



**BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
BRENTFORD 6<sup>th</sup> FORM

# HIGHLIGHTS

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**INSPIRATION FOR THE MODERN YOUNG STUDENT**

*Winter Term 2024*  
**HIGHLIGHTS**



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Staff

As we move towards the Christmas break it is lovely to look back over the last term and all the amazing things that have been happening at school, both in and out of the classrooms.

It has been lovely to meet so many of the new Year 7 girls and see how quickly they have settled in and are embracing all of the opportunities available to them at BSfG. The Year 12 students have also made a positive start to the next stage of their academic journeys and we look forward to hearing about their progress and their future successes. Year 11 students have had an opportunity to be 6th formers for the day and have seen what an amazing time they will have in years 12 and 13 and the opportunities that will be available to them.

Our sports teams have been competing in a range of competitions and everyone who has taken part has given 100%. However, I need to give a special mention to the amazing Year 8 netball team who beat Lampton 18 – 13! An incredible result and huge congratulations to you all.

This term also saw the annual Black History month celebration which was a chance for us to celebrate and honour black heritage and achievements. On Remembrance day we also remembered and celebrated the amazing and incredible women who played vital parts in WW2, defied the norm and demonstrated great bravery.

The girls showed their individual style when as part of Anti Bullying week they took part in Odd Socks day – a great way to demonstrate how we embrace our differences and all help to make Brentford the nurturing and inclusive school that it is.

This term has been very creative for lots of different reasons – Year 7 have been designing book covers, Year 9 have been creating their own board games and the A level textile students got lots of inspiration and ideas from their visit to the Knitting & Stitching show.

As ever, there has been too much going on to mention everything but the governors love to hear about everything and enjoy meeting students and their families at events and activities.

Writing this we are looking forward to Xmas jumper day, the festive celebration, the charity Christmas Concert at St Paul's in Chiswick and our new PTA's first event – the festive Quiz & Curry night.

I will finish by wishing you all a peaceful Christmas break and a happy and healthy new year on behalf of all of us on the governing board.

Best wishes  
Terri George  
Chair to the Governors



# MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEAD

Dear Parent/Carers,

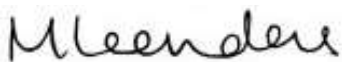
It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of another year!!! 2024 has been such a busy time in school, with school plays, summer examinations, an Ofsted Inspection, activities days, sports days, parents evenings, the summer arts festival and so many more things going on across the school. One of the most important things that has also happened this year, is the launch of our school PTA (Parent Teachers Association). We have so far this year, hosted two meetings and our first launch event, the quiz night with curry, takes place on the 19th of December. By the time you receive this term's edition of "Highlights", it would have already have taken place. It is so important to us that we keep parents involved in the running of our school. If you didn't make the quiz night, please do look out for some other events in the new year.

The highlight of this term for me personally, has been taking a group of Year 8 students to breakfast every Friday morning. The focus of the breakfast is to recognise students who are always 'just doing the right things in school, all of the time'. Every week, I have taken a different group of students out to breakfast on a Friday morning at a local café. It has been such a lovely event, to be able to hear from the students and talk to them about their experience of school and also what they are doing outside of school. Next term, I will be choosing pupils from another year group to do the same.

This edition of the highlights magazine is, again, jam packed with opportunities that the girls have been involved in beyond the classroom. I hope you will agree, there is so much going on across the school, all with the focus of developing the 'Brentford Girl of our school vision'. Each one of the events takes time to organise and plan and so I would like to thank the staff who commit so much time to organising our enrichment opportunities across the school.

Thank you also to all parents, and students for your continued hard work across and in partnership with the school.

Have a lovely Christmas break.



Marais Leenders  
Executive Headteacher



# SCHOOL STAFF UPDATES



JESSICA HUMPHRIES

MEGAN CROFT

## Welcome

A warm welcome to our new Assistant Heads, Jessica Humphries & Megan Croft

## WELL DONE

Congratulations to our staff for 20 & 30 years+ of service!



Our staff retention is high! Staff stay with us because they like it here! If you think you have what it takes to be part of our school community, we would love to meet you. Please do contact the Head's PA, Fiona Duffy, to arrange a visit . We very much look forward to you applying to be part of our school community.

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# IN THE PRESS

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**LOCAL LIFE** Friday 6th October 2024

## Brentford School for Girls leads the way with exceptional support for autistic students

Brentford School for Girls is proud to reaffirm its unwavering dedication to empowering autistic students with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) through its highly regarded Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Centre. Established in 2016, the centre has become a cornerstone for helping students thrive both academically and personally, offering tailored support that far exceeds what most mainstream schools can provide.



**With the increasing prevalence of autism (affecting 1 in 100), particularly among young girls who often experience heightened sensory experiences and anxiety, the centre provides a safe and nurturing environment, where, working alongside their specialist teachers, students can thrive.**

Julia, the Deputy Director, the centre, says: "We understand the unique challenges that autistic students face, and we offer a range of support, including sensory breaks, physical therapy, and social skills training. Our staff are trained to support the individual needs of each student, ensuring they feel safe, supported, and successful."

The centre is a vibrant, inclusive space where every student feels valued, and supported to achieve their potential. Julia continues: "We are proud to be a leading school in the region when it comes to supporting autistic students, and we continue to work with our partners to ensure we are providing the best possible support for our students."

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## CULTIVATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS AT BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



The programme offers a range of essential items, including:

- Cookers
- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Children's beds and bedding (including cotts)
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Fridges, freezers, and fridge-freezers
- Baby equipment
- Emergency clothing.

Together, they can help alleviate some of the burdens faced by the most vulnerable families in the community. Brentford School for Girls invites local supporters and stakeholders to join in this vital work, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Brentford School for Girls Trust recognises the importance of collaborating with local partners in order to effectively address the needs of vulnerable families in the community. They say that by working together, we can make a significant impact.

In addition to supporting vulnerable families, Brentford School for Girls actively engages in regular activities to raise funds for various charities. One such initiative is the House Sale, where students participate in organising events to contribute to causes like Medicines Sans Frontières. Other fundraising activities take place throughout the year to support charities identified by the students. These activities not only foster a sense of community but also instil the values of charity and social responsibility in students.

For more information about Brentford School for Girls and its initiatives, please contact Angela Stone at [astone@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:astone@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)

**LOCAL LIFE** Friday 23rd November 2024

## BSfG students explore fashion at V&A Upstart Day

Year 12 and 13 Textiles students at Brentford School for Girls (BSfG) recently jumped at an amazing chance at the V&A Museum's Upstart Creative Careers Day - a perfect window into the vibrant and ever-changing world of fashion.

The students explored the world of fashion through a series of workshops and talks. They learned about the latest trends, the importance of sustainability, and the role of technology in the industry. The day was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain insight into the fashion world and to meet with industry professionals.

The students were inspired by the talks and workshops, and they are looking forward to applying their new knowledge to their own designs. The day was a great success, and the students enjoyed every minute of it.

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**LOCAL LIFE** Friday 23rd November 2024

## BSfG offers free computing workshops for local primary school students

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The initiative involves providing families in need with school uniforms at no cost. This is a fantastic way to support families who are struggling with the rising cost of living. The initiative is a fantastic way to support families who are struggling with the rising cost of living.

Friday 6th October 2024

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In a commendable effort to assist families grappling with rising living costs, Brentford School for Girls has launched a remarkable initiative aimed at making school uniforms more accessible. The school is now collecting, cleaning, and reselling pre-owned school uniforms at discounted prices, creating a win-win situation for the community.

This initiative not only helps families facing financial challenges but also promotes the values of reusing and recycling clothing, fostering a kinder approach to our environment. With prices as low as £2 for shirts, £5 for skirts or trousers, £10 for jumpers or cardigans, and £15 for blazers, parents—especially those with multiple children—can find affordable clothing options that significantly undercut standard retail prices.

*"This program is beneficial for our school and students too. By reusing uniforms, we can not only help parents save on purchasing new ones each year, but also direct additional funds to vital educational resources," said Melanie Baldy - BSFG Business Manager. "Additionally, uniformity in attire fosters inclusivity and equality among our students, regardless of their financial backgrounds."*

Brentford School for Girls is not only committed to supporting its families but is also taking strides toward sustainability. By encouraging families to opt for second-hand uniforms, the school is addressing the fashion industry's contribution to pollution and waste. This initiative teaches students the importance of empathy, kindness, and responsibility as they engage in collecting and cleaning uniforms for resale.

*"This initiative is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about social responsibility and environmental stewardship," added Joanne Davies, BSFG Wellbeing Officer*

When they get involved, they really start to see how important community support and being mindful about what we consume can be.'

Brentford School for Girls invites the community to not only take advantage of this program but also contribute. If you have any BSFG school uniforms you no longer need, the school would love to take them off your hands.

Together, let's support our community and protect our planet by embracing this initiative. With Brentford School for Girls leading the way, we can work towards a more equitable and eco-friendly future.  
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## Empowering families in crisis

Brentford School for Girls is proud to announce the successful application for two of its students for support through the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme. This initiative is dedicated to assisting children and young people who are facing exceptionally challenging circumstances, ensuring they receive the essential items critical to their wellbeing.

The Emergency Essentials Programme, delivered by Family Fund Business Services, aims to provide children with the most basic necessities needed for a stable and safe environment. Items such as beds, cookers for hot meals, and other essential services are included to help families navigate tough times.

As a registered referrer, Brentford School for Girls Trust plays an integral role in connecting families with the support they need.

The team, led by Angela Stone, the Head of Child Protection at BSfG, is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of families. They assess the needs of those identified and ensure that they receive critical items that can truly make a difference.

Angela states, “Every child deserves a safe and stable environment, and we are dedicated to providing the essential support that can change lives through this programme.” The programme offers a range of essential items, including:

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## TRANSFORMING THE SCHOOL'S MAIN HALL: A SPACE FOR INSPIRATION AND CONNECTION

The decision to redesign the school's main hall stemmed from a vision to craft a welcoming, versatile space that uplifts and inspires everyone who steps inside. The goal was to create a dynamic environment where students feel connected and motivated — a space that seamlessly accommodates everything from school assemblies and workshops to lively community events.

Bringing this vision to life required thoughtful attention to how the space engages all five senses. Lush greenery was added to cultivate a warm, grounded atmosphere, while vibrant, motivational signage injects energy and positivity. Soft, light-coloured curtains allow natural light to flood the hall, adding a sense of warmth and modernity.

Every design element was carefully chosen to ensure the space is more than just functional and becomes a haven where students can unwind, foster connections, and draw inspiration throughout their day. The transformed main hall is now the heart and spirit of the school.



Words by Interior Designer,  
Jacqueline Douglas

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# BSFG AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) CENTRE

Brentford School for Girls is proud to reaffirm its unwavering dedication to empowering autistic students with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) through its highly regarded Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Centre. Established in 2015, the centre has become a cornerstone for helping students thrive both academically and personally, offering tailored support that far exceeds what most mainstream schools can provide.

With the increasing complexity of needs outlined in EHCPs, particularly amongst autistic girls who often experience heightened sensory sensitivities and anxiety, the centre provides a safe and nurturing environment while maintaining integration within the broader school community. This balance ensures that students feel supported while developing vital life skills for long-term success.

Led by Mrs Frances Dutton, the autism centre team includes experienced specialists, teaching assistants, and a multidisciplinary support group comprising an occupational therapist, a speech and language therapist, a physical disability advisor, and an educational psychologist. Together, they deliver structured sessions to enhance communication, social interaction, independence and self-regulation and provide in-class support for mainstream lessons.

The centre's close collaboration with primary schools such as Strand-on-the-Green, Smallberry Green, Grove Park and schools in Ealing has been vital in fostering smooth transitions from Year 6 to Year 7. Mrs Dutton and her team actively engage with students and families to ensure that every child feels prepared and supported during this pivotal stage.

Currently accommodating up to 12 students across Key Stages 3 and 4, the centre offers a close-knit, inclusive environment that prioritises personalised care. Peer support is a key feature, as students build meaningful connections through scheduled sessions and informal interactions during breaks and lunch. This holistic approach helps students develop self-esteem, organisational skills, and resilience for life beyond the classroom.

Parents of children with an ASD diagnosis and an EHCP issued by the Local Authority are warmly invited to learn more about the Centre. For further information, please contact Frances Dutton, SENCO at Brentford School for Girls, at [fdutton@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:fdutton@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk).

Brentford School for Girls is committed to creating an inclusive community where every student can embrace their potential with confidence.

*"Together, we are shaping a brighter, more resilient future for all."- Mrs. Dutton.*



"The ASD centre has helped me because it has understood my difficulties in learning.  
*Student - recently moved from a mainstream school without an ASD centre.*



"Our mission is to create a community where every student feels valued, confident, and supported to achieve their potential," said Mrs. Dutton. "By working closely with local primary school autism centres and families, we're building a seamless transition process that reassures both students and parents, setting the foundation for future success."



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# WELCOME YEAR 7 STUDENTS

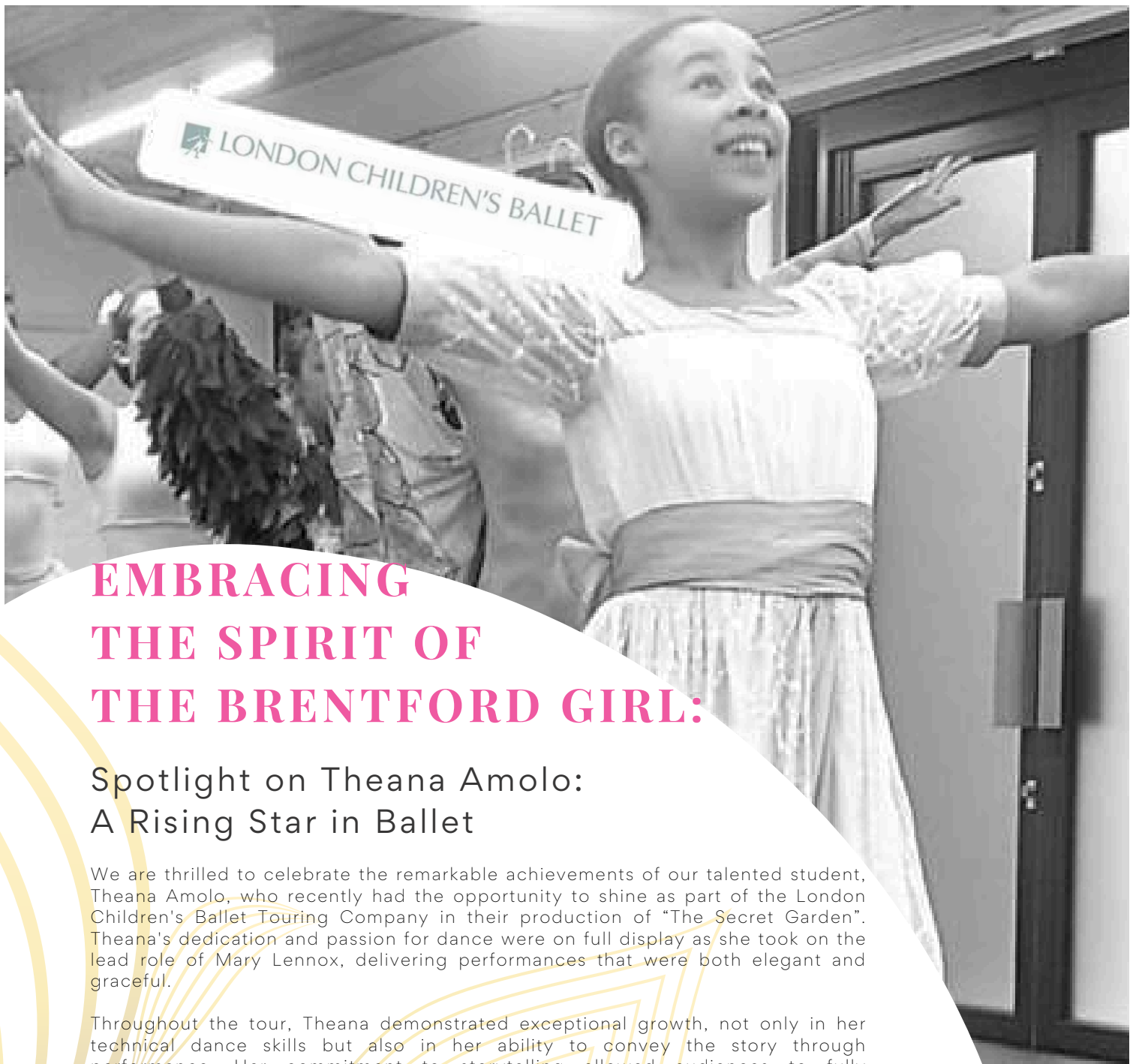


# OPEN MORNINGS & EVENING SEPT 2024

A big shoutout to our incredible students who truly stole the show at our open evening and open mornings. Their enthusiasm, respect, and maturity shone brightly, and it was heartwarming to hear parents recognize how they embody our school's values.

*Our students are the best ambassadors, reflecting the positive vibe and support that you all create every day! - Mr. Dexter, Senior Assistant Headteacher.*





## EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF THE BRENTFORD GIRL:

### Spotlight on Theana Amolo: A Rising Star in Ballet

We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our talented student, Theana Amolo, who recently had the opportunity to shine as part of the London Children's Ballet Touring Company in their production of "The Secret Garden". Theana's dedication and passion for dance were on full display as she took on the lead role of Mary Lennox, delivering performances that were both elegant and graceful.

Throughout the tour, Theana demonstrated exceptional growth, not only in her technical dance skills but also in her ability to convey the story through performance. Her commitment to storytelling allowed audiences to fully appreciate and understand the narrative ballet, showcasing her maturity and understanding.

Theana's adaptability was put to the test as she performed in various venues, from special needs schools to care homes, each with its own unique challenges. She embraced these opportunities working seamlessly with her fellow dancers to deliver outstanding performances. Her interactions with the audience were equally commendable, as she charmed and engaged with everyone, leaving a lasting impression.

Of particular note was Theana's ability to connect with pupils at special needs schools, many of whom have multiple and profound learning difficulties, as well as with elderly residents in care homes. These interactions were heartwarming and demonstrated Theana's maturity and compassion, important aspects of her development beyond just dance.

Over five days, Theana and the LCB Touring Company visited ten venues, reaching over 350 people who might not otherwise have the chance to enjoy a live ballet performance. This tour was not only a success for Theana but also a significant contribution to the community, highlighting the importance of intergenerational communication and the positive impact of the arts.

We are incredibly proud of Theana and look forward to seeing her continue to grow and inspire those around her. Her achievements are a testament to her hard work and talent, and she truly is a credit to our school.

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# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At Brentford School for Girls, students get to dive into an incredible variety of activities designed to inspire, challenge, and open their minds to new possibilities.

From exploring world-class art museums and exhibitions to jumping into exciting team-building adventures, water sports, and even international trips, there's something for everyone.

These trips spark curiosity, build confidence, and give students a global perspective they'll carry with them forever.

Our extracurricular activities offer options for every interest and talent. Those who love being creative can explore arts and crafts, music, drama, dance, or even film-making.

Individuals who prefer mental challenges can join a debate club, engage in science experiments, tackle math challenges, or learn a new language.

Sports enthusiasts have access to various athletic programs, while gardening projects cater to those with a passion for plants.

Tech enthusiasts can develop coding and digital skills in their ICT clubs.

These activities, along with cultural trips, residential experiences, and international travel, make school life so much more than just classes.

They're all about personal growth, building leadership skills, making lifelong friends, and creating memories they will cherish forever.

Our extracurricular program is truly special, giving students the chance to step outside their comfort zones and explore who they are.

Discover in the next few pages what makes our school's opportunities so unique!

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# FREE COMPUTING WORKSHOPS FOR LOCAL PRIMARY STUDENTS

Brentford School for Girls is excited to announce the launch of free computing workshops tailored for Year 5 and Year 6 primary school students in the local community. These workshops aim to introduce students to the fascinating world of computing through interactive, hands-on activities that combine creativity and practical learning.

In collaboration with Digital Schoolhouse, the initiative focuses on equipping young learners with essential coding and problem-solving skills. By fostering these abilities early, the workshops aim to lay a solid foundation for future studies and inspire a passion for computing as students prepare to transition to secondary school.

*Nasser Masri, Computing Lead at Brentford School for Girls, shared his enthusiasm for this program, stating, "These workshops will not only enhance the current curriculum but also spark excitement about technology. The goal is to make computing fun and accessible, inspiring local primary school students to explore the endless possibilities in this field."*

Brentford School for Girls is encouraging local primary schools to take part in these engaging sessions, which offer a fantastic opportunity for students to dive into this vital subject. The workshops aim to nurture creativity and innovation, helping young learners develop key skills while having fun.



*"I just wanted to email and say thank you. The children absolutely loved it and learned so much. The staff have also returned enthusiastic and eager to get the microbots out. Thank you, and hopefully, we can plan something in the summer term with the Year 5 girls to encourage their excitement for attending Brentford."*

*Georgette Davies  
Assistant Head at Cranford Primary*

# ROYAL ALBERT HALL TRIP EXPERIENCE



On Wednesday 6th November, 30 Year 7 and Year 8 students attended a school trip to the Royal Albert Hall to watch the Future Makers competition. It was an afternoon of excitement, thrill and suspense as we watched the 8 finalists perform their unique pieces of music! We adored how there was a variety of music genres - Rap, heavy metal, soul and R&B! Our personal favourites were Graceé with her soulful track, Nah Be Too Much (who won first place), and Oscar Brown performing the Victoria Line. We enjoyed Graceé's song as it had a deep meaning, and gave a different perspective of songwriting. Oscar's song, Victoria Line, had a strong connection with our own experiences with the tube line and it was interesting to see he had another girl singing along with him as well as a band, something we hadn't seen yet. It was a really fun experience to see what other people only a few years older than us were able to do and therefore extremely inspiring. We found the performances to be uplifting and moving, and we are looking forward to next year's show!

By Roah and Ariella  
Yr 8 Music Ambassadors



# KNITTING & STITCHING TRIP



# BSfG students explore the thrilling Knitting & Stitching Show

A-level Textiles students from Years 12 and 13 at Brentford Sixth Form embarked on a vibrant educational journey to the renowned 'Knitting & Stitching Show' at Alexandra Palace this November. This unique experience offered students the opportunity to dive into the dynamic world of textiles, guided by industry luminaries such as Cas Holmes and Heidi Rhodes.

The event served as a creative hub, where students had the chance to explore groundbreaking knitting and stitching techniques, discover the latest industry trends, and experiment with cutting-edge tools like advanced sewing machines.

*One excited student remarked:*

*"I got to explore a lot of different techniques...it was fun!"*

The day began at Brentford Sixth Form, where students gathered in eager anticipation before embarking on their hour-and-a-half train journey to Alexandra Palace. This commute became a delightful opportunity for team bonding, setting the tone for a day filled with exploration and discovery.

Upon reaching the venue, students were free to wander and absorb the creativity surrounding them in groups. Unique clothing designs by graduate students captivated their attention, fueling their own creative sparks. A particularly memorable moment was a display showcasing vibrant, multi-colored yarn, utilising innovative dyeing techniques to produce stunning designs.

This trip was more than just an educational outing; it was a gateway to a wider world of possibilities, broadening students' perspectives on the textile industry and inspiring future creative projects and career aspirations. For Brentford Sixth Form students, this experience was a glimpse into an inspiring future brimming with potential and innovation.

This extraordinary adventure was made possible by the dedication and support of Brentford Sixth Form staff, ensuring a memorable and enriching experience for all participants.

Brentford School for Girls is committed to the personal development of their students with numerous trips throughout the year for curriculum areas and each year group.

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# NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY TRIP



Year 10 Photography students recently began their Portraiture unit, a core part of their coursework worth 60% of their grade.

To kick off this segment, students visited the National Portrait Gallery, renowned for its diverse collection of portraiture across different styles and periods. They explored works ranging from traditional oil paintings to contemporary photography and mixed media, each showcasing how portraiture can capture a subject's essence, convey emotion, tell stories, and push creative boundaries.

The visit offered an immersive learning experience, allowing students to observe the technical skills, artistic choices, and concepts behind impactful portraits. They also discussed the importance of lighting, composition, and symbolism, gaining insights to apply to their own work. This experience is expected to enhance their projects and inspire fresh ideas as they experiment with new techniques and references. Their upcoming creations, shaped by this visit, are eagerly anticipated as a testament to their developing skills and creativity.

# NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY TRIP





# YEAR 11 & 13 V&A UPSTART DAY

Year 11 and 13 Textiles students at Brentford School for Girls (BSfG) recently jumped at an amazing chance at the V&A Museum's Upstart Creative Careers Day - a perfect window into the vibrant and ever-changing world of fashion.

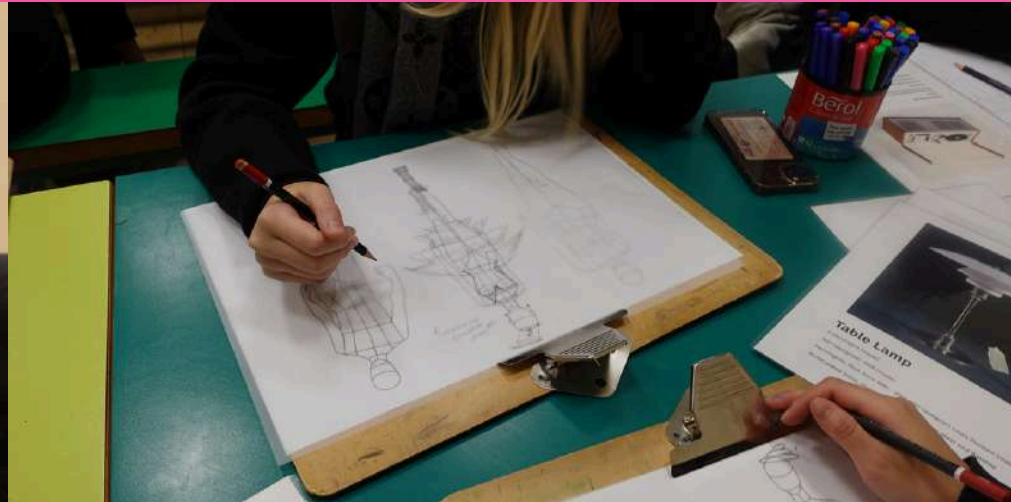
This top-notch event was a lively showcase of the many career paths, unique personalities, and innovative practices that drive this colourful industry. The day was buzzing with excitement as students eagerly soaked up all the insights and inspiration on offer for fashion.

Throughout the day, the students experienced a hands-on workshop, diving right into the design process to unleash their own creativity and whip up fashion designs inspired by the museum's stunning exhibits. In this fun setting, they got to play around with different fabrics and techniques, blending traditional skills with modern innovations.

Drawing from both historical and contemporary pieces, the students delved into the rich tapestry of fashion history while dreaming up future possibilities. The result? A stunning collection that showcased their inventive minds and artistic flair, ranging from avant-garde to classic elegance. Each design was a testament to their ability to mix imagination with practical skills, leading to an array of garments that captured their spirit of exploration and creativity.

Helping them along this artistic journey was the renowned designer Marcus Woolf, whose expert advice and mentorship took the students' creations to new heights. Known for his innovative style and attention to detail, Marcus offered personalised feedback and pushed them to think outside the box, urging them to stretch their design concepts. His session was a big hit, highlighting both his expertise and the students' talent and dedication to their craft. The interaction with Marcus was a highlight of the day, as students absorbed his wisdom and gained valuable insights into professional fashion design.

# YEAR 11 & 13 V&A UPSTART DAY



The event also included engaging talks from industry heavyweights, like Nadia Khoni, the Senior Vice Marketing Manager for Hugo Boss. Her presentation dove into the nitty-gritty of fashion marketing, offering priceless insights into brand strategy, consumer engagement, and the digital shift in the industry.

During the lively Q&A sessions that followed, the students impressed with their thoughtful questions, showing their passion and eagerness to connect with industry experts, and their deep interest in future fashion careers.

Nadia's talk gave a comprehensive view of the challenges and opportunities in fashion marketing, and her openness about real-world scenarios gave students a clearer picture of what success in the industry looks like.

This enriching experience at the V&A Museum not only gave BSfG students a glimpse into the many career paths in fashion but also inspired them to imagine their potential roles as future contributors to this dynamic field. The event sparked their aspirations, igniting a desire to explore further and hone 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 student 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.

# HOUSE REWARD TRIP TO THE LONDON EYE & RIVER THAMES



*Photo credit: Tim Holloway*



# REWARD TRIP TO THE LONDON EYE & RIVER THAMES

“It has been standing precariously on the Southbank outside County Hall for nearly a quarter of a century but I had never, until today, been on it. I have lived in London for more years than I will mention, and I know our great capital city fairly well.

As a teacher I have countless trips into central London, to the galleries and museums, the Houses of Parliament, the City of London, Bank of England, the Globe, St Paul’s and the Tate Modern and walks from Borough Market along the Thames to Waterloo, numerous trips to the British Film Institute, and even as far from Brentford as Greenwich and the O2.

However, this trip was like all of those in one: bear with me while I explain.

From the River you are afforded views of the city which cannot be had from either bank, you get a sense of the scale by being that much further away, and you begin to appreciate the extraordinary diversity of architecture from classical to brutalist to modernist and beyond. With a witty commentary from the river guide, full of anecdotes and insight, you can re-examine sights seeing them afresh, and you get a feel for the arterial importance of the river and the endless development of the city, from the brooding history of the Tower of London to the glacial chip of the Shard.

Then from the London Eye, after a fairly painless queue, you rise inexorably to look down on all those sights from 500 feet (not the Shard of course) and see far, far beyond. South to Crystal Palace, its TV tower still broadcasting across the city, north to Highgate perched at the top of Hampstead Heath once a distant village now an affluent suburb and resting place of Carl Marx, northwest to Wembley Stadium, its arch at an uneasy slant, east to Canary Wharf, a second financial centre that seems now strangely outflanked, and beyond the O2 arena - once the Millenium Dome. Then finally west along the river silver in the sunlight snaking upstream towards Brentford as you fall slowly back to earth. I can think of no better way to learn about the scale and scope of our city than from the water and from the air.

What a place to live!”

Tim Holloway - Head of Film Studies

# BOOK BUZZ

Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading among 11 to 13-year-olds by providing them with their very own book to keep. The programme offers a curated selection of titles from diverse genres, ensuring there's something to engage every reader.

One of the most impactful aspects of Bookbuzz is its ability to reach students who may not have access to books at home. For some, it may be the very first book they can truly call their own. Witnessing a child's joy as they hold their book, knowing it belongs to them, is a deeply meaningful and memorable experience. Beyond just encouraging reading for pleasure, Bookbuzz helps foster confidence, creativity, and a sense of empowerment through the simple yet powerful act of giving children a book they can cherish.



# BOOK BUZZ 2024

*"The students were so excited to receive their books," said J. O'Sullivan, Head of Library Resource Centre. "It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm."*



# 6TH FORM STUDENT PRESS TEAM: A HUB FOR CREATIVITY & LEADERSHIP

Article by 6th Form Press Team: Mabli & Pranjal

Brentford 6th Form exudes many success stories from Brentford 6th Form Alumni who have managed to secure either their preferred place in some of the best Universities such as Oxford and Cambridge or started their aspiring apprenticeship!

Brentford School for Girls has a strong pastoral care programme that has all the right resources to help students effectively navigate the challenges and opportunities that exist during their life in further education. Brentford School for Girls also helps Year 11 students transition smoothly into their 6th Form life and supports them in their course choice.

Brentford 6th Form offers curriculum options that are exceptionally broad and give students access to over 60 courses, both A-level and BTEC, either at Brentford or at one of their partner schools. Subjects offered range from STEM to arts and humanities. They offer a range of subjects which includes B-TEC criminology, A-Level philosophy and A-Level politics.

Brentford 6th Form is well known for its focus on all creative subjects as well as the academic ones.

What makes Brentford 6th Form different is their excellent support to students in which they excel.

Another very strong aspect of Brentford 6th Form are the various opportunities for 6th Formers to get involved in various leadership roles: from roles like Head Girl or Boy to being a part of the newly formed dynamic Student Press Team!



The Designers



The Writers

# 6TH FORM PRESS TEAM



Social Media creators

The Student Press Team is formed of responsible students who take on various different roles:

- The writing press team who covers crafting engaging press articles, website blogs, highlights articles, blogs.
- The design press team who bring ideas to life through stunning design and media
- The Social Media press team who manage the 6th Form online presence through the channels of IG, FB & X by creating, managing, and liven up 6th Form TikTok content and captivating social media captions
- All the press team members are responsible for capturing photos and videos of 6th Form events.



*"This role allows me to communicate with my peers more, and develop my teamwork and creativity skills. I get to experience new things and contribute to the school experience while doing so"*  
Sophie, social media/content creator

*"This extra role allows me to be able to communicate with other 6th Formers and share my perspective of what 6th Form is like"* - Aya, social media/content creator

No matter what career paths the students choose, having work experience which offers the important skills necessary for having a successful job is very important and stands out from other University applicants!

**Preparing Students for Future Success:** Brentford 6th Form goes beyond academics by offering students real-world experiences that enhance their employability. Whether students aim for university or the workforce, these opportunities provide vital skills that set them apart in competitive fields.

*"These roles increase your worth in terms of employability"*  
Pranjal, writing press team member

With a strong focus on student support, diverse course offerings, and leadership experiences, Brentford 6th Form equips students to excel, shaping their futures and helping them thrive in their chosen careers.

# YEAR 8 DANCE FITNESS CLASSES



# CODING TRIP



# ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP



## Have You Ever...



- ...used your phone whilst crossing the road?
- ...crossed the road without checking it was safe to do so?
- ...not used a crossing because it was further away?
- ...crossed the road whilst listening to music?
- ...crossed before waiting for the green symbol?
- ...played football or a similar game by the side of the road?
- ...been rude to a bus driver or passenger on a bus?
- ...crossed the road when your friends did rather than checking it was clear yourself?
- ...messed about on the bus or encouraged a friend to?
- ...messed around with a friend by the side of the road?
- ...ran across the road to meet up with friends?

## Distractions



What distracts us beside the road?

How might they be dangerous?

What can we do?



## Consequences



"Road Traffic Incidents are the biggest killer of 10-18-year-olds in the UK"

What would happen if **you** were involved in a Road Traffic Incident?

# YEAR 7 LITERACY



# WEAR IT PINK BREAST CANCER CHARITY

The "Wear it Pink & cake sale for Breast Cancer Research" event was held, successfully raising a considerable amount of funds. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions.

On that pink mufti day, both students and staff actively participated, resulting in a total fundraising amount of £613.00 from the students and an additional £36 from the staff cake sale.



# LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL HOUSE COMPETITION



# NETBALL & CROSS COUNTRY

Huge congrats to our Year 8 netball team for their fantastic victory against Lampton, winning 18-13! 🏆 Incredible teamwork and skill from all our players led to this well-deserved win. Keep up the amazing work!

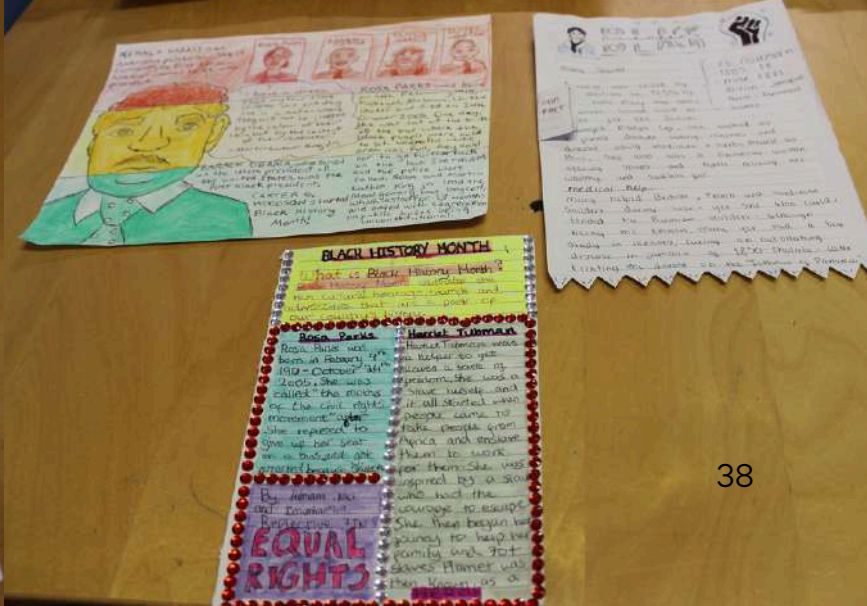
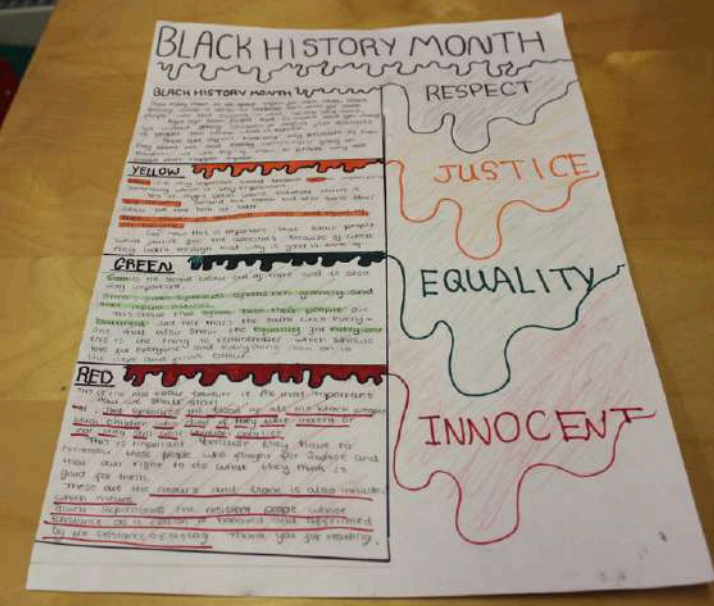
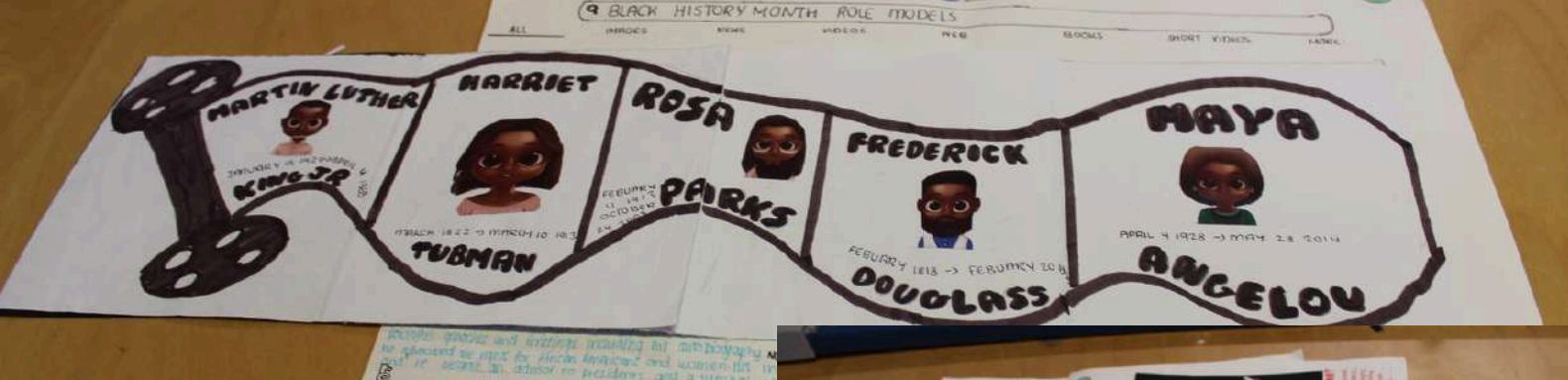
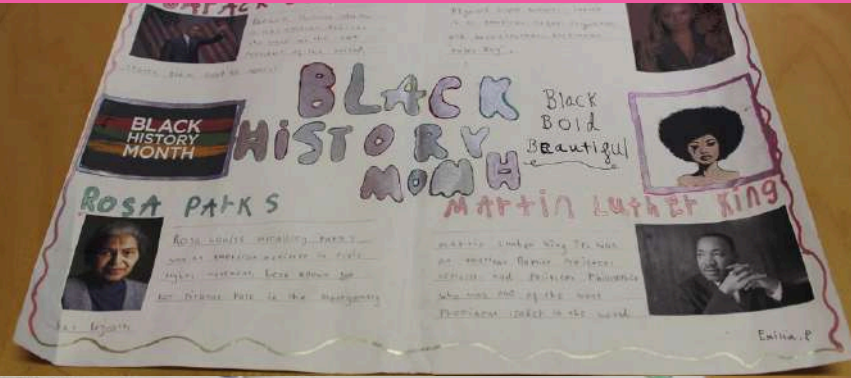
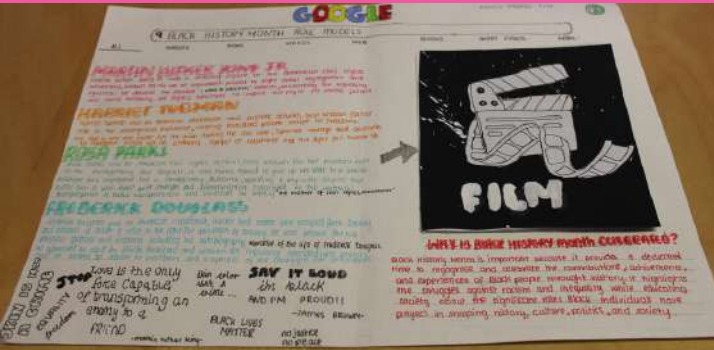


The cross country BSfG team crushed it! 🎉  
Ava, Amelia, and Ryma all earned their spots in the Middlesex competition for their age group! 🏃‍♀️ 🏆

They truly represented the school with incredible spirit and talent!  
Way to go, team! 🌟



# BHM POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS



# 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING



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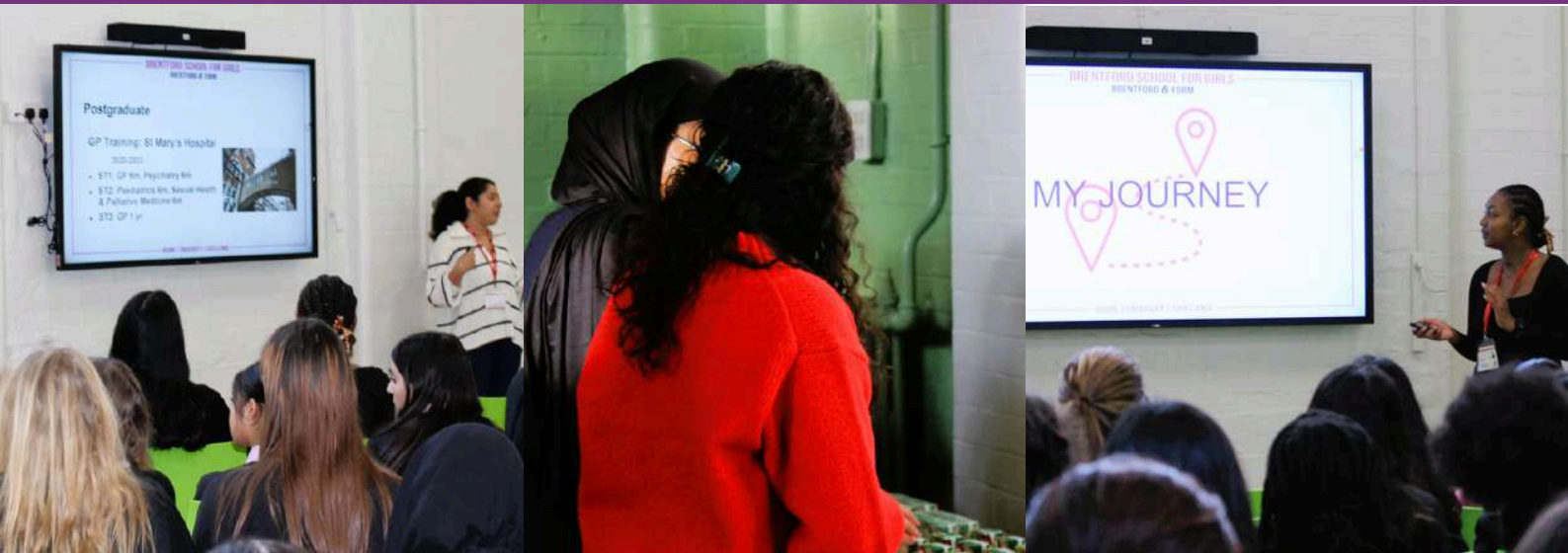
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# 6TH FORM BONDING TRIP



# 6TH FORM ALUMNI EVENT



Alumni event on October 23rd was a memorable experience! Year 11 students were inspired by our incredible alumni, who shared insightful stories and valuable lessons from their educational and career journeys.



# YEAR 10 ABBA VOYAGE TRIP



“The concert was amazing, and it was so much fun! Everyone was excited, and when we got there, the place was packed with people. The lights were super bright, and the music was so loud! I loved it. The songs that were the best were "Dancing Queen" and "Mamma Mia," and we all sang along to them, even though some of us didn't know all the words. Everyone was dancing, and the teachers were having fun too. It was shocking that they were actually holograms/AI when it looked so so real.” - Amelia



# AUTHOR VISIT: TIA FISHER

The school was delighted to welcome author Tia Fisher at the beginning of December.

She spoke to Year 9 and 10 students about her book, 'Crossing the Line.'. Her book won the Yoto Carnegie Shadows' Choice Award and the 11-14+ category at the UKLA Awards 2024.

The visit helped build connections between the author and readers while offering valuable insights into the journey of becoming a writer.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to ask questions about her writing journey, gain insights into the world of publishing, and learn what it takes to bring a story to life.

The event not only fostered meaningful connections between the author and her readers but also inspired budding writers in the audience to pursue their own creative paths.

It was a memorable experience for everyone involved.



# CHRISTMAS CARDS HOUSE COMPETITION

As part of the school's House Competition, students were tasked with showcasing their creativity by designing unique Christmas cards—and they exceeded all expectations.

This challenge encouraged them to use a mix of vibrant colours, thoughtful themes, and personal flair to bring their festive visions to life. The results were nothing short of stunning, with remarkable talent and imagination shining through in every design.

Each card beautifully reflected the students' artistic abilities and their joyful holiday spirit.



# JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT

Year 10 had the opportunity to sign up for one of the thirty places in the Jack Petchey Speak Out workshop this term. It was a one-day workshop where students took part in activities designed to improve their confidence and delivery in public speaking. This also helped to prepare them for their English Language Spoken Language exam.

The best speakers on the day had the opportunity to compete to represent the school at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Regional Final.

We have a history of success in this competition, as our girls are confident, articulate, and passionate speakers. In the recent past, we also had two National Finalists representing BSfG!



# JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT

Our Year 10 students taking part in the workshop to hone their public speaking skills. From building confidence to mastering communication techniques, this experience is all about growth and self-improvement!



# INCLUSIVITY AT BSFG

Brentford School for Girls ‘proudly stand as a shining example of inclusivity, creating a safe and supportive environment that nurtures all students’.

Understanding the importance of embracing our differences, the school frequently hosts fun workshops and programmes that celebrate various cultures and identities. These initiatives inspire students to take pride in their uniqueness while building a strong sense of belonging within the school community.

The result is a vibrant atmosphere where every student feels valued and understood.

Taking a proactive stance against bullying, Brentford has put in place a comprehensive anti-bullying policy that encourages students to speak up and report incidents without any fear of retaliation. This policy is supported by regular training sessions for both staff and students, making sure everyone is ready to identify and address bullying behaviour.

**“WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY STUDENT DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE AND SUPPORTED. OUR COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.”**

*Devesha Singh - Head of School*

On 13th November, Brentford School for Girls again participated in Odd Sock Day, a national anti-bullying campaign. Students, teachers, and staff wore mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and express their commitment to inclusivity. This light-hearted initiative further encourages conversations around acceptance and respect, reinforcing the school’s dedication to a supportive environment.

Mental health and wellbeing are also key priorities for Brentford’s anti-bullying strategy. The school offers essential counselling services and mental health resources to help students navigate challenging situations and prioritise their emotional wellbeing. This holistic approach allows students to thrive both academically and socially.

The school fosters peer support through initiatives like buddy systems and peer-led support groups, encouraging friendships and mentorship among students.

These programmes empower students to look out for each other, creating a close-knit community where bullying is less likely to take hold.

With its dedication to inclusivity and a serious approach to bullying prevention, Brentford sets a fantastic example for educational institutions everywhere. By prioritising a safe and supportive learning environment, Brentford enhances the educational experience for its students while preparing them to become compassionate and responsible members of society.



## Odd Socks Day

Our students & staff joined in wearing two mismatched socks to show our support.



# 'DIVA' EXHIBITION V&A MUSEUM

Year 11 and 13 students had the opportunity to visit the 'Diva' exhibition at the V&A Museum.

This highly educational experience not only provided enjoyment but also served to enhance their coursework through the invaluable process of conducting primary research.



# YEAR 12 & 13 BOROUGH MARKET TRIP



# FOOD TECH IN ACTION!

Learning food technology in school is packed with perks! Students gain hands-on skills in food prep and safety while deepening their understanding of nutrition and healthy eating.

It's also a fantastic way to spark creativity and innovation as they experiment with recipes and ingredients. Who knows? This exploration could lead to future career paths in the food industry, and it's a great way to appreciate the role of technology in food production and sustainability.



# FOOD TECH IN ACTION!



# SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW



# SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW



# KEW SINFONIA CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT!



# 6TH FORM CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINEMENT REHEARSALS



Brentford 6th Form students were thrilled to host our annual Christmas festivities during the final week of term, bringing joy and community spirit to all. This year's events included:

- Candy Cane Bag Sale
- The Christmas Entertainment Show
- Christmas Jumper Day
- A Tutor-Time Christmas Quiz

These activities were planned and led by our dedicated Year 13 Events Coordinators.

Not only did they spread festive cheer, but they also helped raise funds for charity and contributed to Year 13's end-of-year celebrations.

It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate the season, and support great causes!



# 6TH FORM CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

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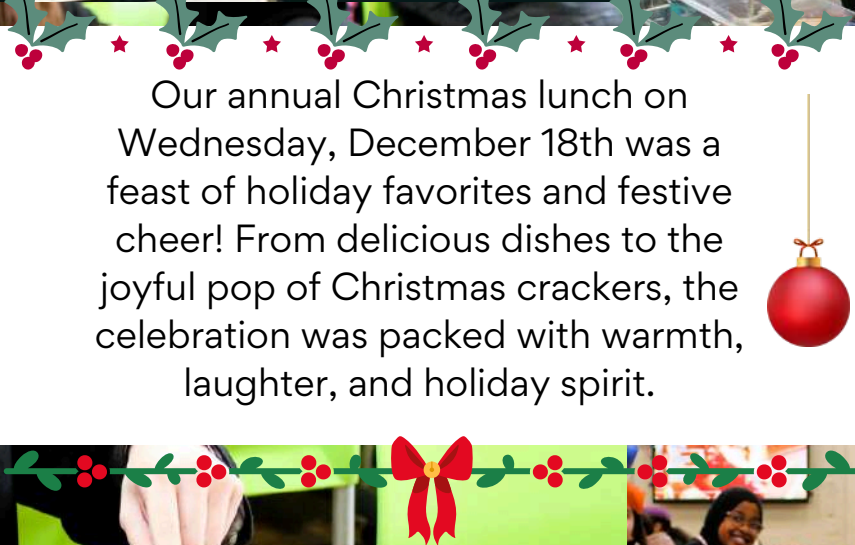
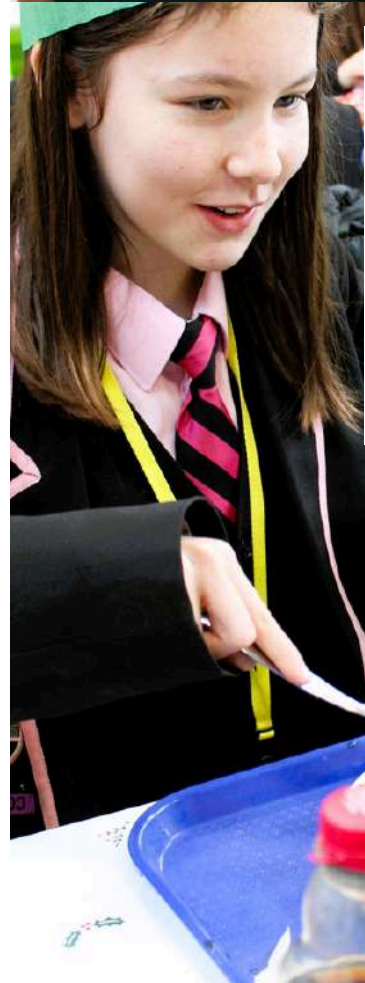




You're the  
*Best*



Our annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 18th was a feast of holiday favorites and festive cheer! From delicious dishes to the joyful pop of Christmas crackers, the celebration was packed with warmth, laughter, and holiday spirit.



# YEAR 7 PANTO TRIP

As part of our commitment to raising cultural capital, on Thursday 19th December, Year 7 had the exciting opportunity to watch Aladdin at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith.

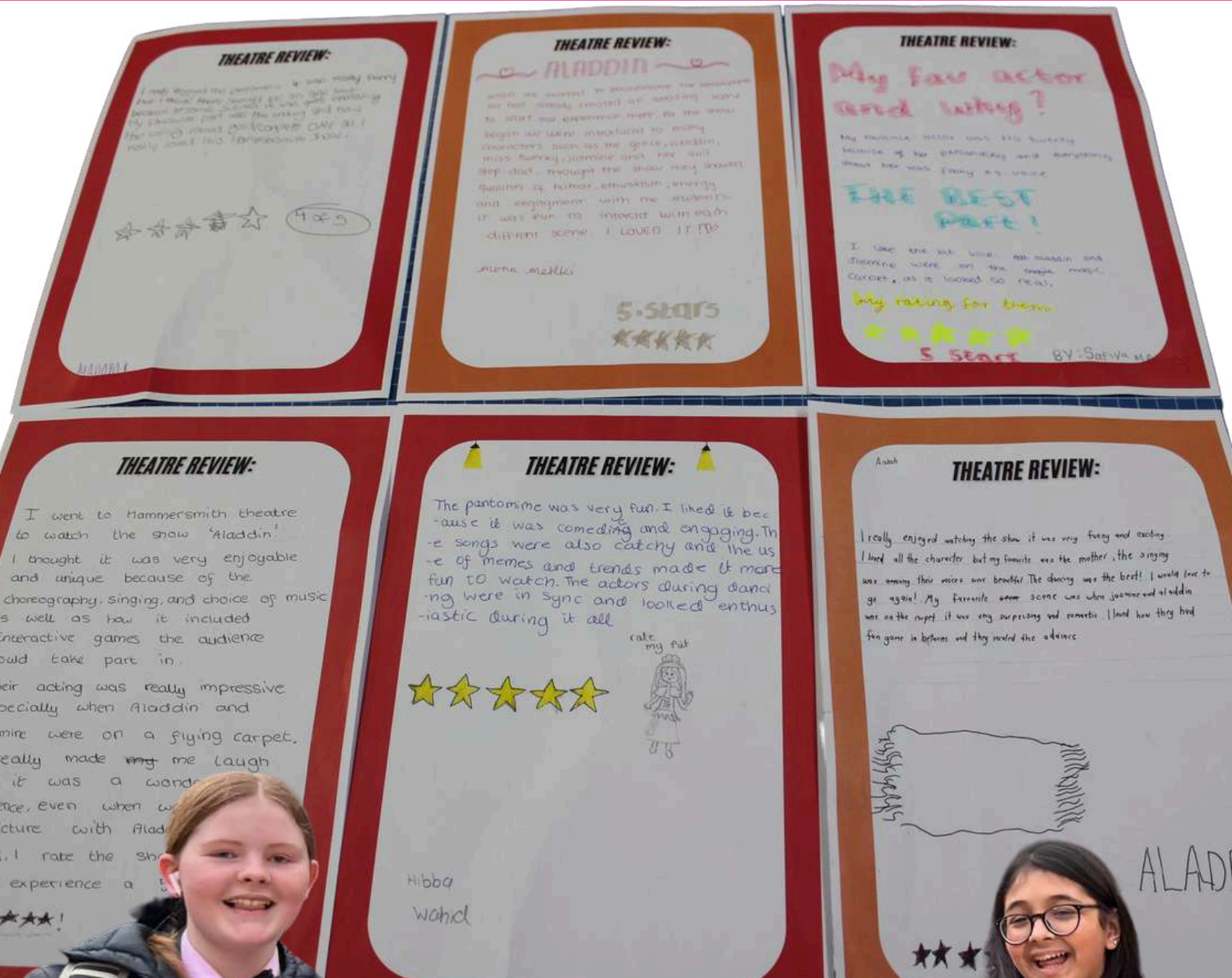
The performance was an action-packed pantomime filled with laughter, vibrant energy, and plenty of audience interaction. It featured hilarious comedy moments, elaborate and colorful costumes, and stunning scenery that brought the magical world of Aladdin to life.

Students were captivated by the talented cast and the lively atmosphere, making it an unforgettable experience that combined entertainment with cultural enrichment.

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# YEAR 7 PANTO TRIP



**'Their voices  
were beautiful'**



# 6TH FORM ELDERLY HOMES HAMPER DROP OFF

We loved strengthening our bond with local care homes by delivering thoughtful hampers filled with carefully chosen gifts! Each hamper included non-perishable food items, a fun puzzle pack, and heartfelt, personalized letters and Christmas cards from students across the school.

As part of the Year 12 house competition, the hampers were beautifully put together with care and creativity.

On the last week of term, our dedicated sixth form students delivered these special hampers, spreading joy and connection to our community.



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



The last day of term was a mufti day, and this year's theme was everyone's favourite—Christmas Jumper Day!

Students and school teachers & staff dug out their most dazzling or classic Christmas jumpers and joined the fun.

The more Christmassy, the better!

Every penny raised went to support our chosen charity, Save the Children, so their holiday spirit made a real difference.

We ended the term in style while supporting a great cause! 🌟🌟

# PTA EVENT



PTA Quiz and Curry Night! 🥳🧐

What an amazing evening full of fun, laughter, and delicious food. Quiz skills were put to the test, and it was a fantastic night all around! Thank you to everyone who organized, participated, helped and joined us—we loved seeing you there!

# FACILITIES FOR HIRE



At Brentford School for Girls, we are keen to encourage the use of our facilities by both **community groups and local businesses.**



Please browse the information we have made available on our website.

- Sports halls
- Classrooms
- Large Main Hall
- Theatre
- Drama studios
- Tennis courts - Day light hours only
- Outdoor sports pitch - Day light hours only
- Teaching Cooking rooms
- Conference rooms
- Dining hall space
- IT facilities & Rooms
- Textiles rooms
- On-site Parking e.g. coach & buses



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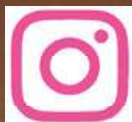
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