



BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, on behalf of the school I would like to thank all of the staff and girls for their hard work and commitment over the last term. Can I also thank all of you for your involvement in the school with whatever we run, be it a parents evening, Welcome to Year 11 evening, a coffee morning, you always show up and demonstrate an interest in your daughters' education, as well as sharing how we can further develop the school. I have been delighted that we have finally been able to establish a Parent/Teachers association in school. This term, the team has agreed to run a curry night. This is taking place on the 19th of December, and I have no doubt it will be a lovely evening, with parents and staff coming together to have a bit of fun!!! There is also an opportunity for parents to become a parent governor. Further details are in this publication. If you would like to find out more about this, do contact our chair of governors, Terri George at tgeorge@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk

In October this year we received a visit from Ofsted. I do hope that you have been able to read the report and will agree that there were some fantastic things said about the school, and particularly how caring and supportive the students are. We were delighted that they were able to see and hear that our girls feel happy and safe at Brentford, as we know that this will always be more important than anything else. Our area for development identified in the report is in the sixth form. This is focused on the literacy skills that pupils require when completing A levels. A number of our students in the sixth form are either new to the country or missed a primary education in England. Whilst these pupils achieve exceptionally well at GCSE, the demands of A level can be very challenging. Our staff who teach sixth form are working hard to ensure that these pupils have the higher level literacy skills that they require to be just as successful at A level as they are at GCSE!

This time of year is always so lovely in school, there is a real festive feel. I do hope some of you have been able to come along to the Festive Celebration in December when we get the chance to come together again as a community and celebrate the Performing Arts.

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas break

Best wishes

Ms Leenders

Executive Headteacher

DEADLINE FOR 6TH FORM APPLICATIONS

The Brentford Sixth Form application form for our internal students has been shared with students and parents. We ask all of our Year 11 students to complete the application and look forward to discussing it with them during their upcoming ARD and Sixth Form interviews event.

GCSE DRAMA TRIP TO THE OLD VIC

The GCSE Year 11 Drama pupils will be going to the Young Vic to watch Little Foxes for Section B of their GCSE exam in June. They will be leaving school at 1pm and returning by 5pm on the 15th of January.

6TH FORM PARENTS EVENING

6th Form Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 16th January. We are looking forward to meeting with the parents of our Year 12 and 13 students and the opportunity to discuss progress in all subject areas in person.

SKY STUDIO TRIP

On Thursday 16th of January, the Film Studies department will be taking 30 Year 8 students to SKY Film and TV Studios at Elstree in Borehamwood for a film making workshop in the studios where they filmed Wicked. The trip leaves school before lunch and returns at 6pm.

YEAR 11 ARD/ 6TH FORM INTERVIEWS

Join us for Year 11 Academic Review Day on Friday 17th January, a key step in preparing for both GCSEs and post-16 studies. Students and their parents are invited to discuss progress, celebrate achievements, and set clear targets for success.

YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

This is the first athletics event for Year 7 and 8 students this year. We take a group of students who show a flair for athletics to Osterley Sports Centre to compete with other schools in the borough in various indoor athletics events. We have notoriously been very good at this event so good luck girls!

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

Year 7 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 30th January. This will be an in-person event. We look forward to meeting Year 7 parents/carers and pupils to discuss progress in all subject areas.

CAREERS AND HE FAIR

We are excited to invite students in Years 7 to 12 to our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair on Wednesday, 22nd January. This event is an invaluable opportunity for all students to explore a wide range of career pathways, meet professionals from various industries, and gain insights into higher education options.

A variety of universities, colleges, and local employers will be present, offering advice and answering questions about future education and career prospects. The fair aims to inspire students to think about their aspirations and to help them make informed decisions about their next steps. Parents are encouraged to discuss the event with their children and support them in making the most of this exciting opportunity.

E-SPORTS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Our students will be participating in the Digital Schoolhouse Esports Regional Qualifiers in February 2025, an inspiring event that blends gaming with education to nurture teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. If your daughter is part of the Esports Club, we kindly ask for your support and encouragement to help her make the most of this incredible opportunity. This event offers a fantastic platform for students to develop essential life skills while exploring the exciting world of digital industries. Thank you for your continued support!

YEAR 12/13 TRIP TO TATE MODERN

The Year 13 Art students will be introduced to their Exam Project in February which will contribute to 40% of their final A Level mark. To help inspire their learning and art making in their new exam themes, we are looking forward to seeing original artworks on display in the Tate Modern as well as exploring their themes and context for further influence. Year 12 artists are joining to learn from the Year 13s and consider and further explore their chosen Personal Investigation themes. We look forward to the discussions students have, the work they see, the ideas they have and the art they make from this exploration.

YEAR 12/13 TRIP TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS GALLERY

In Photography, Year 13 will be introduced to their Exam project in February which will contribute to 40%, whilst Year 12 students begin to consider their chosen Personal Investigation theme. We are looking forward to seeing a variety of media used to capture different themes on display in the Photographer's Gallery. We will then use this to inform our exam projects and to capture new ideas on the introduced themes.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SPRING TERM 1

- Thursday 9th January: Year 11 Health and Social Care BTEC Exam (pm)
- Friday 10th January: Year 12 Travel & Tourism Exam (am)
- Friday 10th January: Year 12 & 13 Health and Social Care BTEC Exam (pm)
- Friday 10th January: Deadline for 6th Form Applications
- Monday 13th January: Year 12 & 13 Health and Social Care BTEC Exam (am)
- Wednesday 15th January: GCSE Drama Trip to the Old Vic
- Thursday 16th January: 6th Form Parents Evening (5:30-8pm)
- Thursday 16th January: Year 12 & 13 Applied Biology BTEC Exam (am)
- Thursday 16th January: Sky Studio Trip
- Friday 17th January: Year 11 ARD/ 6th Form Interviews
- Monday 20th January: Year 12 & 13 Applied Biology BTEC Exam (am)
- Monday 20th January: Year 11 ARD/ 6th Form Interviews
- Monday 20th January: Year 7 & 8 Sportshall Athletics
- Wednesday 22nd January: Careers & HE Fair
- Thursday 23rd January: DTP/Men ACWY Immunisations
- Friday 24th January: Royal Albert Hall - Day in the Life Trip
- Wednesday 29th January: Year 10 English PPE
- Thursday 30th January: Year 7 Parents Evening (5:30pm-8pm)
- Wednesday 5th February: Year 10 English PPE
- Thursday 6th February: INSET DAY
- Tuesday 11th February: Esports Regional Qualifiers
- Wednesday 12th February: Year 12 & 13 Trip to Tate Modern
- Wednesday 12th February: Attendance Coffee Morning
- Thursday 13th February: Year 12 & 13 Trip to the Photographers Gallery
- Friday 14th February: Last Day of Term

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LOCAL LIFE

BSFG students explore fashion at V&A Upstart Day



The exciting experience at the V&A Museum not only gave BSFG students a glimpse into the busy career paths in fashion but also inspired them to imagine their potential roles as the next contributors to the dynamic field. The event opened their eyes to the industry and gave them the chance to explore fashion and how their skills and knowledge for a future in fashion. As they left the museum, the students carried a renewed sense of purpose and excitement, ready to chase their dreams and make their mark in the fashion world.

BSFG is committed to providing opportunities that nurture students' potential and prepare them for successful futures. This visit to the V&A Museum exemplifies our dedication to inspiring the next generation of fashion innovators.

Brentford School for Girls awarded the Quality in Careers Standard

Brentford School for Girls is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious Quality in Careers Standard, a nationally recognised mark of excellence for careers education. This award acknowledges the school's dedication to providing students with high-quality careers support, ensuring they are well-prepared for their future.

The Quality in Careers Standard is given to schools that demonstrate excellence in delivering careers education and provide students with the information and guidance they need to make informed decisions about their next steps after school. It recognizes a holistic approach that includes impartial advice, skills development, and opportunities for students to engage with employers and industry professionals.

This significant achievement highlights Brentford School for Girls' commitment to preparing students for successful careers, whether through further education, apprenticeships, or direct employment. We are proud to offer our students the highest quality careers support and guidance.

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BRENTFORD 6 FORM

CODING FOR KIDS

YEAR 5 & 6 | Nov - Dec 2024

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Thursday 7th November 2024 9.30-10.30
Thursday 21st November 2024 9.30-10.30
Thursday 5th December 2024 9.30-10.30

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