

## BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS BRENTFORD & FORM

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AKH/mm

Dear Parent/Carer,

As this half term comes to an end, I am pleased to be able to reflect positively on the hard work our Year 12 students have put in during what has felt like a very short half term. It has been a half term full of activity, including our whole school Careers and Higher Education Fair, our 'Learning with the Lords' visit, and very successful, in person, Year 7 and 6th Form parents' evenings. We were also very proud of the excellent delivery of 12 Oxford's assembly on tolerance and respect, which is part of the series of our assemblies on the British Values.

The half term concludes with our wonderful school production of 'The Little Mermaid', which I am hoping that many of our parents attend, as the students have worked incredibly hard and Ms Marsh and the team would love to showcase the amazing effort that all of the cast and staff have out in to make this our best school show yet. If you wish to purchase tickets please do so via SCOPAY.

The school Bulletin for this half term has been issued this week, so please take the time to update yourselves with all of the schools' news and activities for the half term ahead.

It is expected that our 6<sup>th</sup> Form 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

There have been a number of disruptions to public transport so far this year and as a result traffic has been a challenge. In order for your daughter to be in school on time, can you please ensure that she is leaving home early enough each morning to arrive on time each day. Those parents that drive your daughters to school, please be reminded that you are not allowed to stop directly outside of the school, or in The Butts estate, which is opposite the school. We

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have had a number of complaints from local residents regarding parents dropping off in this area.

The new term begins on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.40am**. This is a normal school day, and all 6<sup>th</sup> Formers are expected to be in business attire, as per the 6<sup>th</sup> Form dress code policy. On their return, we will share our high expectations of Year 12 students via a year group assembly, tutor time sessions, as well as at the outset of each of their lessons. It is important to the school to ensure all students have complete clarity of the behaviours that are expected of them in lessons as well as in their capacity as role models to the wider school community.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this half term and remind you that if you have any questions, please do direct them to your daughters form tutor in the first instance via email.

Please find below some important upcoming dates in the school calendar.

- 19<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> March- Year 11/ 13 PPEs
- 11<sup>th</sup> March- School science week
- 21<sup>st</sup> February Year 12 RE Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March Year 12 English Duchess of Malfi Trip (Evening)
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Year 12 History Trip to Hampton Court (afternoon)
- 28<sup>th</sup> March- Final day of term- school finishes at 12:30pm

I wish you all a happy and safe half term break, and I look forward to welcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Former back to school to what I know will be a productive half term on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.40am**.

Yours faithfully,

A. Khan

Ms A Khan Head of Year 12