

# BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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## HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy term, on behalf of the school I would like to thank all of the girls for their hard work and engagement over the last term. As a school I don't think we have ever given out as many positive postcards as we have!!! Please do check in your daughter's journal where she should be storing them. Some of the girls in school council have asked that we return to postcards being sent home as well. We have decided that we will reinstate this arrangement in the new year with a new post-box system.

It has also been fantastic this term to see that so many of our students are attending an extracurricular club this year. In year 7 and 8 we have over 70% of our girls involved in at least one extra-curricular club, with numbers in the older years also looking very respectable. Please do encourage your daughter to get involved if she is not already part of a school club. Developing those wider skills and working with pupils from other year groups across the school are important elements of the extra curricular provision. If your daughter isn't involved, please do encourage them to sign up!

As we move towards the festive period

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas break when it arrives



Ms Leenders

Headteacher

## 6TH FORM PARENTS EVENING 5.30-8PM

Our Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 11th January. This will be an in person event. We look forward to seeing 6th Form parents/carers and pupils to discuss progress across all subjects.

There will also be an opportunity to see Ms Timms, their learning mentor, and ask any questions you have about next steps in regards to post-18 applications.

## YEAR 12 BTEC TRAVEL & TOURISM EXAM

Year 12 students are going to sit their first public Travel and Tourism exam. This is focusing on the types of tourism, types of travel, the importance of the travel and tourism sector to the UK economy and the role that our devices play.

The students have been working so hard towards this exam and applying their knowledge. This is helping expand their horizons on where they may want to go next! Good Luck, Miss Pearce

## YEAR 12/13 H&S CARE EXAM

Year 13 students have the opportunity to re-sit their Unit 1 and Unit 2 Health and Social Care exams. Unit 1 (Human Lifespan and Development) and Unit 2 (Working in Health and Social Care) account for 25% of student's overall grade each.

Best of luck, Year 13!

## CAREER & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

On Tuesday 16th January, we are hosting 20 universities, colleges and employers for our annual Careers and HE fair. Students in Years 10 - 13 will visit the fair during morning lessons and students in lower years groups are free to visit during their lunch break.

The fair offers students the opportunity to talk to university representatives about their degree offers, entry requirements and associated themes such as housing, student loans and support services.

Local employers have also been invited so students can explore local labour market information with them and ask questions such as what employers are looking for in prospective candidates.

## YEAR 12/13 BTEC APPLIED BIOLOGY EXAM

The start of next term will see our Year 12 and Year 13 students sitting their Unit 1 and Unit 3 Exams respectively.

Year 12 students will sit Unit 1: Principles of applied human biology on Tuesday January 16th and Year 13 students will sit Unit 3 - Human Biology and Health Issue on Thursday January 18th.

The girls have worked really hard and the science team wishes them the best of luck on these upcoming exams.

## 6TH FORM LEARN WITH THE LORDS

On Friday 19th January we are delighted to be welcoming Baroness Hamwee to the school. As part of the Learn with the Lords initiative, Baroness Hamwee will be delivering a talk to our sixth form.

## YEAR 11 WALKING/TALKING MOCKS

At the end of January some of our Year 11 students will have the opportunity to participate in the second round of Walking Talking Mocks within their subjects ahead of their PPEs in February.

Alongside more traditional revision techniques such as performing practice questions and making mind maps or revision cards, walking talking mocks take a deep dive into exam technique.

They help learners to understand how to approach answering exam questions and support them to interpret the questions. This allows them to ensure that they are best able to showcase all the knowledge that they have understood from their content based revision.

## WHOLE SCHOOL REVISION WEEK BEGINS

The start of February will mark the second whole school revision week of this academic year. A range of effective, research informed, revision strategies will be showcased to students across Year 7 to Year 13 during lesson time.

Building upon the first revision week that took place in October - our deliberative aim is to create a school culture where students feel confident in how to revise and so avoid anxiety in the run up to formal assessment points.

## YEAR 10 ENGLISH LITERATURE PPES

On the 22nd and 26th January, Year 10 will sit their Pre Public Examinations for English Literature to help them prepare for their final English Literature GCSE examinations in the summer. They will sit both full papers to help prepare them for the amount of revision required to achieve the best results possible and to experience the timings of both full papers.

They have been reminded to revise little and often throughout the course, but should also consider a range of revision techniques to help them approach the examinations with confidence.

Our top tips for revision include: chanting quotations, maybe adding an action to make them stick; using their Topic PLCs to do blank page revision on key characters and themes; making essay plans; writing practise essays in timed exam conditions.

## YEAR 11 6TH FORM INTERVIEWS

On Friday 26th January, we will be interviewing all students for our sixth form.

## YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING (IN PERSON)

On 21st September parents/carers were welcomed to the school community and invited to meet the Year 7 Pastoral Team.

On Thursday 25th January, parents will be invited into school again to meet individual subject teachers to discuss your daughter's progress so far.

Appointments will be made by your daughter in school and we look forward to seeing you on the evening.

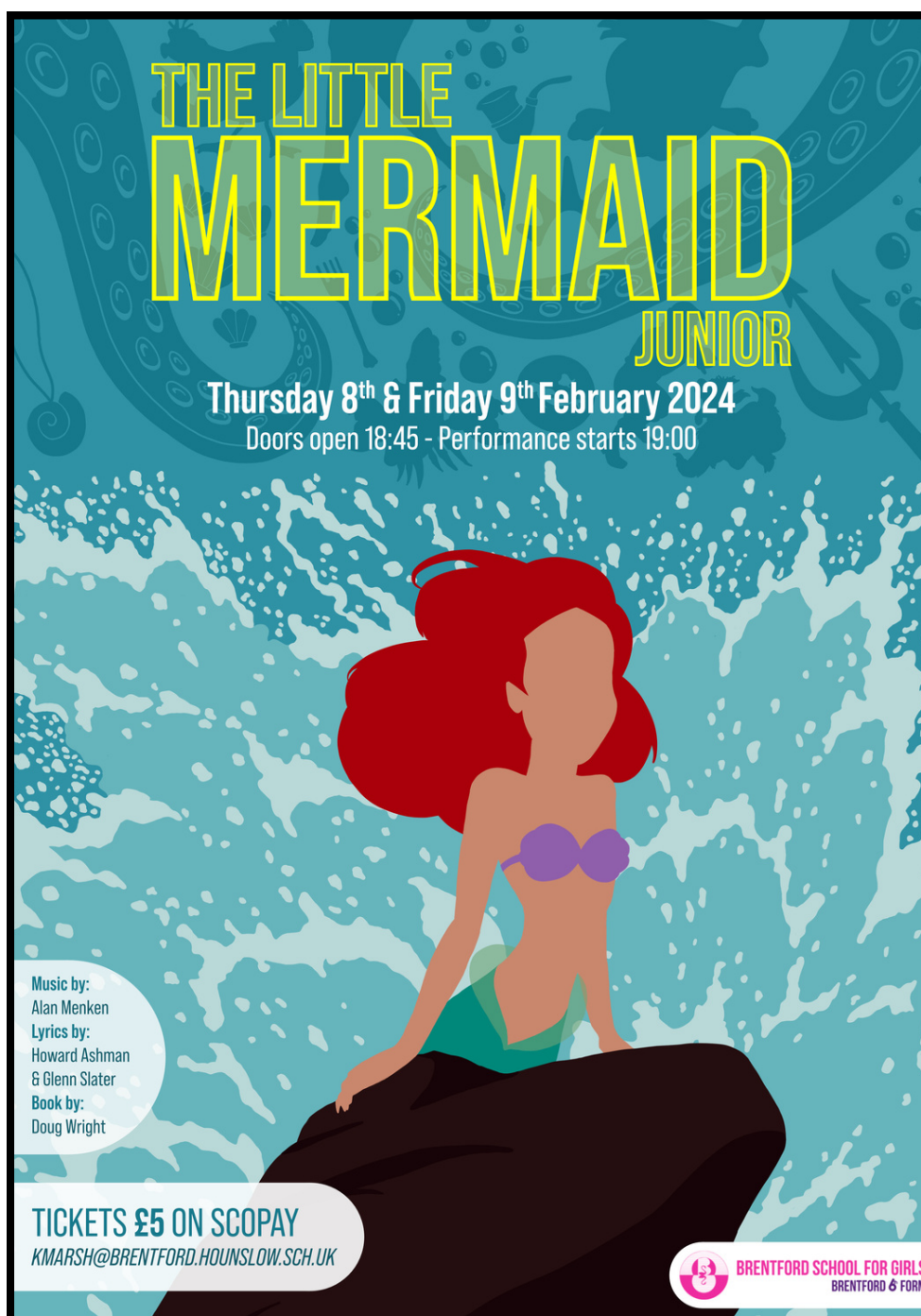
## SCHOOL SHOW

Rehearsals for the school production are well under way for 'The Little Mermaid' - as we look to the next term it becomes incredibly busy for our performers with additional Saturday rehearsals on 20th January, 27th January and 3rd February 10am-2pm.

Saturday rehearsals are a brilliant time to spend working through the full show, with the lights and microphones.

With it set to be another sell out- please ensure you buy your tickets early via Sco pay.

Tickets are £5 for performances on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February 2024. Each performance starts at 7pm.





## IMPORTANT DATES IN WINTER TERM 1

- Thursday 11 January: 6th form Parents Evening (in person)
- Friday 12th January: Year 12 BTEC T&T Exam (am)
- Friday 12th & 15th January: Year 12/13 H&S Care Exam (pm) & (pm)
- Tuesday 16th January: Careers & HE Fair
- Tuesday 16th & 18th January: Year 12/13 BTEC Applied Biology Exam (pm)
- Friday 19th January: Learn with the Lords Visit
- Saturday 20th January: School Show Rehearsal (10am-2pm)
- Monday 22nd January: Year 10 English Lit PPE
- Thursday 25th January: Year 7 Parents Evening (in person)
- Friday 26th January: Year 10 English Lit PPE
- Friday 26th January: Year 11 Interviews for 6th Form
- Saturday 27th January: School Show Rehearsal (10am-2pm)
- Wednesday 31st January: Year 11 Walking/Talking Mocks
- Thursday 1st February: Inset Day
- Friday 1st February: Year 11 Walking/Talking Mocks
- Saturday 3rd February: School Show Rehearsal (10am-2pm)
- Monday 5th February: School Show Dress Rehearsal
- Tues -Thurs 6-8th February: Primary School Shows
- Thurs & Fri 8th& 9th February: Evening Show Performance

**OTHER EVENT:** Teen Bikers Cycle Lessons

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### LOCAL LIFE

#### A love for learning

The current pandemic has created a lot of challenges for the world of education. However, students have not let their learning stop and at the moment, with the remote learning, they are learning from home. Brentford School for Girls has been a great example of this, as it has been able to continue its learning through the use of technology.

**H**aving been a part of the school for a long time, I have seen the school grow and change. It has been a great experience to be part of this journey.

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#### Local students attend Royal Institute of Mathematics Masterclasses

**Education**  
 Brentford School for Girls is committed to providing students with a wide range of educational opportunities. This year, a group of students from the school attended the Royal Institute of Mathematics Masterclasses, a prestigious event for young mathematicians.

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### LOCAL LIFE

#### The importance of stakeholder feedback at Brentford School for Girls

**Education**  
 Brentford School for Girls has been successful in its efforts to improve the school's performance. This has been achieved through the use of stakeholder feedback, which has allowed the school to identify areas for improvement and implement changes accordingly.

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### LOCAL LIFE

#### Empowering girls through football

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 Brentford School for Girls has been successful in its efforts to empower girls through football. This has been achieved through the use of football as a tool for personal development and team building.

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