



Brentford School for Girls

Year 8 Curriculum Guide

2023-2024

Brentford School for Girls Vision

IMAGINE THE FUTURE BRENTFORD GIRL...

- She thrives on challenge and has a desire to fulfill 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.

Brentford School for Girls Curriculum Aims

- To engage all students, developing / providing inquisitive and reflective learning.
- To provide flexible approaches allowing students to be ambitious, courageous and confident in their learning.
- To provide personalised provision for all students on a formal and informal basis.
- To provide a breadth of learning experience for all students.
- To provide girls with skills for life.
- Inspire a thirst for learning
- Allow girls to follow appropriate pathways to achieve their desired goal
- Provide a breadth of learning experience reflecting the multi-cultural and technological world
- Enable students to become skilled 21st century citizens

The 3-Year GCSE – a Rationale

At BSfG we start GCSEs in Year 9. The objectives of this decision were: -

- To enable more time to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to enable students to fulfil their potential with increased challenge
- To enable opportunities to interleave, consolidate knowledge and develop deeper learning experiences for students
- Opportunity for early entry to exams e.g. English Literature

Art

Curriculum Intent

Education in Art is essential to the development of humankind. This development refers to progress in physical, emotional, intellectual and social behaviours and understanding. Creation is what sets the human race apart from all other species. The reward and significance art making is based in creation of something which has never existed before. This is made possible by fostering the desire to create and developing the skills that are needed.

In Art and Design lessons students will gain skills, knowledge, inspiration, and enjoyment whilst being exposed to the work of artists, new media, techniques and themes. As Henri Matisse said, "Creativity takes courage". With this in mind, lessons are planned to include INQUISITVE discussions and research into Art history. Projects are developed to include REFLECTIVE checkpoints. Students will learn that failure is a natural part of the creative process and they will review and refine techniques until they are successful. The ability to be FLEXIBLE and to think around different situations will help to build independent thinking and the ability to broaden their practical skills. AMBITIOUS efforts and projects are celebrated. As a result, CONFIDENT students move closer to developing and appreciating the COURAGOUS attitude that artists need.

KEY STAGE 3 ART & DESIGN

The Key Stage 3 curriculum within Art & Design will provide students with a broad set of skills by exploring the Formal Elements of Art through different subject matter and media. A wide range of artists and contexts are investigated and analysed through research, discussions and practical work.

Students will work on recording and presenting their skills in sketchbooks. As they evaluate, review and refine their work, they develop ideas and vocabulary that equip them for interactions beyond the Art Room. Introductions to processes, keywords, research, drawing, painting, 3D, Printmaking and Photography provides all students with a solid foundation on which to build at Key Stage 4.

Term 1 Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Still-Life Students will learn about the work of the Cubist Artists through research and analysis. They will produce still-life observational drawings using a range of techniques and media. Composing and planning techniques will be learnt and practiced. Learning and skill development will be presented in a final Cubist inspired artwork. Ongoing self, peer and formative assessment will help students manage and track their progress.	through research and They will produce a debuilding exercise. They will revise the develop their understand dimensional use Trawing skills will be techniques that make movements. Drawing learnt by using enlart by using enlart bearning and skill definal Fauvist inspired Ongoing self, peer and	copy as a preparatory and skill colour theory learnt in Year 7 and standing by looking at the symbolic of colours. developed by exploring e Fauvist work different to other g and planning skills will also be gement grids. velopment will be presented in a	typography. They will learn abou important drawing to Copying and restruct and inform and designed. and 3-Dimensiona	bout the history and evolution of t grids, proportion and perspective as echniques. turing a range of styles help to inspire gning of monograms. I projects help to develop and s and understanding gained through

- Creating a time-line to understand the context and circumstance surrounding the development of artworks.
- Exploring the impact different artists and artworks had.
- Comparing different artworks with deep understanding and insight.

Drama

Curriculum Intent

In Drama we aim to:

- Develop resilience through group work, taking risks and developing an understanding of their own personal values and abilities.
- Understand a variety of theatre and its forms.
- Reflect on their own work and that of others and become astute in analysing theatre and its dramatic forms.
- Develop an understanding for society and the issues arising in a modern society through a safe and focused drama led exploration.
- Gain confidence and build self-esteem enabling them to present themselves in a positive manner in any situation.
- Develop an appreciation for Drama and its place in society and the curriculum.
- Be inquisitive and engaged in theatrical developments through time.

At Year 7 and 8 Drama is a compulsory subject with a clear focus on developing their presentation, storytelling, comprehension, personal confidence and expressive skills. At GCSE and A-Level their learning becomes far more specialised and covers stagecraft, production, naturalistic and non-naturalistic performance styles.

Alongside our co-curricular school productions, theatre trips and drama clubs, we believe our programme enriches our students by giving them the opportunity to explore their own creativity, challenging them to become independent thinkers and promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of the arts.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Transition: Baseline assess prior learning Explorative strategies and rehearsal techniques- To explore the use of explorative strategies with a workshop. To use rehearsal techniques to develop a piece of theatre.	Explore a variety of stimuli through group work, explorative strategies and rehearsal techniques. Explore social issues through drama exploration.	Theatre review- The Railway Children To understand the creation of theatre To evaluate and analyse a performance. To evaluate and analyse the use of staging and set in relation to the play Evaluate the dramatic forms Impact on the audience	Naturalism- theatre style and practitioner • Explore Stanislavski's style and techniques • Apply techniques to a script.	To understand social issues through performance To stage and explore the themes and issues within the play. Impact on the audience. Role of a director in a performance	 Horror: Genre To understand the style and genre of horror. To use the techniques of horror within a performance. To develop understanding of the role of a designer and the impact on a performance To devise a horror performance using the conventions of the genre.
Deeper Learning	Deeper Learning ● Research on own identity / heritage	Deeper Learning	Deeper Learning • Memorizing lines	Deeper Learning Research local area Anti-social behaviour	Deeper Learning

English

Curriculum Intent

In BSfG's Year 8 English Curriculum, our aims for our students are:

- To explore reflection on the human experience, to better understand themselves, others and the world around them developing their empathetic, cultural and emotional awareness;
- To develop their own moral compass through the exploration of different views, values and experiences;
- Providing a space in which students feel their voice / opinion / interpretation is valued, important and relevant through lively, respectful and challenging debate and discussion;
- To develop an appreciation for the arts and great writers from the literary canon through study of literature and language through the ages;
- To develop critical, analytical and independent thinkers through an intellectual engagement with texts and others;
- To develop a love and use of language which enables them to communicate effectively and confidently;
- To develop a questioning, inquisitive, reflective and curious approach to their learning;
- To create personalised learning experiences for all learning styles, also encouraging students to develop their own flexibility, accountability and a range of transferrable skills;
- To develop skills that will enable them to achieve their potential and be successful and happy in the future.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
'Romeo & Juliet' Assessments: • Analysis of a character or theme in 'Romeo and Juliet' through exploration of an extract and the wider text. Literature AO1 and 2. • Analysis of a character or theme in 'Romeo and Juliet' through exploration of an extract and the wider text. Literature AO1, 2, 3 and 4		English Language Writing Unit Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives (Similar to English Language Paper 2, Section B) Write in a variety of forms and styles such as travel writing, blogs and newspaper articles. Language A05 & 6	'Of Mice and Men' Assessments: • Analysis of a character or theme in 'Of Mice and Men' through exploration of an extract and the wider text. Literature AO1, 2, 3 and 4		Exploring Culture Through Poetry Assessments: • Analysis of a poem, applying exploration of cultural contexts and exploring how they influence a text, writer and reader. Literature AO1, 2, 3 and 4
 consolidation and revisio Mask displays created to characterisation and key Investigation into Elizabe contexts, such as marriag women. Spoken Language - Role- 	themes. than England and relevant ge, religion and the role of	Deeper learning Dragon's Den competition, using persuasive language. Develop writing about a viewpoint using current affairs. Wider reading of relevant sources and different forms of writing.	 Deeper learning Development of revision and study skills (flip learning, consolidation and revision of texts for assessment). Socratic method of discussion and teaching to explore the writer's viewpoints and how this has been influenced by contexts. Philosophical enquiries into the American Dream, race, gender, disability, ageing and other key themes. 		Deeper learning Investigation into the different cultures and experiences. Using inspiration from poetry and different cultures to inform a varied forms of creative writing.
Reading activities Reading activities and clubs to encourage a love of reading and literature. Debate Mate – a great way to learn how to form opinions, debate, argue an idea and work as a team.			Key resources / websites • English Learning Passport – equipment throughout the y	this is given to students at the start rear.	of the year and is part of English

•	Topic Google Classrooms – Each English topic has a Google Classroom filled with useful resources,
	helpful support and opportunities to explore the topic further.

French

Curriculum Intent

Through studying a modern foreign language, students develop their ability, confidence and ambition to communicate with others. Through their learning, students become inquisitive about how language works and demonstrate the flexibility of their linguistic skills. Learning a new language broadens students' horizons and encourages them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries and develop new ways of seeing the world. Students become able to express their ideas and thoughts in the target language and are equipped with a plethora of skills which better prepare them for a globalised world of work.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Dynamo 1 Module 4: Ma vie de famille Point de départ Describing family Describing where you live Talking about breakfast Learning about Bastille Day Developing writing	Dynamo 1 Module 4: Ma vie de famille Point de départ Describing family Describing where you live Talking about breakfast Learning about Bastille Day Developing writing	Dynamo 1 Module 5:En ville Salut! Fait-il? Point de départ Week-end plans Inviting someone out Ordering drinks/snacks in a café Talking about future plans-je vais Paris	Dynamo 1 Module 5:En ville Salut! Fait-il? Point de départ Week-end plans Inviting someone out Ordering drinks/snacks in a café Talking about future plans-je vais	Grammar practice: Present tense Perfect tense Near future tense Adjectives+ endings Multi-skill practice	Present tense Perfect tense Near future tense Adjectives+ endings Multi-skill practice Preparation in all 4 skills for PPEs and Speaking Exam
Deeper Learning	Deeper Learning Cultural differences re meals when compared to the UK Information about history/events surrounding a major celebration	Deeper learning Roleplays re directions, ordering food and drink etc Cultural knowledge about Paris	Paris Deeper learning Roleplays re directions, ordering food and drink etc Cultural knowledge about Paris	Deeper Learning ■ Links with English grammar	Deeper Learning • Links with English grammar
Extra Curricular activities			Key resources / websites www.linguascope.com		

Geography

Curriculum Intent

Geographers at Brentford will develop a broad range of skills that will encourage them to be inquisitive of the world around them and to be able to reflect on real life experiences, locations and issues. They will be able to confidently explain a range of geographical phenomena and apply their classroom understanding to wider field work contexts. Regardless of whether students choose Geography for GCSE or A level, they will develop an understanding of the world around them that will be relevant and have real life applicability.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Is Russia a country of contrasts? - Physical features of Russia - Biomes in Russia - Climate in Russia - Population distribution - Russia's human and physical features - Quality of life - Nenet people	Is living on a plate boundary a crazy choice? - Layers/structure of the Earth - Continental drift - Plate boundaries and convection currents - Earthquakes and volcanoes — causes and hazards - Living in hazard zones	Why is it important to study weather and climate? - Measuring weather - Clouds - Types of rainfall - Air pressure and air masses - Heat waves - Climate graphs - Major climate zones	continent? - Population distribution - Migration in Angola - Reasons for poverty	How and why is the world's climate changing - Causes of climate change - The Greenhouse effect - Impacts of climate change on people - Impacts of climate change on the environment - Carbon footprint - Government intervention and social action	Why do geographers complete fieldwork? - Qualitative and quantitative data - Sampling strategies - Fieldwork activities around the school site
Deeper Learning Threats to the Nenet people	Deeper Learning Tectonic case studies	Deeper Learning Weather watching 2018 Heat wave	Deeper Learning In depth understanding of situations in different African nations	Deeper Learning Impacts on different areas of the world	Deeper Learning Fieldwork experiences
Extra Curricular activities			https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources/geography-ks3-1/		

German

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Stimmt 1 Kapitel 4: Schule ist klasse School subjects Days and times Describing teachers School facilities and rules Reading longer texts Dream school	Stimmt 1 Kapitel 4: Schule ist klasse School subjects Days and times Describing teachers School facilities and rules Reading longer texts Dream school	 Stimmt 1 Kapitel 5: Gute Reise What a town has/not Buying souvenirs Buying snacks and drinks Holiday plans Listening skills Writing longer texts 	Stimmt 1 Kapitel 5: Gute Reise What a town has/not Buying souvenirs Buying snacks and drinks Holiday plans Listening skills Writing longer texts	 Grammar practice: Present tense Perfect tense Near future tense Adjectives+ endings Multi-skill practice 	Present tense Perfect tense Near future tense Adjectives+ endings Multi-skill practice Preparation in all 4 skills for PPEs and Speaking Exam
Deeper learning: Comparing German/UK schools	. Deeper learning: Comparing German/UK schools	 Deeper Learning Shopping in Germany. Typical German food/ drinks. Ordering food in a German-speaking country. Roleplays 	Deeper Learning Shopping in Germany Typical German food/ drinks. Ordering food in a German-speaking country. Roleplays	Deeper learning Links with English grammar	Deeper Learning Links with English grammar
Extra Curricular activities			Key resources / websites www.linguascope.com		

History

Curriculum Intent

- To inspire students to become independent learners, willing to take risks and confident in their ability to express themselves both orally and in writing
- To instil a love of History and a passion to explore it further
- To encourage students to become inquisitive, questioning individuals with strong analytical and reasoning skills
- To help students develop empathy with people in the past and present
- To encourage resilience and self-motivation in their approach to learning
- To develop a range of historical skills including the ability to construct an argument, analyse sources and interpretations
- To help students understand the relevance of the past and the part that it plays in the world in which we live
- To help develop skills and competencies which students can apply in the wider world

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The British Empire in India How big was the British Empire? The Mughal empire The British takeover The Indian rebellion The impact on India The Amritsar massacre India's independence Partition	African Kingdoms The development of the kingdom of Benin Life in Benin Benin art Relations with the Europeans End of the Benin kingdom	Slavery in America and the Civil Rights Movement The Triangle trade and the middle passage Plantation life Resistance to the regime Abolitionists American Civil War Reconstruction Start of the Civil Rights Movement Peaceful protest VS radical protest Race relations in America today Equal rights for all in Britain Rights for women Disability rights Rights for the LGBQT+ community	World War One Assassination at Sarajevo Causes of WW1 Life as a soldier Soldiers from the empire Women and War End of the War The Treaty of Versailles	The Inter-War years & Nazi Germany Rise of the dictators Germany in the 1920s Hitler's rise to power Life in Nazi Germany Appeasement Causes of WW2 The Holocaust Persecution of the Jews The Final Solution Jewish resistance	The British home front The Blitz Evacuation Battle of Britain VE Day The dropping of the atomic bomb		
Deeper learning Homework tasks looking at other countries within the British empire	Deeper learning Homework tasks involve researching other African Kingdoms and creating a booklet throughout the term	Deeper learning Homework tasks looking at slavery and civil rights in Britain	Deeper Learning Trenches: building a trench	Deeper Learning Home Front: Deeper learning – processing – pr	oject / research / presentation		
Extra Curricular activities		Key resources / websites https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zf https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z6 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z6 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z6 https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/advent	pcwmn/revision/1 In4ixs/revision/1 Is9q6f/revision/1	<u>t-two</u>			

Mathematics

Curriculum Intent

- The teaching in the Mathematics Department provides a foundation for understanding the world, the ability to reason mathematically and appreciation of the beauty and power of mathematics. We aim to develop a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about the subject and to engage students in developing a deeper understanding of fundamental concepts. Students will be able to recall and apply knowledge in real life situations and cross curricular subjects.
- Students develop the confidence to apply their mathematics to a variety of problems and are given the opportunity to show resilience in seeking their solutions.
- Students are frequently given the opportunity to be inquisitive through problem solving, being reflective and flexible in their approaches. Students are then empowered to show courage in applying that knowledge to other subjects and real-life situations.
- Students have opportunities to experience various enrichment activities which encourage them to be ambitious in their post 16 choices.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Sets 1 and 2					
Unit 1 Factors and Powers	Unit 3: 2D Shapes and 3D	Unit 5 Transformations	Unit 7: Constructions and Loci	Unit 8 Probability	Unit 10: Graphs
1a. Prime factor	solids	5a. Reflection and translation	7a. Accurate drawings	8a. Comparing probabilities	10a. Plotting linear graphs
decomposition	3a. Plans and elevations	5b. Rotation	7b. Constructing shapes	8b. Mutually exclusive events	10b. The gradient
1b. Laws of indices	3b. Surface area of prisms	5c. Enlargement	7c. Constructions 1	8c. Estimating probability	10c. y = mx + c
1c. STEM: Powers of 10	3c. Volume of prisms	5d. More enlargement	7d. Constructions 2	8d. Experimental probability	10d. Parallel and perpendicular
1d. Calculating and	3d. Circumference of a circle	5e. STEM: Combining	7e. Loci	8e. Probability diagrams	lines
estimating	3e. Area of a circle	transformations		8f. Tree diagrams	10e. Inverse functions
	3f. Cylinders	5f. 2D shapes and 3D solids			10f. STEM: Non-linear graphs
	3g. Pythagoras' theorem	·			J .
Unit 2 : Working with				Unit 9 Scale Drawings and	
Powers		Unit 6: Fractions, Decimals and		measures	
2a. Simplifying expressions	Unit 4 Real Life Graphs	Percentages		9a. Maps and scales	
2b. More simplifying	4a. Direct proportion	6a. Recurring decimals		9b. Bearings	
2c. Expanding and simplifying	4b. FINANCE: Interpreting	6b. Using percentages		9c. Scales and ratio	
2d. Substituting and solving	financial graphs	6c. Percentage change		9d. Congruent and similar	
	4c. Distance-time graphs	6d. FINANCE: Repeated		shapes	
	4d. Rates of change	percentage change		9e. Solving geometry problems	
	4e. Misleading graphs				
Sets 3 and 4					
Unit 1a -d Number	Unit 4a – b: Expressions and	Unit 6 Decimals and Ratio	Unit 8: Calculating with Fractions	Unit 9: Straight Line Graphs	Unit 3: Statistics, Graphs and
1a. Calculations	Equations	6a. Ordering decimals and	8a. Adding and subtracting	9a. Direct proportion on graphs	Charts
1b. Calculating with negative	4a. Algebraic powers	rounding	fractions	9b. Gradients	3a. Pie charts
integers	4b. Expressions and brackets	6b. Place-value calculations	8b. Multiplying fractions	9c. Equations of straight lines	3b. Using tables
1c. Powers and roots		6c. Calculations with decimals	8c. Fractions, decimals and	9d. STEM: Direct proportion problems	3c. Stem and leaf diagrams
1d. Powers, roots and		6d. Ratio and proportion with	reciprocals	problems	3d. Comparing data
brackets	Unit 4c – f: Expressions and	decimals	8d. Dividing fractions	Unit 10: Percentages, Decimals	3e. Scatter graphs
	Equations	6e. STEM: Using ratios	8e. Calculating with mixed	and Fractions	3f. FINANCE: Misleading graphs
Unit 1e: Number	4c. Factorising expressions 4d. One-step equations		numbers	10a. Fractions and decimals	
	4e. Two-step equations			10b. Equivalent proportions	
1e. Multiples and factors	4f. The balancing method			10c. Writing percentages	

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2c. Surface area 2d. Volume 2e. Working with measures Deeper Learning	Deeper Learning	6d. Drawing triangles accurately 6e. Designing nets Deeper Learning	Deeper Learning	proportion Deeper Learning	Deeper Learning
1f. Multiplicative reasoning Unit 2 : Shapes and Measures in 3D 2a. 3D solids 2b. Nets of 3D solids	4b. Functions 4c. Solving equations 4d. Using brackets	Unit 6: Angles 6a. Measuring and drawing angles 6b. Vertically opposite angles 6c. Angles in triangles		9b. Fractions of amounts 9c. Adding and subtracting fractions 9d. Fractions and percentages 9e. Calculating percentages 9f. STEM: Percentages and	
and Calculations 1a. Adding and subtracting with larger numbers 1b. More calculations 1c. Negative numbers 1d. STEM: Writing ratios 1e. Using ratios to solve problems	3a. Data collection sneets 3b. Interpreting bar charts 3c. Drawing bar charts 3d. STEM: Pie charts Unit 4 Expressions and Equations 4a. Simplifying expressions	5a. Adding and subtracting decimals 5b. Multiplying decimals 5c. Ordering and rounding decimals 5d. STEM: Problem-solving with decimals	7a. Squares, cubes and roots 7b. Calculating with brackets and indices 7c. LCM and HCF 7d. Prime factor decomposition	8a. Generating sequences 8b. Extending sequences 8c. Special sequences 8d. Position-to-term rules 8e. Finding the nth term Unit 9: Fractions and Percentages 9a. Comparing fractions	10a. The language of probability 10b. Outcomes 10c. Probability calculations 10d. Experimental probability 10e. FINANCE: Comparing probabilities
Unit 2 : Area and Volume 2a. Area of a triangle 2b. Area of a parallelogram and trapezium 2c. Volume of cubes and cuboids 2d. 3D shapes 2e. Surface area of cubes and cuboids 2f. Problems and measures Set 5 Unit 1 Number Properties and Calculations	Unit 5: Real Life Graphs 5a. Conversion graphs 5b. Distance-time graphs 5c. Line graphs 5d. Complex line graphs 5e. STEM: Graphs of functions 5f. More real-life graphs Unit 3: Statistics 3a. Data collection sheets	Unit 7: Lines and Angles 7a. Quadrilaterals 7b. Alternate angles and proof 7c. Geometrical problems 7d. Exterior and interior angles 7e. Solving geometric problems Unit 5 Decimals and Calculations	Unit 7: Number Properties 7a. Squares, cubes and roots	10d. Percentages of amounts 10e. FINANCE: Solving problems Unit 8 Sequences 8a. Generating sequences	Unit 10: Probability 10a. The language of probability

Music

Curriculum Intent

We are all musicians. Together we discover, explore and experience the music of the world through performing, composing, listening and understanding in a variety of different contexts

As a member of Brentford School for Girls Music Department you will have the space and opportunity to: -

- Develop confidence as a musician and learner through directed, independent and collaborative learning and rehearsal;
- Regularly perform, create and listen to music that challenges your understanding, musical and interpersonal skills, and resilience;
- Learn about music theory and notation so that you can confidently understand music notated in different ways;
- Develop a deeper understanding of the world, of your own views and feelings, and of others' perspectives and cultures through critical engagement with a range of genres;
- discover and develop your own musical interests and talents through personalised routes in each topic and extracurricular clubs.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Samba II	Band Skills	Song Writing	Exploring Composing Through the	Classics	Class Concert: Student Choice
Performing & Composing Theory: Notating rhythms Dictation Skills: Playing poly- and cross-rhythms Instrument technique Composing complex rhythmic piece (structure and texture!) Leading	Performing Theory: Notations Chords and progressions 2.4 and 3.5/8 time signatures Skills: Drum, bass, guitar basic skills	Composing Theory: Triads, progressions and cadences Keys, chords and melody Song structure Bass line Skills: Creating chord sequences Fitting melody to chords Lyric writing	Performing, composing and histoire Theory: Chords, keys, Looping, ground bass, syncopation, minimalist techniques, improvising 2.6-2.8 Minor scales Skills: Music history knowledge Ensemble skills Applying new techniques to own compositions		Performing and/or composing Theory: That which is appropriate to the students' projects. Skills: Putting together a quality performance/composition Staging Coping with nerves Beyond this - student choice!
Deeper Learning Performing in lessons Proposed Soundcloud recordings/performances to share with wider community Performance down Curie grass verge to SLT	Deeper Learning Performing in lessons Proposed Soundcloud recordings/performances	Deeper Learning Christmas Concert performances House Song Competition? Performing in lessons Proposed Soundcloud recordings/performances	Deeper Learning Long-term research homework Talent Show Performing in lessons Proposed Soundcloud recording	s/performances	Deeper Learning Live final performance or sharing of final composition to class (invite tutor and HoY?) Live performance recorded for class album Talent Show Summer Fayre - Proposed KS3 Music Showcase

Core PE Year 8
Focus - Tactical Awareness

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Sports Covered: Badminton Football Gym Dance	Netball Fitness Hockey Badminton	• Fitness • Hockey • Netball	Sports Covered: • Football • Netball	Sports Covered:	• Rounders • Athletics • Cricket

^{*} Sports may change depending on weather/space available/timetable availability

Team sports are made up of one skills based lesson and one games lesson a week to allow the skills to be demonstrated in game play and the main focus to become the rules of the game.

Deeper Learning

Students regularly demonstrate and perform in front of one another especially in the creative sports such as gym and dance which develops confidence and self belief. Fixtures against other schools to demonstrate skills and abilities in action against others of differing abilities that can be compared against. Access to key words and high end vocabulary through verbal feedback throughout lessons.

Trips and visits.

Assessment

Head, Heart, Hands criteria with GCSE grading is used for all lessons based on the 1-9 criteria as well as attitude towards learning.

- Head indicates the students knowledge and understanding
- Heart equates to the students attitude and ability to help others
- Hands is the students ability to demonstrate the physical skills being learnt.

Minimum grade to be achieved by the end of Year 8 is a 1+.

Theory Content

Students should be working towards knowing:

- · Bone names and muscles that they are connected to
- · What happens to your breathing rate when you exercise
- · Difference between anaerobic and aerobic

This knowledge is used amongst basic skills and ability to provide a holistic grade for each sport.

Extra Curricular Activities

Wide range of sporting clubs both at lunch times and after school for students to attend

Opportunities to represent the school in a variety of sporting fixtures and events throughout the year.

Key Resources/Websites

PE Pupil Passport - identifies grades, strengths and areas for development like a personal portfolio which would help if GCSE PE is chosen to show progression.

Journal PACE sheet - what have I achieved this term?

BLOSSOM (PSCHEE)

Curriculum Intent

The fundamental purpose of the BLOSSOM (Body, Love, Opportunity, Self, Society, Open-Mindedness) (PSCHEE Personal, Social, Citizenship, Health, Economic and Emotional) course is to enable children to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. We encourage our pupils to play a positive role in contributing to the life of the school and the wider community. In doing so we develop their sense of self-worth and raise self-esteem. We teach them how society is organised and governed. We ensure that they experience the process of democracy and decision making in school through the School Council and Student Leadership Teams. We teach then about their rights and responsibilities as citizens, both in school and in the wider community. They learn to appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse multi-cultural society.

To do this, we must:

- Foster inquisitiveness and maintain pupil engagement and enjoyment in Blossom.
- Develop reflective learning for all pupils by promoting an awareness of the wider implications of Blossom for the individual, the community and the wider world in terms of (but not limited to) gender equality, human rights and democracy, fake news, the benefits and risks of the online world.
- Implement flexible teaching and learning practices and build resources that allow pupils to be ambitious, courageous and confident in both their classroom experiences and during independent learning.
- Develop a lifelong interest in social issues- both locally and globally.
- Provide students with deeper learning experiences in the form of external visitors, workshops and trips.
- Develop skills that enable individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society.
- Establish an understanding of emotional and physical pressures faced by our pupils and empower them by providing strategies to overcome these pressures, as well as sharing support networks for them to seek, if necessary.

Relationship and Sex Education (Body, Love, Self and Open-Mindedness in Blossom) will be age-appropriate, building knowledge and life skills over time in a way that prepares pupils for issues they will soon face.

They will focus on:

- Understanding the need to be flexible when dealing with different types of relationships, including friendships, family relationships, dealing with strangers and intimate relationships.
- How to recognise, understand and build healthy relationships, including self-respect and respect for others, commitment, tolerance, boundaries and consent, inclusivity of LGBTQAI+ individuals and how to manage conflict, and how to recognise unhealthy relationships and being courageous and confident about dealing with these.
- How relationships may affect health and wellbeing, including mental health as well as building resilience in times of adversity.
- Healthy relationships and safety online.
- Factual knowledge, around sex, sexual health and sexuality, set firmly within the context of healthy relationships.

Citizenship (Society in Blossom) helps to provide pupils with knowledge, skills and an understanding of what it takes to play a full and active role in society. The British values including, importantly, democracy and rule of law are focused on throughout all five years at secondary school.

We aim to:

- Foster pupil's keen awareness of how the UK is governed, its political system and how citizens participate actively in it democratic systems of government
- Encourage students to develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society and how laws are shaped and enforced
- Encourage students to develop an interest in volunteering as well as other forms of responsible activity, that they will take with them into adulthood
- Ensure students are equipped with the skills to think critically and debate political questions, to enable them to manage their money on a day-to-day basis, and plan for future financial needs.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Health and Safety / First Aid Staying safe at work Risk assessment Making sensible decisions Knowing how to respond in first aid situation	Healthy Living – Drugs, tobacco and the law Smoking & Drugs – types, costs, effects (physical & mental) Vaping Health risks (cancer)	Careers Deciding on options for KS4 Discovering the opportunities Deeper learning Talks from different subject leaders about their courses	Diversity and Discrimination Diversity similarities and differences, disability Challenging prejudice - attitudes Conflict and racism Images of Britain Being British Building bridges Refugees	RSE and Different family types Nuclear family Extended family Blended family Single parent family Same sex parents Planning a wedding	Online Safety E- safety and emergency situations Staying safe online – Snapchat, Instagram, Face Party, Facebook

RE

Curriculum Intent

The aim of the Religious Studies department at Brentford School for Girls is to develop the Brentford Girl as a well-balanced and tolerant member of society who is aware of our rich and diverse community and promotes community cohesion. Our motto is that 'no barriers', whether academic or pastoral should impede academic success. The department will strive to give the best learning experience to all students that inspires awe, wonder and a thirst for knowledge and understanding. Our department aims to contribute to the spiritual and moral development of our students, the school community and contemporary British society. We encourage our students to be critical thinkers in the exploration of religion, faith and the ethical issues they will encounter in life. We will ensure that this can take place in a safe and nurturing environment where every student is confident to share and discuss their own beliefs and values with others.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Festivals Why do religious people celebrate festivals? Why Muslims celebrate with sacrifice? Why do Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi? Why do Christians celebrate the death of Jesus? Why do Hindu's celebrate light? Why is the Festival of Hanukkah important to Jewish people?	Influences How are Muslims influenced by their beliefs? How are Christians influenced by their beliefs? How are Sikh's influenced by their beliefs? How are Jewish people influenced by their beliefs? How are Hindu's influenced by their beliefs?	Equality Are we all equal? Do all races share equality? Are men and women equal? Are the rich and poor equal? Are all religions equal?	Stewardship and treatment of animals	What are the answers to life's big Transition- GCSE Skills through H What is the meaning of life? How was the universe created Why do we suffer? What happens when we die? Group Project	WK tasks
		Deeper Learning • Equality case studies	Deeper learning Should people eat meat?		

Science

Curriculum Intent

The aim of the Science Department at Brentford School for Girls is to offer a science curriculum that develops curiosity, excitement and a better understanding about the world around us and our role in it.

The curriculum guides students through the specific disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and ensures students are able to build on their own learning with a progression of skills, effective pedagogy, vocabulary rich teaching and the inclusion of enrichment activities. Our curriculum also focusses on providing our students with a set of skills and experiences that develops their ability to think critically, work scientifically and to also prepare them to progress into advanced areas of studies in science.

The Brentford scientist....

- Is **Inquisitive** and curious about scientific phenomenon and processes
- Reflects on ideas and has confidence to explore, challenge and change them
- Is **Flexible** in their approach to gain a deeper understanding of the word around them.
- Is Ambitious and possesses the skills to face whatever life may hold
- Is **Confident** about her place in the world and her and her role in shaping it.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
8A Food and nutrition Food and advertising Nutrients Use of nutrients Weighing and bias (L&C) Balanced diets Digestion Surface area (WS) Absorption Packaging and the law 8K Energy Transfers Living in extremes Temperature changes Choosing language (L&C) Transferring energy Controlling transfers Accuracy and precision (WS) Power and efficiency Paying for energy Keeping warm	The Black Death Unicellular or multicellular Microscopic fungi Modal verbs (L&C) Bacteria Pie charts (WS) Protoctists Decomposers and carbon Black Death hypothesis	8F The Periodic Table Fireworks Dalton's atomic model Chemical properties Using sentences (L&C) Mendeleev's table Anomalous results (WS Physical trends Chemical trends Firework ban 8J Light Seeing things Light on the move Drawing and convention (WS) Reflection Refraction Cameras and eyes Preparing a presentatio (L&C) Colour Invisibility cloaks	Comparing gas exchange Anaerobic respiration Fitness training 8E Combustion Engines Burning fuels Oxidation Fire safety Fair testing (WS) Air pollution Global warming	8B Plants and their reproduction Useful plants Classification and biodiversity Accuracy and estimates (WS) Types of reproduction Pollination Fertilisation and dispersal Structuring paragraphs (L&C) Germination and growth Animals using plants	BL Earth and Space Changing ideas Gathering the evidence Scientific arguments Seasons Magnetic earth Gravity in space Making comparison (WS) Beyond the Solar System Studying space BH Rocks Disaster! Rocks and their uses Igneous and metamorphic Assessing sources (L&C) Weathering and erosion Sedimentary rocks Theories in geology (WS) Materials in the Earth Living in danger
Deeper learning Food tests Designing an energy efficient home What does a food scientist do?	Unicellular organisms crash course Career profile - Microbiologist	British science week activities	Deeper learning ■ Combustion crash course	Deeper learning ● Fluids crash course	● Earth & space crash course
Extra-Curricular activities Science club Robotics club		BBC Acti	resources / websites bitesize velearn gle classroom		

Technology & Textiles

Curriculum Intent

Intent for the Curriculum:

- Through inquisitive and reflective exploration students are able to make valued judgements of an aesthetic, technical, economic and moral nature.
- To enable students to become independent and reflective learners and develop the art of constructive criticism and the skills of self and group assessment.
- To encourage empathetic learning and allow students to debate issues such as social responsibility and sustainability.
- To promote safe working practice within all areas of technology.
- To allow students to design, test and develop ideas with creative confidence and acquire skills for life.
- Be inspired by the past, creating excellence in the present and embracing and fashioning the future.

Students will move through each of the carousels during the academic year	Carousel 1: Food Food safety and Hygiene Factors affecting food choices Basic practical skills – dicing, pastry making, kneading dough, whisking, blending, all in one cake making Bolognese sauce Cheese and onion quiche Margarita pizza Cheesecake Chocolate brownies Victoria Sponge cake Adaptation and modification of a recipe, pupil choice	Carousel 2: ICT Introduction to working with computers in Brentford How to Research How to avoid death by Powerpoint / Google slides How to work with Excel / Google sheets How to use publisher	 Carousel 3: Graphics – illustration Drawing, design and IT skills Magazine cover analysis Working through the design process Typography Mood board Artist research Development of design ideas and production of a template Using affinity to produce and edit the final idea 	Carousel 4: Textiles Day of the dead book covers Mindmap Introduction to the sewing machine Applique, hand, machine and reverse Embroidery Consolidation - Pupils to make textile book covers
	Deeper Learning Evaluation and sensory testing throughout	Deeper Learning Project work: Enterprise project – planning and marketing a product	Deeper Learning Evaluation of all work Artist research and analysis	Deeper Learning Evaluation of all work Magazine cover booklet
Extra-Curricular activities Cookery club Textiles club			Key resources / websites Pupils to bring ingredients to food lessons	