



BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

BRENTFORD 6th FORM

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Easter holidays are fast approaching and it is the end of what has been a busy Spring term. To celebrate the students' commitment and effort, the last day of term will be a mufti day. Therefore, on **Thursday 28th March**; we welcome all pupils to attend school wearing their own clothes. Please can we ask that pupils contribute **£1**, towards our chosen charity, Save the Children. This donation must be paid online via your SCOPAY account by **Wednesday 20th March**. If pupils do not wish to contribute **£1**, they will be expected to wear full school uniform on the last day of term. If students arrive to school in mufti dress having not made their **£1** contribution a sanction will be put in place. The school day will finish at 12:30pm on the last day of term.

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 that will take place at the start of the summer term.

The entire month of March sees the schools second **Forge Ahead Month** of the academic year. The month 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 in year 7 have been able to earn an extra **473 house points** in the second half of spring term alone, an amazing achievement.

Students' attendance to school will always be a key priority for us at Brentford. We know **that everyday at school is important** for students' academic progress but also in providing an enriching, supportive environment that helps develop their **physical, social and mental wellbeing**. We know that **positive attendance makes a significant difference to academic outcomes**. A recent report, published on behalf of the Children's Commissioner for England, found that 54% of students who struggled with attendance in Year 10 but then made improvement to be rarely absent in Year 11 went on to achieve five good GCSEs including in English and maths, compared to only 36% of students who were repeatedly absent across both year of study.

Year 7's attendance is currently at 92.47%, which is below our target of at least 95% as a year group. Please can emphasise the importance of communication with the school around attendance. We recognise that at times there may be complex barriers to positive attendance. If the absence is due to a medical reason please ensure that we have been informed so appropriate support can be put in place. If there are any particular circumstances that the school may not be aware of which is having an influence on your daughter attending school regularly or if you are concerned about her attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Students have been reminded through their weekly assemblies, that if they are feeling unwell during the school day, they must request to go to wellbeing to be seen by Ms Davies. Students should not be using mobile phones to contact parents directly. Please do support the school in the matter.

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The school summer uniform comes into effect after Easter. The school summer open neck shirt, along with all other items of uniform, can be purchased online from www.sanco.co.uk. Please can I remind you and your daughter of the importance of uniform. All students must be dressed correctly before they reach the school gates. Full school uniform must be worn too and from school.

The new term begins **Tuesday 16th April at 8.40am**. This is a normal school day, and your daughter is expected to be in full school uniform.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of completing homework. Research has shown a statistically significant correlation between homework and academic success. The homework timetable is available on your daughter's google classroom as well as in the back of her journal. If your daughter is struggling to complete homework, there is a homework club available onsite daily in T1 from 8.00 - 8.30. Please encourage your daughter to attend if you are finding that she needs extra support.

Please can I remind you that body sprays and deodorants are a banned item and should not be brought into school for the health risk it poses to other students. A reminder that makeup and facial piercings are not allowed in school. Ear piercings are limited to one pair of studs worn in the earlobes. Any other piercings are not to be worn to school.

Can I please ask for your support in ensuring that you check your daughter's journal each evening. This provides parents/ carers a real insight into your daughter's day at school and allows you to keep up to date with your daughter's homework load, as well as communicate with your daughter's teachers should you need to do so. I hope you will also see a number of postcards shared with your daughter by staff to praise her for her outstanding contributions within her lessons.

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.

- 25th of April - Year 7 and 8 Maths Challenge
- 6th May- Bank holiday- school closed
- 20th -24th May- Year 7 formal assessments
- 24th May- Last day of half term- school closes at 3:10pm

I wish you all a happy and safe half term break, and I look forward to welcoming your daughter back to school on **Tuesday 16th April at 8.40am** in full school uniform.

Yours faithfully,

J. Barakat

Mrs Barakat
Head of Year 7