



# BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Happy New Year!**

Before the festive holidays, we sent a survey to parents as part of our commitment to continuous improvement and seeking the views of all the stakeholders in our community. We appreciate the time taken by those parents who responded to let us know what we are doing well and areas where we can further strengthen our school.

We were delighted about the positive feedback that was received. Some of the highlights are listed below: -

- Most parents said that their daughter was happy at school and just under 90% stated that their daughter felt safe.
- Over 90% of parents responded that their daughter could take part in clubs. We do have a number of personal development opportunities in school, and we will now have a termly personal development newsletter sent home to inform parents of these further.
- Most parents said that the school have high expectations for their daughter.
- Most parents were aware of how to raise concerns and what provision is available in school to support students.

Thank you for this feedback and we will endeavour to build on these positives further.

As with all surveys, there are a few areas that we felt needed some greater communication or we will look to improve.

Whilst most parents felt that any concerns they had were dealt with well, there were some parents who say they did not know how to raise a concern. In most cases, this will be initially through communication with your daughter's tutor via email or with a message in a journal. If they are unable to answer your concern, they will direct it to the appropriate member of staff. However, as mentioned previously, some emails can automatically find their way to junk mail due to Microsoft filtering and, whilst all staff check their junk mail regularly, please do telephone the school if you have an urgent question or if your email has not been acknowledged so we can ensure a prompt response. If you are unsure of your daughter's tutor or do not have their email address, a contact form can also be completed on our website here [General Contact Form](#).

In more urgent cases involving safeguarding, please refer to our website page for further information [Safeguarding](#).

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Two other key areas that we would like to address are: -

- Communication between home and school
- Informing parents about what your daughters are learning.

Some parents asked about communication between the school and home in an appropriate and timely manner. We are constantly reviewing ways of improving communication and we are currently looking into different electronic options available. In the meantime, there is a bulletin sent home at the end of each half term to highlight and outline all the main events that are planned in school for the following term. Whilst many of the events will have letters sent outlining any additional information or permissions needed, it allows parents and students to plan as much as possible. Any publications and letters can be found on our website here [Parent Communication Page](#).

Many parents were also keen to find out more about their daughter's learning. The curriculum area of the school website has been further improved this year to include learning journeys for all subjects. These can be found on our website by following the link [Subject Curriculum Maps](#). These pages give you detailed information about what your daughter will be learning in all subject areas for all year groups.

Finally, we wanted to keep you updated with progress on items raised from the previous parent survey.

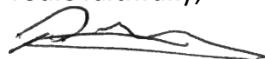
We have reviewed the current canteen system and the possibility of returning to providing refreshments at break. At the moment, after careful consideration, we have not made any changes, as we need to further discuss and consider the logistics including changes to the technology that is currently used as well as ensuring students are able to purchase and consume food efficiently. We will be discussing this again and, if any changes are made, we will inform you in due course.

Regarding overseas trips, now that restrictions are fully lifted, we are now able to consider opportunities abroad. Prior to lockdown, we had planned to run an MFL trip and I am delighted that we have been able to offer this opportunity to groups of students this year. We have also discussed the possibility of resuming our successful ski trips. Overseas opportunities are key to personal development so we will be exploring further options now that we can.

I hope that gives an overview of how your feedback helps and it is much appreciated.

Thank you again for your feedback.

Yours faithfully,



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