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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's difficult to think that we are already half way through the school year!!! Year 11 students are just in the middle of sitting their second set of mock exams and preparing for their summer exams, which are only months away! The same is true for year 13 who are busy preparing for their A levels, now that many of them have secured university offers!

Over the last half term, we have had a real focus on school attendance. Since the pandemic, attendance in schools, particularly at secondary level, has been a big challenge to maintain high levels amongst students. If your daughter is not in, she won't learn! That is the simplest of equations. Please support us with our attendance drive and ensure that your daughter attends school regularly. We have the second of our attendance coffee mornings coming up on **Wednesday 26th February 2025 from 09:30 to 10:30** Please save the date, sign up below and come along if you are worried about your daughter's attendance and think that we can help!



Can I please also remind you that we do uphold the highest standards of uniform in the school and 99% of our girls are dressed beautifully when they arrive in the morning - thank you for your support with this; it really does matter! So many members of the public comment on how smart our girls look in the community. If your daughter is not wearing what is expected of her, please do support us with enforcing this when she leaves the house.

Thank you as always for all of your support over the last half term.

Best wishes,

Ms Leenders

Executive Headteacher

YEAR 9 & 10 BOX HOUSE THEATRE WORKSHOP

Years 9 and 10 drama students will be off timetable all day on the 24th of February to take part in a theatre workshop with the Box House Theatre company. This is a fantastic opportunity for our drama students to develop.

YEAR 11 MUSIC PPE DAY

The Year 11 music students will complete their Composition Unit. They will present their compositions in class for feedback and write their evaluation.

YEAR 13 FUNDRAISING

Year 13 will continue with their fundraising for their end of year celebrations. Events that will take place next half term are:

- A movie night in the Theatre (£2.50 entry). A small bag of popcorn will be included and it will be on a first come first served basis.
- Easter candy bag orders for themselves, peers or teacher via ScoPay (£2.00 a bag)
- Tuckshop at break and lunch will continue

Details will follow in the term

GCSE PE ATHLETICS MODERATION

We are taking 5 students from our Year 11 GCSE PE cohort to Osterley Sports Centre to film their athletics moderation in preparation for their practical moderation exam in May.

YEAR 6 INTO 7 WELCOME MEETING

On 1st March, current Year 6 students will be finding out what school they have been allocated for September 2025. As always, we are excited to meet the new Year 7 and their parents and welcome them into our community. In the evening, there may be some students who are asked to support.

6TH FORM RSE PARENT CONSULTATION

On Tuesday 4th March, we are excited to host a parental consultation for all parents and guardians of 6th form pupils, to discuss Relationships and Sexual Education in the BLOSSOM curriculum post-16. We will discuss resources used in lessons, take on board feedback from parents and discuss the importance of the topic for our young people as they begin to think about life beyond Brentford.

YEAR 7 CAREERS DAY

We are excited for all Year 7 students to take part in the Year 7 Careers Day on Wednesday 5th March as part of National Careers week. This event will give students the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths through engaging workshops and hands-on activities.

YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY

We are excited for Year 8 Careers Day – a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their skills, explore ways to develop them, and consider their next steps toward achieving their goals. This day is a key component of the options process.

DIVERSITY WEEK

We are looking forward to our annual 'Celebrating Culture and Diversity Week', which will take place from Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April. During this week, lunchtime clubs will be cancelled so students can participate in the events taking place during this week;

The week will involve various activities that include the following:

- Selling of items that represent different cultures and countries, fundraising
- Outside organisations setting up like a marketplace in the hall; these organisations will be linked to the 9 protected characteristics stated in the Equality Act (2010). This is an opportunity for students to gather information about organisations that are helpful to them.
- Food sale of world cuisines and cultures represented in our school
- henna painting, as part of fundraising.
- A lunchtime student entertainment show (£2.00 a ticket)
- Friday 4th April - Students/Staff wearing traditional attire to celebrate their heritage

During this week there will also be tutor time activities and the food served in the canteen will be from different cultures throughout the week.

All monies raised during this week will go to International Rescue Committee <https://www.rescue.org/uk>

YEAR 11 BFI STUDY TRIP

The Year 11 Film Studies students will be accompanied this year by the extra curricular Year 10 film studies students to the British film Institute along the Southbank in central London for a day of revision in preparation for this year's GCSE Film Studies exams.

The students will be actively involved in watching, discussing and answering questions directly linked to their film course along with students from across the country, led by an independent film expert and supported by the exams boards.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This is an exciting day where we celebrate reading and all the joys it can bring. All students will be invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. There will be various events organised on the school site during the day.

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY REVISION TRIP

On Thursday the 27th of March, Year 13 Psychology students will have the opportunity to attend the second grade booster session run by Tutor2U ahead of their exams in the summer. This day is designed to support their revision and success in their upcoming exams. The session is an interactive day that covers key focus areas for their exams to allow the students to actively engage with their A-Level content and ultimately boost their grade in Psychology.

ESPORTS SEMI FINALS

We have secured a spot in the Regional Qualifiers Tournament at SideQuest, Charing Cross on 24th February 2025, where our team will compete against seven other schools for a place in the semi-finals. We will be taking six students to represent the school.

MUSIC FINAL ASSESSMENT

External Assessment: Students will present their pitch to a panel, Dragon's Den style. They will have to convince the panel that their idea for a musical event is the best, and will have up to 10 minutes to do so. This includes playing musical examples, discussing budgeting, marketing, timeline and plan.

YEAR 10 TRIP TO NMM

On Tuesday 18th March, Year 10 GCSE history students will have the opportunity to delve into the National Maritime Museum's unique collections and archives to question why the Spanish Armada failed. The trip will get the students to evaluate why the Armada failed and use different forms of evidence, including: the 'Armada Portrait', Spanish court documents and handling objects.

YEAR 13 BFI STUDY TRIP

On Thursday 13th March, the Year 13 Film Studies students will be heading to the British film Institute along the Southbank in central London for a day of revision in preparation for this year's A level Film Studies exams.

The students will be actively involved in watching, discussing and answering questions directly linked to their film course along with students from across the country, led by an independent film expert and supported by the exams boards.

VISIT FROM THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

On the 14th March, we are welcoming a Professor of Astronomy to give a series of talks to our Physics students in Years 10, 11 and 12. This will cover exoplanets, planetary atmospheres, terraforming and Milankovitch cycles. Students are encouraged to prepare their own questions related to astronomy.

YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING

On Thursday 20th March, we are holding our options evening. There will be an assembly giving key information to parents about the GCSE options process so they can support their daughter to choose the right subjects for them. On this evening, Heads of subjects will also be manning stalls with subject specific information to support the students to make the right option choice for them.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENT

BSFG is collaborating with West London Chamber of Commerce to host a Women in Business Breakfast hosted in the assembly hall on Friday Feb 28th, 9.30-11.30am.

Local businesswomen have been invited to school to network, meet a small cohort of student ambassadors and hear from a guest panel of speakers: Ruth Cadbury (MP), Shafali Shown-KeenGuest (McDonalds), Elise Brown (Mama Haven), BSFG alumni Laksmi Pudaruth (FEMCUSTOM), and Marais Leenders (Executive Head, BSFG).

This is an opportunity to raise the profile of BSFG as a school bringing new opportunities to their students, a hub for local businesses and the chance to promote the school as a venue hire location.

YEAR 13 ELEVATE

On Thursday 20th March 9:15-10:15 am, we have invited in Elevate Education to deliver their 'Finishing Line' workshop to the whole of Year 13, as part of our commitment to help them achieve their potential in their final summer 2025 exams.

This workshop will cover the following;

- Overcoming weaknesses in the lead up to exams
- The role of exam study groups
- Stress management techniques and wellbeing
- Study routines for study leave and holidays

PRIMARY DEBATE EVENT

On Friday 21st March, BSfG will be hosting primary schools from across the borough for a debating competition. Primary schools within the C8 alliance will be bringing teams to compete, debating prepared motions in multiple rounds of debates. The teams will be judged by our own Debate Club students, who will offer feedback and guidance to the budding debaters.

GCSE DRAMA PRACTICAL EXAM

On Wednesday, the 26th of March 2025, a visiting examiner will come to school and watch the year 11 drama group perform their two monologues, which makes up 20% of their overall grade. Pupils are expected to come into school in uniform and change into their blacks ready for the examination that will begin at 9:30am.

PHYSICS TRIP TO KIRKALDY TESTING WORKS

On the 3rd June our A level Physics students will be taking a trip into London to visit Kirkaldy testing works. Here the students will see the core practical: Young's modulus completed in grand scale.

In the classroom, typical wire diameters are less than a mm. In the testing works, massive metre thick cables will be stretched to their absolute limit - with dramatic results. Students will learn the applications of the Young's modulus in engineering; bridges, buildings, the underground and the national grid.

TEEN READ FINAL

The Hounslow Teen Read event is organised by School Library services in Hounslow. Teen Read is an event which involves other schools from the borough taking part. School librarians get together in October and choose six books from a long list of titles.

The students who sign up to this event read the books and then vote on their favourite. The final takes place on 13th March where the students will find out which book is the most popular.

At this event there is a talk from last year's winner Josh Silver who won for Happy Head.

This event is a fantastic way to foster a love of reading. The students are to discuss the books with their peers and finally a wonderful opportunity for students to meet other authors.

YEAR 12 HAMPTON COURT TRIP

On Thursday 3rd April, the Year 12 history group will attend a seminar session about the rise and fall of Cardinal Wolsey – one of the chief advisors to Henry VIII at Hampton Court Palace.

The purpose of the trip is to allow the students to experience university style learning on a site of considerable historic value. The students will have the opportunity to envision the wealth and lifestyle of the Tudor monarchs and associates they are learning about in lesson time, supporting their engagement with the A-level content.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN SPRING TERM 2

- Monday 24th February: Year 9 & 10 Box House Theatre Workshop
- Tuesday 25th February: Year 11 Music PPE Day
- Wednesday 26th February: GCSE PE Athletics Moderation (8:40-10am)
- Friday 28th February: Women in Business Event (9-11:30am)
- Tuesday 4th March: 6th Form RSE Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 5th March: Year 7 Careers Day
- Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
- Monday 10th March: Esports Semi Finals
- Wednesday 12th March: Year 11 BFI Study Trip
- Thursday 13th March: Year 13 Elevate (9:15-10:15am)
- Thursday 13th March: Teen Read Final
- Thursday 13th March: Year 13 BFI Study Trip
- Friday 14th March: Visit from the Royal Astronomical Society
- Tuesday 18th March: Year 10 Trip to NMM
- Wednesday 19th March: Year 8 Careers Day
- Thursday 20th March: Year 8 Options Evening
- Friday 21st March: Primary Debate Event
- Saturday 22nd March: Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walk
- Wednesday 26th March: GCSE Drama Practical Exam (All Day)
- Thursday 27th March: A Level Psychology Revision Trip
- Tuesday 1st April: Interim Reports Sent Home
- Wednesday 2nd April: Music Final Assessments
- Wednesday 2nd April: Attendance Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 2nd April: Year 6 into 7 Welcome Evening (5:30-6:30pm)
- Thursday 3rd April: Year 12 Hampton Court Trip
- Thursday 3rd April: Physics Trip to Kirkaldy Testing Works
- Friday 4th April: School Ends 12:30pm