



# BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **RE: Slight change to school day from September 2024**

You may be aware that the Government had announced through its 'Opportunity for all' White Paper that from September 2024 schools should be meeting the minimum expected length of the school week which is 32.5 hours. To ensure that we are fulfilling this expectation from the start of the next academic year, we will be looking to increase tutor time each morning by 10minutes. **This means the school day will start at 8:40am instead of 8:50am and will finish as it currently does at 3:10pm**

We are really excited about all the additional opportunities that can be offered with having that additional time with students in their morning during their tutor time. We have already started planning extra- curricular activities, personal development learning experiences and literacy and numeracy interventions that would be more effective with those additional 10 minutes each day. Equally, we have decided to keep our finish time to 3:10pm to ensure that students are still able to take up after school clubs without the worry of finishing too late and for those students who collect younger siblings from primary school, they are still able to do so. We have also retained this finish time to minimise clashing with the finish time of other local secondary schools which means that our girls are able to commute home each afternoon with worry of congestion on buses and trains. Please note that our popular free breakfast club will continue to run from 8am each morning in the school canteen should your daughter wish to attend before 8:40am.

Whilst for many of our families this change to the school day may not require a significant change to your daily routine, we appreciate that for some of our families this may pose a problem and are happy to discuss any support that may be needed to facilitate your daughter being at school on time each day. If you do need to talk to a member of staff in this regard, please can you contact your daughter's tutor in the first instance.

Thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring that your daughter is in school every day and on time. We hope that we will continue to have your support in this matter when the school day begins at 8:40am from September 2024.

Yours faithfully,

Marais Leenders

**Headteacher**

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