



# BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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## HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carers,

The final term is always such a busy one in schools! Not only are there the public examinations with teachers spending lots of time in class, after school and at weekends running sessions so that our students have the best possible chance of securing good grades at GCSE and A level, but there are also the numerous end of year activities!!! The Arts Festival, Year 11 and the Sixth Form end of year celebrations, activities days, sports day, the residential to France etc. I know the students always really enjoy this time of year and so do the staff, but please do not underestimate the amount of extra time the staff put in to be able to make these things happen! There are some schools who have cut lots of these activities which is very sad, as we all know that the things we remember about our own time in school will be the trips, sports days and end of year events!!! On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the staff for all that they do putting on these extra events to ensure that the girls do have a really good time!

As we move into the second half of this half term, as a school we will be focusing on reviewing the school year highlighting what we have done well and where our priorities will lie next year. Thank you to parents who filled in our school survey. We always consider your feedback and the students' feedback when we come to planning for the following year. Your voice really does matter!!!!

Wishing you all a lovely half term when it arrives.

Best wishes

Ms Leenders  
Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 10 FORMAL ASSESSMENTS

From the week beginning 3rd June, students will be sitting formal assessments in each of their subjects. These will be conducted in controlled conditions. These assessments are designed to enable subject teachers to identify any gaps in knowledge or misconceptions that may exist, allowing them to be re-visited where necessary so that students can progressively know more and remember more over time.

To support students in effectively revising for these assessments, teachers in all subjects will be showcasing a range of research informed revision techniques in lesson during the lead up to half term

Following the completion of their formal assessments students will be given designated time to reflect upon their work - making necessary revisions or re-drafts so that they have a confident understanding of how to make sustained progress as they move into Year 11.

## YEAR 8 OPTIONS INTERVIEW WEEK

All Year 8 students will have submitted their KS4 Option choice form by Friday 17th May. This follows a process across the Spring term, where students have been able to receive information from subject teams via Options Evening, focused assemblies and taster sessions. We are confident that this has allowed students to make an informed choice for their future studies.

During the week beginning 4th June, for some students there will be an additional opportunity to discuss their option choices with a member of the school leadership team. These meetings are designed to ensure that all students have made the most considered choices possible ahead of parents and students being informed of their options choices on Wednesday 12th June.

## PREFECT APPLICATIONS

The prefect application has begun and a large number of year 10 students have applied to become the new generation of the school leadership team. Mrs. Minors will host interviews in the summer term to identify the best applicants for the role.

## YEAR 9 & YEAR 7 PAL TALKS

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 will take part in a seminar as a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

## YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK

We will be taking the Year 10s on their second geography trip as part of the preparations for Paper 3. 10A/Gg2 and 10B/Gg1 will be attending on the 11th June. While 10A/Gg1 will be attending on the 12th June.

Both trips will follow the same format - all students must be at school earlier than usual and arrive by 7.50am, so we can complete all necessary admin before driving to Amersham Field Studies Centre at 8.10am. The girls will be visiting two sites along the river and collecting data about various river characteristics, such as velocity, depth and width.

Your child will also need to stand in a river in order to collect the fieldwork data, but we have picked sites that are accessible/safe – if your child has wellington boots, please can they bring them to wear in the river. Otherwise they can borrow equipment from the fieldwork centre – although this is limited. Please make sure your child packs sunscreen if the weather is warm and that your child brings plenty of water with them.

Your child should also bring a waterproof coat in case it rains. Students should wear their own clothes – they need to wear sensible clothes, as they will be outside for the majority of the day i.e. their PE kits. I advise not wearing jeans as if these get wet they take a long time to dry and can be incredibly uncomfortable.

If the weather is nice, they may choose to wear shorts so long as they are knee-length. Your daughter will require a packed lunch unless they are on Free School Meals, in which case we will provide them with lunch.

## YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING (VIRTUAL)

The Year 10 parents' evening will be conducted virtually on Thursday, 13th June. This event provides students and parents with the chance to engage with subject teachers to review the progress achieved this academic year. Kindly secure your appointments in advance to guarantee a meeting slot.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE EXPEDITION

The cohort this year will put their navigational and camping skills to the test in Chesham on 8th - 9th June taking on 2 days walking and a nights camp where they have to be self-sufficient all weekend. The girls travel with all of their equipment which can be tiring but rewarding at the end of it.

Good luck girls!

## DIVERSITY WEEK BEGINS

Starting on Monday 17th June is the annual Diversity Week, where we come together as a school community to celebrate the different facets of diversity among us and wider society.

All money raised over the week will go to **Doctors Without Borders** ('Médecins Sans Frontières'); a charity that provides humanitarian medical care. It is a non-governmental organisation known for its projects in conflict zones and in countries affected by endemic diseases. Please encourage your daughter to get involved and enjoy the activities that will be taking place so we can raise as much money as possible.

During the course of the week, opportunities, events and activities will include:

- Sale of wristbands, stickers, henna painting and jewellery items
- Global food sales
- Information on a variety of charities and organisations that are linked to the 9 protected characteristics
- A culture and diversity entertainment/talent show (entry fee charge)
- A Culture Day

## YEAR 7 TRIP TO GO APE

Our Year 7s head to Go Ape for their summer trip on Tuesday 18th June. The day will offer the students the opportunity to take themselves out of their comfort zone and work as a team completing the tree top assault course.

## YEAR 8 TRIP TO JUMP GIANTS

On Tuesday June 18th, Year 8 students will partake in an outing at Jump Giants. This event presents an opportunity to commemorate a successful year at Brentford School for Girls, foster peer relationships, and spend a day with friends.

## YEAR 9 TRIP TO CHESSINGTON

On Tuesday June 18th, Year 9 students will commemorate the successful year with an excursion to Chessington - World of Adventures. This outing offers an opportunity for the students to unwind on the rides and enjoy quality time with their peers at this thrilling theme park.

## YEAR 6 TASTER SESSIONS

The Year 6 taster sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th. This event offers our incoming Year 7 cohort the chance to experience school life and select their preferred classes or explore new subjects. Students will meet their future classmates and teachers, fostering familiarity before the September term begins.

## YEAR 10 TRIP TO THORPE PARK

On the 19th of June, Year 10 students will partake in an excursion to Thorpe Park. This outing acknowledges their dedicated efforts throughout the year including taking their English Literature GCSE examination, serving as a well-deserved opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment.

## YEAR 12 BEYOND BRENTFORD

On Thursday 20th June and Friday 21st June, all Year 12 students will be off timetable and involved in several talks and activities preparing them for their post-18 choices. During these days they will register with UCAS, have external organisations speaking to them about apprenticeships and what future employers will be looking for. We will also be discussing life at university and the challenges and benefits moving away from home can have.

## YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK

All Year 9 geographers will be travelling to Stratford, East London on Wednesday 26th June to assess the impact of the Olympic regeneration. We will leave after the students are registered and then travel by public transport. We will then conduct our investigation before returning to school. We will aim to return to school by 3.10pm. Your daughter is expected to be in full school uniform. We will be walking around the Stratford area so suitable footwear is important, therefore your daughter is allowed to wear trainers.

## MFL TRIP

We are going to France this summer!

40 pupils across Years 9, 10 & 11 will be spending 3 nights in France between 8th & 11th July.

We will be travelling to Lisieux, Normandy by coach and ferry. Among the activities planned are a visit to a cheese factory, a chocolate factory, the D-Day landing beaches and a viking theme park!

The objectives are to experience a foreign country and culture and try to speak some French while having fun! Bon voyage!

## ARTS FESTIVAL

We are excited to welcome the local community as we celebrate the Arts at Brentford School for Girls.

Past events have been wonderful summer evenings that fill our school with pride, and this year promises to be just as inspiring. As we celebrate the effort and completed work of GCSE and A LEVEL candidates, we also look at our younger years who are still on their learning journeys. Key Stages 4, 5 and 6 have been exploring and learning as they develop creative skills in Music, Drama, Film Studies, Textiles, Photography and Art.

The exhibitions, screenings, performances and networking for this festival is a time that reminds us that investing in creative endeavors and learning in a range of subjects helps build resilient students, and prepares them for exciting career paths.

All parents, students and the local community are invited!

## POETRY SLAM

The Poetry Slam is taking place on Thursday 27th June for our Year 7 students, supported by Hounslow School Library Service and the Poetry Slam team. However, this year we are pulling out all the stops!

We are lucky to be hosting two workshops with an external professional poet Remi Graves, whose work has been commissioned by the Barbican, St Paul's Cathedral and BBC Radio 4.

The first workshop will be engaging the students with poetry and beginning their own writing. The second workshop will be focusing on a smaller group of students refining their work. At the Poetry Slam the students will be working on their performance and hopefully bringing home the trophy!

## YEAR 10 TEXTILES TRIP - RAVENSBOURNE COLLEGE

Year 10 students are going to have the opportunity to experience what it is like to do a creative subject at University. We are visiting Ravensbourne University on the 10th July. There the girls will take part in 2 taster sessions, these will be in fashion and textiles and also Architecture. It should be both interesting and fun.

## MILLIONAIRE CUPCAKE PARTY

The Millionaire Word Cupcake party will take place Thursday 4th July. This is achieved by the students reading and taking quizzes on our Accelerated Reader programme. The students are rewarded with a cup-cake party and the opportunity of being in the prize draw for a Kindle.

## YEAR 11 PROM

Year 11 prom is taking place on Friday 5th July at the Holiday Inn. We are all looking forward to seeing the girls dressed up to the nines and bidding them a fond farewell for this year.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SUMMER TERM 2

Monday 3rd June:	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th June:	Year 10 Formal Assessments
Tuesday 4th June:	Year 8 Options Assemblies Begin
Tuesday 4th June:	Prefect Applications Open
Wednesday 5th June:	Year 9 & Year 7 PAL Talks
Saturday 8th June:	D of E Bronze Expedition Leaves
Tuesday 11th-12th June:	Year 10 Geography Field Work
Wednesday 12th June:	Year 10 Geography Field Work
Wednesday 12th June:	Year 8 Informed of Options Choices
Thursday 13th June:	Year 10 Parents Evening (Virtual) (5pm-8pm)
Thursday 13th June:	Year 10 Mock Interviews
Monday 17th June:	Diversity Week Begins
Tuesday 18th June:	Year 7 Trip to Go Ape
Tuesday 18th June:	Year 8 Trip to Jump Giants
Tuesday 18th June:	Year 9 Trip to Chessington
Wednesday 19th June:	Year 8 Final Deadline for Options Changes
Wednesday 19th June:	Year 6 Taster Sessions
Wednesday 19th June:	Year 10 Trip to Thorpe Park
Thursday 20th & 21st June:	Year 12 Beyond Brentford
Wednesday 26th June:	Year 9 Geography Field Work
Thursday 27th June:	Arts Festival
Thursday 27th June:	Poetry Slam
Monday 1st July:	Brentford Futures
Tuesday 2nd July:	Year 6 into 7 Induction Day
Thursday 4th July:	Millionaire Cupcake Party
Thursday 4th July:	Festival of Play Trip
Friday 5th July:	Year 11 Prom
Monday 8th July:	MFL Trip Leaves
Wednesday 10th July:	Year 10 Textiles Trip— Ravensbourne College
Friday 12th July:	Sports Day at Osterley

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## LOCAL LIFE

### Leading by example at Brentford School For Girls to promote healthy living

At Brentford School For Girls healthy living and the environment are key subjects that they want their students develop an understanding of.

There has been a lot of talk about the importance of healthy living and the environment in recent years. It is a topic that is becoming increasingly important to our students and we want to ensure that they are equipped with the skills and knowledge to lead a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.



Our school has been leading by example in promoting healthy living and the environment. We have a dedicated staff member who runs a cycling club for our girls, and we have a number of initiatives in place to encourage our students to lead a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

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# ARTS FESTIVAL '24

Thursday  
27th June 2024  
6PM - 8PM

**FEATURING**

- Arts exhibition
- Film screenings
- Music performances
- Drama performances
- Textiles fashion show
- Food and drink and more...



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