



BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

BRENTFORD 6th FORM

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Dear Year 12 Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this calendar year and the end of a full term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the progress and achievements of our Year 12 students. The autumn term is always very busy and this year has been no exception. This half term has been filled with challenges, growth, moments of impressive achievement and resilience.

As a whole school community, we have continued our focus on defining our taught behaviour curriculum, where the celebration of positive behaviours and efforts have been a priority. This extra focus has meant we have made sure our Year 12 students are reminded how proud we are of their accomplishments, whether it is a piece of work during their lessons, a stamp on their attendance card or a shout out in assembly. We have also been proud of the Year 12 student prefects who have successfully delivered their first whole school assembly and have upheld their responsibilities really well this term. The celebration of these positive behaviours will continue throughout the year as we build our school culture that promotes and celebrates positive behaviours.

Attendance and Punctuality (Reflective):

It is expected that our students will strive for 100% attendance; this includes attending assembly, tutor time and scheduled study sessions. To support some students get back on track we have put in place a series of bespoke interventions. We continue to emphasise the importance of attendance for our 6th form students and put in place support where necessary as we recognise that future employers and higher education institutions will ask for attendance and punctuality records when requesting a pupil reference. As always, your support in this is greatly appreciated. Where students are absent parents/carers should call the school and leave a message on the school answer phone before 8.00am or send an email to our attendance officer, Ms Granger, on cgranger@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk

Post-18 pathways/academic progress (Ambitious):

In addition to showcasing the university application process, we have been working with students to explore alternative post 18 pathways, including apprenticeships and vocational training programmes. Our aim is to ensure that every student has the information and guidance they need to make informed decisions about his or her future. Year 12 students received an insightful presentation from an external speaker, covering various apprenticeship levels, including degree apprenticeships, and detailing businesses offering these programs. We trust this session was valuable for the students.

Taking responsibility (Confident)

This term we also would like to recognise the efforts of the 34 students who took part in volunteering for the Worple Reading Scheme. Y12 students had the opportunity to dedicate one of their mornings to support the year 5 and 6 pupils at Worple primary with their literacy. This allowed them to build not only their confidence with leading a group of young children but also their flexibility in adapting different methods of communicating and teaching. We received great feedback so well done girls!

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Personal Development/Enrichment (Flexible):

Many of our Year 12 students have already enrolled on to an extra-curricular activity and have enjoyed the important balance to their academic studies that these well-being activities provide. Next half term, all students will be participating in at least one enrichment activity, which is a **compulsory** element of their timetable.

Upcoming Events next half term:

Sixth Form Parents Evening: We look forward to seeing you all during this in-person Parents Evening on Thursday 11th January 5.30pm-8.00pm.

Enrichment: All students will continue to attend an activity once a week. The activities include football, badminton, art classes, self-defence, origami, basketball, diversity club, Amnesty International club, chess club, cookery class, dance club, puzzle club, yoga and enterprise club. All activities take place at either lunchtime, period 5 (1.30-2.20pm) or after school (3.10-4.10pm).

BTEC Public Exams: Both Year 12 and 13 students will be sitting exams for Health & Social Care and/or Applied Human Biology.

Mental Health Workshop: Y12 students will have a drop down morning on Tuesday 13th January, where they will explore healthy ways to manage their mental health and stress during pinchpoints in the academic year.

In closing, I want to express my pride in the resilience, hard work, and dedication of our Year 12 students. The first term has shown great promise, and I am confident that they will continue to excel in the upcoming months.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to a successful second half term for our Year 12 students. As we enter the festive season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and all your family.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Year 12