



BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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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, Action for 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 at school in their own clothes 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 school's 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 9 have been able to earn an extra 2666 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 9's attendance is currently at 90%, meaning that a number of students are missing a considerable amount of lesson time. 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.

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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.

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 to 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.

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.

- 2nd May- Year 9 Parents event
- 6th May- Bank holiday- school closed
- 7th -10th May- Year 9 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,

A. Hennessy

Ms A Hennessy
Head of Year 9