



# BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## BRENTFORD 6<sup>th</sup> FORM

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

### **RE: Welcome to Year 8**

Welcome back to what is sure to be a busy year for your daughter. This is the year in which your daughter will embark on the process of choosing her GCSE options. I have included some key dates for you and all of the information needed to help you in supporting your daughter in making the correct decisions for her will be shared at the Options Evening in January. As always, outstanding academic progress for all pupils remains central to our core purpose and in order to achieve this we ask for your continued support in each of the following areas:

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

To enable students to reach their full potential at school it is essential your daughter aims for 100% attendance and punctuality. If attendance drops below 95% this will have a detrimental effect on your daughter's education. If your daughter is absent from school, please contact us on the first day of absence. On your child's return, please provide a note explaining the reason for absence, to be handed to their Tutor, for our records. Punctuality to school and lessons remains a key priority to ensure an effective start to all lessons. Any lateness to school and lessons will result in a 30-minute detention.

#### **Behaviour**

I expect every pupil to make and maintain a positive start to the academic year, ensuring they make the most of the educational opportunities given to them. Excellent behaviour is vital to ensure outstanding learning opportunities for all pupils. Your daughter will be expected to follow the behaviour policy as outlined in her journal. Failure to follow the school policy will not be tolerated.

#### **Home Learning**

It is widely acknowledged that students benefit greatly from continuing their learning at home. Within Key Stage 3 a homework policy is in place, where students are set regular relevant work which may include a variety of learning opportunities such as written work, research, learning, presentations, designing and planning, etc. We ask that you encourage your daughter to spend at least one hour per evening on schoolwork, if possible, in a quiet area where she is able to give this her full attention. If pupils have not been set a specific home learning task there is always the opportunity to be revising past topics.

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## **Equipment**

All students have been issued with a new journal. This should be used for recording homework and important messages. Please support your child by checking and signing this each week, and feel free to write any relevant comments or messages. It is essential that this is brought to school every day along with all of the essential equipment listed in the journal (and kit if relevant) for the day. Failure to bring any piece of equipment will result in a 30-minute detention being issued the following day.

## **Key dates**

Please find below some key dates for your diary. We hope you will be able to attend these dates as they will provide opportunities for you to meet with teachers and discuss progress as well as find appropriate ways to support your daughter throughout her school year.

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School photographs</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Occasional Day (School closed)</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Open Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET day (only Y7 students in for CATS testing)</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of the autumn term- Students dismissed at 12:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 8 Options Evening</b>

My Year team and I are looking forward to working with your daughter this academic year. If there are any issues or concerns please, in the first instance, email your daughters tutor on the relevant email provided below.

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Thank you, as always, for your support.



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