expect all of our students to behave appropriately when travelling to and from

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school and are always remaining mindful of how they conduct themselves in the local community.

We are very proud of our school uniform, and expect our students to arrive at school in full school uniform, and leave in the same way each day. This includes our school PE kit. Can I please ask for your support in ensuring that on the day your daughter has PE, she is dressed only in Brentford School for Girls PE kit. This should include the school t-shirt, the school tracksuit in colder weather, school tracksuit bottoms, and the school branded black shorts and school sports socks. Tracksuit tops of other brands are not permitted to be worn.

As the colder weather arrives towards the end of term, can I please remind you to ensure your daughter has a warm school coat. A reminder that denim jackets, hoodies and boots are not permitted at school.

I would also like to remind you that mobile phones and headphones are not to be seen on school site. Phones and headphones should be put into school bags on arrival at the school gate and they should not be removed until your daughter leaves the school building at the end of the school. It is important that any contact made with home during the school day is made via reception.

The students have taken to their new challenges in an admirable manner this half term and have demonstrated great resilience and maturity in adapting to the next phase of their learning journey.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers in your continued support of the school that has enabled our first term to be so successful.

The spring term begins on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at the normal start time of 8:40am.

I wish you all a happy and safe end of term break when it arrives.

6TH FORM PARENTS EVENING

The Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening will take place virtually on Thursday 5th January. This will give you the opportunity to meet with all of your daughters' teachers and discuss their progress.

Year 13 - The focus will be to discuss the last PPE results and talk about the action plan for the next PPEs in the spring 2 term.

Year 12- The focus will be to discuss how students are settling into their A-Level/Applied courses, interventions and progress.

YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY

As part of the options process, all year 8 students will take part in a careers day on Tuesday 10th January. The day is designed to make students aware of the changing world of work, explore enterprise skills and have the opportunity to speak with people who have forged their careers in different ways in a speed networking session.

The students will be off timetable for the day and it is an event that is designed to help year 8 students think of their future and is one element to guide their subject selections for GCSE.

YEAR 9 "BLOOMING AFTERNOON"

At the end of January, Year 9 will have the chance to do something they have never done before as a year group - the aim of the day is teambuilding, abstract thinking and fun!

6TH FORM PSHE EVENT

On Wednesday 11th January our 6th form students will participate in a range of activities to broaden and expand their understanding of what it means to be an independent citizen of the world. Students will have the opportunity to partake in a selection of hands-on activities as well as to deepen their knowledge around RSE.

YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING

In January, Year 8 students will start their options process. Throughout the spring term, students will be given opportunities and guidance to help them make appropriate choices. On Thursday 19th January, parents and students are invited to attend an Options Evening. This is a very important evening as it outlines the options process, some key considerations to help advise at home and the opportunity to speak to subject teachers about their GCSE offer.

YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

This will be a chance for teachers to meet with parents virtually regarding student progress. The English department will be focusing on the recently sat English literature PPEs which will formulate a lot of conversations. Please ensure you are booking appointments with staff to update on progress.

YEAR 13 ARD

Year 13 Academic Review Day (ARD) will be taking place on January 27th 2023. This event will be face to face via an appointment. Parents/ carers/ guardians will have the opportunity to meet with a member of staff to discuss their daughter's most recent data report, their current progress, attitude to learning, areas for development and suggest strategies which will secure them academic success. We look forward to seeing you there and working with you collaboratively.

YEAR 8 AND 9 HPV IMMUNISATIONS

The HPV and flu vaccinations are due to take place in school on the following dates; 2nd dose HPV vaccinations for year 9 will take place on Thursday 2nd February. Only students who have had the first dose in school will be given the second dose in school. HPV immunisations, dose one, for year 8 will take place on Friday 3rd February. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be offered the nasal flu vaccination on Thursday 2nd February.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

In the week of school production, we invite local primary schools to come

and watch the performance. It is an excellent opportunity for our cast to perform to an audience before the show opens to the evening audience- whilst also connecting with our Primary schools and showing them what they can expect when they join us in the future.

The performers always enjoy the Q & A session at the end of the Primary performance where we open the floor to the primary schools to ask questions about the show.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Thursday 9th and 10th of February sees the evening performances of our school production 'Legally Blonde Jr'. After months of hard work, harmonies and high kicks we cannot wait to present our school production with you. 80 Students from across all years have been rehearsing twice a week learning the lines, songs and dances of Legally Blonde- a story that explores the theme of embracing who you are and believing in yourself when it feels like nobody else does. With Elina in year 10 taking on the lead role as Elle woods- in her first ever school production- she is ready to take on the challenge.

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February 2023 18:30 Tickets can be purchased via scopay- or for any external visitors by emailing Miss Marsh on kmarsh@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk

YEAR 12 & 13 RAVENSBORNE UNIVERSITY FASHION WORKSHOP

On Friday 6th January year 12 and 13 textiles students will be going to Ravensbourne University to have a tour and complete a fashion workshop. They will be introduced to a 'university' way of working and have the opportunity to use resources that are usually only available at degree level.

YEAR 11 PPEs

Year 11 GCSE Pre-Public Exams (PPE) will take place between 6th-10th February 2023 and after half term to assess students' progress, diagnose any areas for development and provide an opportunity to develop their exam skills. Subject Teachers will give guidance on what topics/ sub-topics to revise and specific exam tips for each subject and provide past exam papers with mark schemes for students to use as part of their revision. Academic mentoring lessons and tutor time activities will focus on study and revision skills in preparation for the PPEs. All students are encouraged to regularly refer to their 'How to Revise for GCSE: Study Skills and Revision Planner' for useful tips and advice. I wish all Year 11 students success in their PPEs. I am confident they will all do well if they remain productive, positive and focused!

YEAR 11 ARD

Year 11 Academic Review Day (ARD) will be taking place on January 16th 2023. This event will be face to face via an appointment. Parents/ carers/ guardians will have the opportunity to meet with a member of staff to discuss their daughter's most recent data report, their current progress, attitude to learning, areas for development and suggest strategies which will secure them academic success. We look forward to seeing you there and working with you collaboratively.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

A new timetable will be sent in January outlining the extra-curricular clubs on offer and how your daughter can book.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SPRING TERM 1

- Tuesday 3rd January: **INSET Day**
- Wednesday 4th January: **Students Return to School**
- Thursday 5th January: **6th Form Parents Evening**
- Thursday 5th January: **Jack Petchey Speak Out Workshop**
- Friday 6th January: **Year 12 & 13 Ravensbourne University Fashion Workshop**
- Tuesday 10th January: **Year 8 Careers Day**
- Wednesday 11th January: **6th Form PSHE Event**
- Tuesday 17th January: **Year 11 ARD**
- Thursday 19th January: **Year 8 Options Evening**
- Saturday 21st January: **School Show Rehearsals 10am-2pm**
- Wednesday 25th January: **Careers/HE Fair (10:30am-13:30pm)**
- Thursday 26th January: **Year 10 Parents Evening**
- Friday 27th January: **Year 13 ARD**
- Saturday 28th January: **School Show Rehearsals 10am-2pm**
- Tuesday 31st January: **Year 9 Blooming Afternoon**
- Wednesday 1st February: **INSET Day**
- Thursday 2nd February: **Year 8 HPV Immunisations**
- Friday 3rd February: **Year 9 HPV Immunisations**
- Saturday 4th February: **School Show Rehearsals 10am-2pm**
- Monday 6th- 10th February: **Year 11 PPEs**
- Monday 6th February: **School Show Dress Rehearsal**
- Tuesday 7th February: **School Production for Primary School**
- Wednesday 8th February: **School Production for Primary School**
- Thursday 9th February: **Year 10 English Literature PPE**
- Thursday 9th February: **School Production for Primary School**
- Thursday 9th February: **School Production Evening Show**
- Friday 10th February: **School Production Evening Show**
- Friday 10th February: **School Ends 15:10pm**
- Monday 13th - 17th February: **Half Term**

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB HOUNSLOW GIRLS

• **VENUE:** Brentford School for Girls, TW8 0PG

• **DATES:** 10, 17, 24, 31 January
7, 14, 21, 28 February
7, 14, 21 March

ELIGIBILITY

Aged 11-16

Attend a state school

Committed to putting 100% effort into all training sessions

Did not play in a County Team last year (and not currently part of a County Team)



APPLY

Thinking about it? Email the Hub Manager to find out more:

Keely Juster
justerkeely@gmail.com

Ready to go?
Scan the QR code and register your interest by:

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