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Dear Parents/Carer

RE: Christmas Jumper day – 20th December 2023

The Christmas Holidays are fast approaching and it is the end of another year. The autumn term is always very busy and this year has been no exception. Historically following the return from the October half term we have seen a dip in the amount of house points students have previously received. Therefore the entire month of November has been dedicated to our behaviour curriculum where students have been able to earn extra house points when displaying positive behaviours during lessons. This extra focus on the school's positive behaviour systems have meant that the students have been able to earn an extra 18,500 house points in the second half term alone, an amazing achievement.

Being in school is important to your daughter's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. Please can I remind you of the importance of communication with the school around attendance; it is important more than ever at this time. If your daughter is unable to attend school, please ensure contact is made with school as soon as possible and full details of reasons for absence are given when leaving a message. As the winter months approach and the cold weather draws in, coughs and colds do become more prevalent. To avoid this please ensure your daughter has an appropriate school coat and umbrella when needed. For PE lessons, please ensure your daughter has the full school tracksuit and a black under layer may also be worn to keep warm.

As you know, we place great importance on ensuring our students have a number of opportunities to participate in extra-curricular events and attend school trips that provide unique experiences to extend learning beyond the classroom. This half term Year 11 students will have already taken part in:

- Extra-curricular activities during lunchtimes
- The Christmas card competition
- University trips
- Careers information workshop

"TOP 100 NON-SELECTIVE STATE-FUNDED SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY" NICK GIBB, MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOLS (FEBRUARY 2016)

Our school council representatives are proud to present our latest event in order to raise further funds for charity. The last day of term, **Wednesday 20th December** will play host to 'Christmas Jumper day', which is in aid of the Help the Children Charity. The charity works in more than 100 countries, and aims to offer all children a healthy start in life, a safe return to school and quality learning, a childhood free of violence and support for their families. This charity really does amazing work so please make your contribution to enable it to help many children in need of support across the world.

Please can we ask that pupils contribute **£1**, towards the charity. This donation must be paid online via your SCOPAY account by **Friday 15th December**. If students do not wish to contribute £1, they will be expected to wear full school uniform on the last day of term. Despite being a mufti day, lessons will continue as normal for the first two lessons of the day and all equipment including PE kit, if your daughter has a PE lesson, will be required.

Your daughter returns to school after the Christmas break on Monday, 8th January at 8.40am and this is a normal school day, so please ensure your daughter arrives fully equipped and in the correct school uniform.

The start of the new term is extremely busy, please find below some key dates for our return following the winter break as well as to remind you of year 11 parents evening this week:

- 14th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening 5.30-8pm
- 8th January - school returns at 8:40am
- 1st February - INSET DAY - school closed to students
- 8th – 9th February - school production evenings - The Little Mermaid
- 19th February - Y11 PPEs begin

On behalf of the staff and governors at Brentford, can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term. I hope that you and your family will be able to get a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.

Yours faithfully,

N. Garrett

Ms N Garrett
Head of Year 11