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We are truly grateful for your partnership and commitment to supporting our school!



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents & Carers,

The sun seems to have finally decided to show itself just in time for the Easter break and the end of another very busy term which has seen the usual variety of academic and extra-curricular activities.

It is never too soon to start thinking about your career and goals after leaving school and Year 8 had a careers day which was linked closely to their options process and gave them a chance to think about what path they wanted to follow for the future towards them achieving their goals. This can be a challenging process, but I know the staff are there every step of the way to support and guide the girls to make the right decisions for them.

This holiday marks the last one before we prepare to say goodbye to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students. They are now all revising and preparing themselves for their GCSEs, BTECs and A Levels and are putting in a lot of hard work to make sure they get the outcomes they need to follow their goals. To start the process, there have already been the practical assessments for drama & music. Good luck to you all and we look forward to hearing about all of your successes and future achievements.

It was great to see so many of our girls at the Women in Business event that the school hosted. Among the speakers was Ms. Leenders but the star of the day had to be Laksmi – Brentford alumni who came back to share how, at the age of only 21, she has built a successful business while studying at university – An incredible example of what being a Brentford girl can help you to achieve.

We also welcomed the next group of Brentford girls to the school when our new year 7 students came in with their parents and carers to meet some of the staff and students and to hear all about the activities, lessons and adventures that will greet them in September. We look forward to welcoming them all as the newest members of our school community.

The school was honoured to host the Primary Debate Event with teams from primary schools staging debates on a variety of topics while being judged by our own Debate club students who gave advice and tips along the way. On the topic of debate, congratulations to Gerda in Year 10 for winning the regional final of the Jack Petchey competition.

There have been many engaging and varied activities the girls have taken part in this term. Years 9 & 10 had an amazing drama workshop with the Box House Theatre, Year 10 history students learned all about the Spanish Armada during a trip to the National Maritime Museum and, my favourite, World Book Day, the annual opportunity for staff and students to dress up and have fun as characters from their favourite books.

In closing I will wish you and your families a peaceful, and hopefully sunny and warm Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all at school over the coming term.

Terri George
Chair to the Governing Board



MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEAD

Dear Parent/Carers

Someone once asked me why we create the 'Highlights' magazine – what is the purpose of it? It is, of course, to celebrate all of the additional things that go on across the school beyond the learning in the classroom, which is always such a special feature of Brentford.

This edition is full of activities and events that the girls have been involved in. It is such a tribute to the many girls who get involved in activities across the school, as well as the huge numbers who help to create events and support them.

Our student leadership programmes start from Year 7, right up into the sixth form. Students help voluntarily across the school at events, provide support and help for students in other year groups, help out at events in the local area and support and help staff and pupils at Worple Primary School, with whom we work in partnership with.

We are so proud of the work that we do, and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank them all for their involvement and contribution to the school. Developing leadership skills and confidence is very much part of our whole school vision of the Brentford girl. These students certainly exemplify this!

I do hope you enjoy this edition of the highlight's magazine. If you feel your daughter is not getting fully involved in the life of the school beyond the classroom, please do encourage her too, and talk to us if you think there is something we could be offering but are not!

Have a fantastic Easter break



Marais Leenders
Executive Headteacher



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LOCAL LIFE

Sixth form success guide: Tips for acing your exams and staying stress-free

A guide by students from Brentford School for Girls.

Being a 16th form student can feel pretty overwhelming, especially with exams just around the corner. With only three months to go, it's time to get a head start on your prep - not just to do well, but to ease some of that exam stress too. In this article, we'll share some tips that worked for us and hopefully they'll help you as well!



...one might not work for someone else, so, try out different methods and stick with what feels right for you!
• Think with people who help you grow.
It's easy to get distracted by friends or peers when working in a group. A lot of the time, we drift from a focused idea to a really superficial one just because of distractions. That's why it's important to surround yourself with people who motivate you, help you revise, and bring out your best. And remember - it's okay to take a step back from others if you need to. Your success is in your hands!

...when you're deep into revision.
Using a healthy lifestyle doesn't mean just studying non-stop - it's about finding a balance. Take time to do things you love! Misha says, "To avoid myself after all the stress of revision and exams, I treat myself with something sweet. I go out with friends for a movie, have lunch with my family, or even go to the gym."
• Don't leave it till the last minute.
Revision might feel manageable at first, so you might put it off - but trust me, it can pile up and stop you from doing your best. Start early! It gives you extra time later and keeps you on track to hit your goals. Stop procrastinating and focus on the end goal.

...already work your way down the list. As you complete each topic, tick the box. This helps you feel accomplished and helps you stay optimistic.

...at revision. Think about what you're going to study and how you plan to do it. Research shows that creating a desk in a more professional setting can help you succeed more than revising on a bed or sofa. That said, everyone's different. Misha shared, "I disagree with this because I had working in a comfortable environment before."

...the truth is, what works for me personally.
• Healthy eating.
Staying healthy during revision is so important! To keep me from wanting to skip school, we need to give them the right fuel. A healthy mind comes from a healthy body, and this is especially true

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LOCAL LIFE

Ambassador scheme inspires a love for reading and leadership at BSFG

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The school's innovative Reading Ambassador scheme empowers young minds to inspire others and build a culture of literacy and enjoyment. This programme not only celebrates the power of books but also helps students develop leadership skills, making Brentford a vibrant environment for academic and personal growth.

The Reading Ambassador scheme invites passionate students to become library leaders within the school. These ambassadors are enthusiastic readers who aim to share their love of books with peers and younger students. They engage diverse groups and authors, recommend books, and promote reading as a source of joy, inspiration, and discovery across the school community.

What makes the role unique is its hands-on approach. Ambassadors recommend books, write reviews, lead discussions, and create a monthly Reading Newsletter filled with tips, book highlights, and more to keep the school's excitement for reading alive. They also mentor younger students in Years 7 and 8, offering book suggestions and support during library lessons. This mentoring fosters connections between year groups and

for future challenges, helping them grow into confident, capable individuals. For parents considering Brentford School for Girls, the Reading Ambassador scheme showcases how the school provides opportunities for students to thrive - not just academically but as well-rounded, resilient leaders.

If you want your daughter to attend a school that values creativity, offers a safe and fun environment, and a love for learning, the Reading Ambassador scheme at Brentford School for Girls is just one example of how we encourage students to make a difference.

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LOCAL LIFE

Brentford student wins Regional Final of prestigious 'Speak Out Challenge'

A Hounslow student is now just one step away from the Grand Final of the UK's largest youth public speaking event due to take place at the West End in July 2025.

Genda Laborte, a Year 10 student representing Brentford School for Girls, was crowned winner of the Regional Final of Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out Challenge' which took place at The Green School for Girls on 23rd February. Over 300 Year 10 students in over 300 state schools in London and Essex take part in the annual event, hosted by the UK's leading public speaking and communication charity, Speakers Trust, and funded and supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation. Previous winners of the Grand Final have gone on to win their business for a figure, act in Hollywood and in critically acclaimed projects, become influencers and public speakers. These include: Actors Jamie Flatters and Idris Elba, entrepreneur Tim Arno and Milla Jovovich, writer Poppy Noor, and more. Genda Laborte was crowned Regional Champion, with a powerful speech titled 'It's about HOW you say it', the key message being that effective communication relies not just on words, but significantly on tone of voice and hand gestures to engage and influence an audience. Her eloquence and passion caught the eye and ear of the expert judges, including: Alison Benjamin, Terry Taylor,



L to R: 2nd place Lusia Pliska, 1st place Genda Laborte, and 3rd place Theodor Vaga (Image: Stephen Power)

ON SOCIAL MEDIA



For more information about Brentford School for Girls, visit www.brentford.sch.uk.



Reduce
Reuse
Recycle

Our sustainability initiative of recycling used school uniform has been a tremendous success, receiving overwhelming support from our parents and carers. It highlights the incredible impact a united community can achieve when working together to support and uplift one another.

The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming the value of projects like this. We're excited to host many more events in the future, building on this momentum and continuing to make a meaningful difference.



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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DISCOVER SOME OF THE AMAZING GROUPS TURNING OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES INTO HUBS OF CREATIVITY AND LEARNING WITH THEIR INSPIRING CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS!

Brentford School for Girls is proud to be at the heart of the community, welcoming local groups from Brentford and across Hounslow to make the most of our newly refurbished facilities.

From yoga classes and stage schools to Arabic lessons and martial arts clubs, we're thrilled to provide the perfect space for a wide variety of activities. Even our spacious gym doubles as a fantastic spot for unforgettable celebrations!

Our dedicated lettings staff and friendly caretakers are always on hand to ensure your event runs smoothly, handling every detail so you can focus on what matters most.

We've been buzzing with activity lately!

In November, we proudly hosted St Faiths Players for their annual panto and we're excited to welcome them back in May for their next production. We also recently opened our fantastic hall for the West London Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business event.

Interested in hosting your own event or activity?

Visit us at www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk or drop us an email at lettings@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk.





EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF THE BRENTFORD GIRL: Spotlight on Laksmi Pudaruth

At just 20 years old, Laksmi Pudaruth has achieved what many only dream of. From scaling a six-figure business to securing a top law firm scholarship at university, her journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Yet, she passionately credits her success to the lessons and values instilled during her time at Brentford.

Reflecting on her school years, Laksmi recalls the empowerment and unwavering support she received from her headteacher and classroom teachers. "Brentford really taught me these values," she says. "I can't stress enough the impact they had on my journey." It was this foundation that gave her the confidence to break into a male-dominated industry, paving the way for female professionals and setting an inspiring example for others to follow.

Laksmi's story embodies the spirit of "The Brentford Girl"—resilient, ambitious, and determined to make an impact. She speaks passionately about the importance of showing young women that their dreams are within reach. "I remember being in their shoes, finding it hard to navigate life but knowing I wanted to do something that would change things," she shares. Now, she's determined to give back, offering mentorship to inspire the next generation of Brentford girls to study, work hard, and dream big.

As Laksmi prepares to return to Brentford to speak with current students, her message is clear: 'Anything is possible with determination, resilience, and the right support.'

She hopes to encourage young women to embrace their potential and create their own success stories, just as she has done.



ROYAL ALBERT HALL TRIP EXPERIENCE



My name is Aleena, and I'm honored to share the incredible experience of our visit to the Royal Albert Hall "Day in the Life" tour with you all. Yes, you read that right - the iconic Royal Albert Hall!

The moment we stepped into this enchanting venue, we were handed special lanyards with mini tablets attached, an exciting touch that added to the experience. The tour took us deep into the world of film, music, and theatre, including a visit to one of the upper boxes that offered a breathtaking view of the stage in the round. The lighting and unique vantage point truly elevated the experience, leaving us in awe.

Our guide shared fascinating insights, from extraordinary events such as chess-boxing, where participants alternate playing chess to boxing each other in a ring, to the more day-to-day event details such as organising budgets and renting seats.

As we explored, we came across stunning paintings, historic portraits, and even got a glimpse into the very room reserved for the royal family during their visits. Photographs, historical artifacts, and a wealth of information about the building's materials and history made the trip all the more enriching.

One of the highlights was a sneak peek into the loading area right under the Royal Albert Hall itself, where the behind-the-scenes magic happens. Before we knew it, the tour had come to an end, and we found ourselves back where we started, at the heart of opportunities and unforgettable adventures - Brentford School for Girls.

By Aleena Yr 8 Music Ambassadors

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LANGUAGE FOR ALL TRIP



On Wednesday 12th January, Brentford School for Girls launched the Languages for All programme, enrolling twelve Year 11 students who attended Royal Holloway University.

“Languages for All” is a non-profit organisation connecting schools with universities, employers, and cultural institutions to promote language learning. The programme links students’ curriculum to careers and trips, making language study more engaging and relevant.

It brings together language students from schools across Hounslow, aiming for a future where every child can access professional-level language learning regardless of where they live.



LANGUAGE FOR ALL TRIP



During the day, students toured the campus, enjoyed lunch, and practiced their language skills through a spontaneous speaking game to prepare for their GCSE exams.

Studying a foreign language is a valuable skill that improves cognitive abilities, memory, problem-solving, and critical thinking. It also helps students become more adaptable, open-minded, and competitive in the global job market.

Brentford School for Girls is excited to offer A-Level French from September 2025—great news for parents and students who value this desirable skill.

Studying A-Level French demonstrates strong communication, adaptability, and commitment, all of which are highly attractive to future employers.

The benefits of studying a second language are clear.





YEAR 10 TEAM CROWNED NETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

The Year 10 netball team has made history with an undefeated season, taking home the netball league title in spectacular fashion!

The team's relentless hard work, dedication, and exceptional teamwork have paid off earning them the coveted championship trophy. Competing against tough opponents throughout the season, the girls showcased skill, resilience, and sportsmanship, making their school and community immensely proud.

Head PE, Sian Giddens shared their excitement: *"This team has been truly remarkable. Their commitment and passion for the game have been an inspiration to watch. They've shown what's possible when you work hard and believe in each other."*

The triumph represents more than just a victory on the court. It's a celebration of the power of girls in sports, the value of teamwork, and the spirit of determination that Brentford School for Girls nurtures in its students.

Congratulations to the Year 10 netball team on this incredible achievement – you truly are #NetballChamps!





"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.



Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

"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."

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, while also providing in-class support for mainstream lessons.



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READING AMBASSADORS

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The scheme also helps students build crucial leadership skills like public speaking, teamwork, and mentoring. These abilities prepare them for future challenges, helping them grow into confident, capable individuals.

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If you want your daughter to join a school that values creativity, leadership, and a love for learning, Brentford School for Girls is worth exploring. The Reading Ambassador scheme is just one example of how Brentford encourages students to excel and make a difference.

Let your daughter begin her journey toward a future of growth, opportunity, and a lifelong love of learning.



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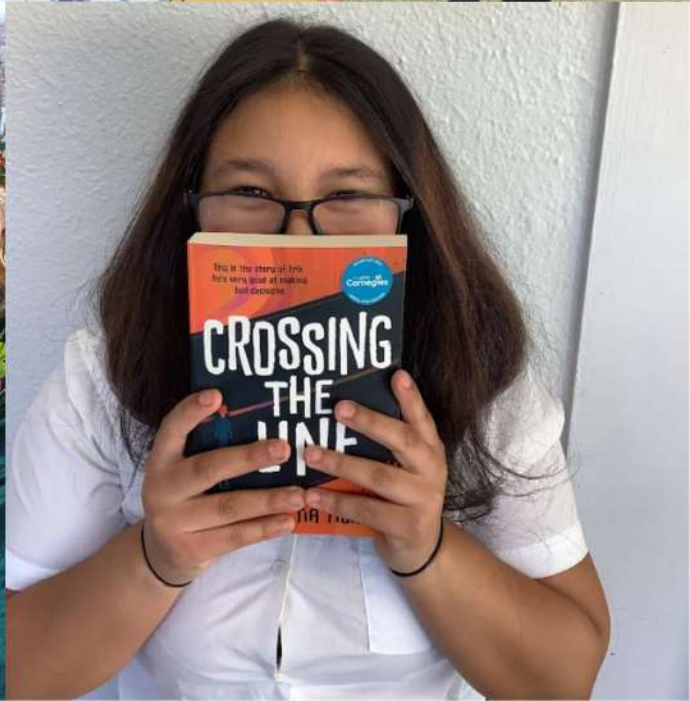
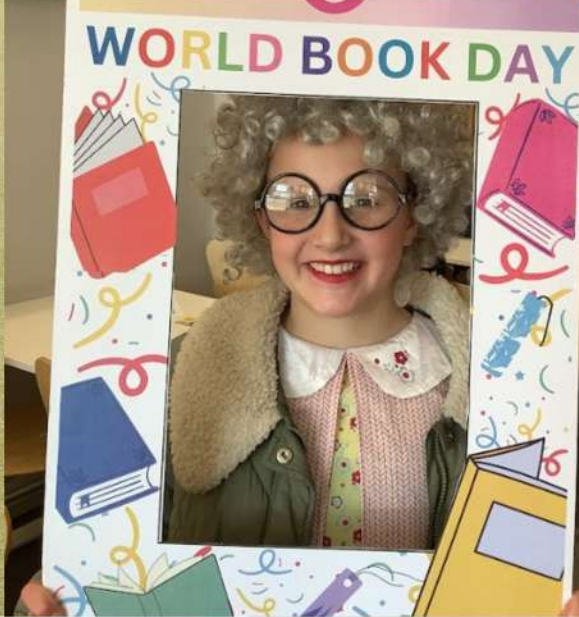
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WORLD BOOK DAY



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World Book Day 2025 was an unforgettable event at Brentford School for Girls (BSfG), as students and staff united to celebrate their shared love of reading in creative and inspiring ways.

During tutor time, students took part in literary-themed activities, including a Book Review Competition where they wrote reviews of their favourite books, highlighting what they loved and why others should read it. The best reviews received prizes for their creativity and persuasiveness. Meanwhile, a Staff Quiz Competition challenged teachers to test their literary knowledge, providing entertainment for students and showcasing the staff's passion for reading.

At the start of each lesson, the literary excitement continued with short, recorded book recommendations from the school's reading ambassadors. These students enthusiastically shared their favourite books, encouraging peers to explore new genres and authors.

The school itself was transformed into a literary wonderland, with students creatively dressing as their favourite characters. From Harry Potter to Katniss Everdeen, the hallways were filled with vibrant costumes that brought beloved stories to life. Many students explored the library's eye-catching book displays for inspiration and exchanged ideas with friends. A best costume competition awarded winners with signed copies of 'Crossing the Line' by Tia Fisher, following her author visit earlier in the year.

One of the most memorable moments of the day was the outdoor costume catwalk, hosted by Elaika, one of the school's new reading ambassadors. Students and staff confidently showcased their outfits as an enthusiastic audience cheered them on. The sunny weather added to the high-energy atmosphere, making the catwalk a highlight of the celebration.

The excitement carried into lunchtime, where the 6th form centre buzzed with activity. Students participated in quizzes, group games, and challenges to test their book knowledge in a lively, competitive setting. A photo booth was particularly popular, allowing students and staff to capture memories of the day in their creative costumes - some of which you can see in the pictures.

"This year's celebration was truly special," said Ms. Humphries, Assistant Headteacher. "The energy, creativity, and enthusiasm from both students and staff brought our community together in such a meaningful way. It's wonderful to see the power of reading inspiring so much joy and connection."

World Book Day 2025 at BSfG was a resounding success, demonstrating the magic of books in bringing people together. With incredible participation and creativity from the entire school community, the countdown to next year's celebration has already begun.



YEAR 8

INSPIRATION & CREATIVITY IN ACTION!



WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENT



INSPIRING THE YOUNG WOMEN OF TOMORROW!

On February 28th, Brentford School hosted an inspiring event aimed at empowering the next generation of women leaders. Held in the school's Dining Hall, the morning featured dynamic panel discussions, valuable networking opportunities, and interactive sessions designed to foster leadership and ambition among young women.

The event brought together influential voices from various industries who shared their insights and experiences, equipping attendees with tools and inspiration to pursue their goals with confidence. Students, professionals, and community members came together to be part of a movement that champions leadership, collaboration, and empowerment.

It was an incredible opportunity to connect, learn, and grow, leaving attendees motivated to inspire and shape the leaders of tomorrow.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS

EVENT FEEDBACK



Sally Smith · 1st
★ COO, West London Chambers of Commerce ★ Events and m...
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I totally endorse Nicky's comments. Many women have such inspiring stories! Many thanks to Brentford School for Girls for hosting the morning. Thank you to all our impressive speakers: [Shafali Shown-keen](#), Ruth Cadbury MP, Elise Brown, Laksmi Pudaruth and Marais Leenders. [#brentfordschoolforgirls](#)



Nicky McKenna · 1st
CEO & Principal Consultant @ WSI Digital Advisors 🏆 Helping Busi...
2w · 🌐

Thanks to [West London Chambers](#) for an excellent Women in Business event at [Brentford School for Girls](#) this morning.

It was great to hear such inspiring panel of women sharing their incredible stories - I felt quite humbled!

Also, a shout-out to [Jacqueline Douglas](#) who has redesigned the main hall - it looks fabulous!

[Laksmi Pudaruth](#) [Sandy Lancaster](#) [Sally Smith](#) [Ruth Cadbury](#)



Dani Marcos · 1st
Creative Signage Consultant | CRM, Design and Marketing
2w · Edited · 🌐

🙌 Thank you @brentfordschool hosting Feburary's WLCC Women in Business morning!

⭐ Truly inspiring event with guest speakers Ruth Cadbury, Elise (Mama Haven), and Laksmi (Fem Customs), sharing their journey and guiding the next generation of students as they find their own path.

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Sandy Lancaster · 1st
Image Consultant at House of Colour
2w · ...

What an incredibly inspiring morning. Sparky confident pupils hearing from some brilliantly insightful speakers. Brilliant 🙌

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Thais Altgott · 1st
Career Coach & HR Consultant | International Speaker | Developing Peo...
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It was absolutely amazing! So inspiring. I hope the girls had a good time too

Like · 🌐 1 | Reply



Jo Ann Sweeney · 1st
Explaining Change Expert, Clarifying the Complex. Helping Stakeholder...
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[Jacqueline Douglas](#) thanks for inviting me, some inspirational speakers, great networking and am looking forward to learning more about West London Chamber of Commerce

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Lisa Lloyd (was Williams) · 1st
Supporting businesses and individuals to meet their business objective...
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So lovely to see you [Jacqueline Douglas](#) Great event! See you again soon

Like · 🌐 1 | Reply



Nicky McKenna · 1st
CEO & Principal Consultant @ WSI Digital Advisors 🏆 Helping Business...
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It was a great event - the panel shared their journeys and motivations - so some brilliant insights for the group of female entrepreneurs in attendance I'm sure the girls found it hugely valuable too!

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Sadia Barlow · 1st
Award winning photographer | We don't just take photos, we create con...
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It's a real shame I couldn't make it - looks like it was a fabulous success! 🙌

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENT



SCHOOL COUNCIL STUDENT FEEDBACK

Brentford School for Girls is more than just a place to learn—it's a place to thrive!

At Brentford School for Girls, students have so much to love about their school—and they shared some of their favorite highlights at the latest School Council meeting!



Here's what makes their school experience truly special:

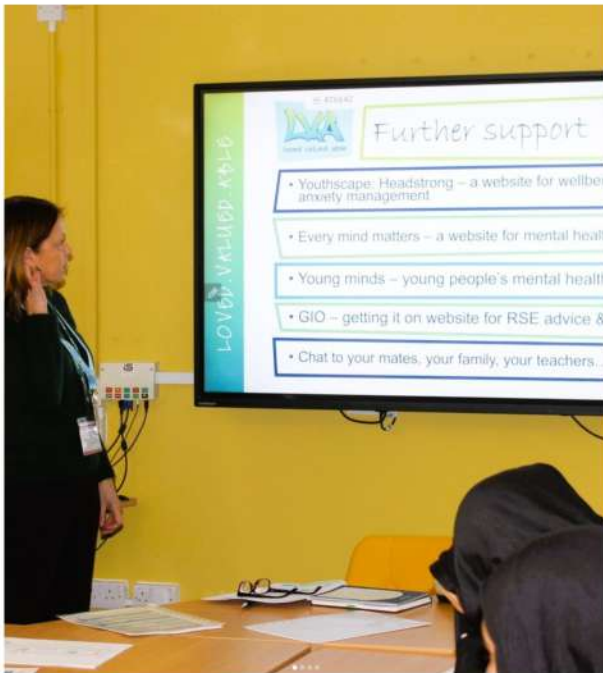
- Building lifelong friendships and meeting new people.
- Exciting events like Culture Day and World Book Day that bring everyone together.
- Unforgettable trips, including the Year 10 visit to St. Mary's University.
- Getting involved in the local community through events like the Creative Mile and Brentford Festival.
- Channeling competitive spirit during Sports Day at the Osterley track.
- Enjoying the cozy Year 11 Base, complete with a kettle, microwave, and comfy seating—perfect for a well-deserved break!
- Exploring a diverse range of subjects to match their interests.
- Relaxing in the Astro area, an outdoor space loved by all.
- Celebrating diversity and unity during International Week.
- Joining fun and enriching clubs that make school life even more vibrant.

Students rave about the strong sense of community and the variety of activities that keep school life exciting and memorable.



LOVED, VALUED, ABLE (LVA)

The Loved, Valued, Able (LVA) program is dedicated to empowering secondary school students by fostering personal growth, connection, and confidence.



Through engaging weekly sessions, students take part in interactive activities and meaningful discussions that help them identify their strengths, build self-esteem, and form a supportive community.

Held every Tuesday, LVA Groups provide a safe, inclusive space where students can connect with others, learn valuable life skills, and work towards reaching their full potential

With a focus on creating a positive and nurturing environment, LVA Groups continue to inspire and make a lasting impact on young lives.



TREE PLANTING IN NEW COMMUNITY ORCHARD



James Beale, Brentford FCs sustainability manager, said:



We're grateful to Hounslow Council for helping us develop this orchard, as well as all those from the community who planted trees with us.

Nature is a key pillar of our work here at Brentford. By enhancing and building green spaces, we can take small, but significant steps to nurturing our environment for our habitat and society. We hope the community can enjoy this space and benefit from it.

Brentford School for Girls is proud to have joined forces with Brentford FC to make a meaningful contribution to the community by planting trees in the club's newly established Orchard. **This initiative reflects a shared commitment to environmental sustainability and the cultivation of community spirit.**

Eager students from the school enthusiastically participated, rolling up their sleeves to help bring the Orchard to life. Their efforts underscore a dedication to building a greener, more sustainable future.

This collaboration between Brentford School for Girls and Brentford FC serves as a powerful example of local organizations coming together to create a positive impact.

TREE PLANTING IN NEW COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Cllr Salman Shaheen said:

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We're celebrating Hounslow's latest orchard at Robin Grove Park and I'd like to thank Brentford FC for their help with this.

It was lovely to see local school students wielding shovels, under the careful supervision of Lampton Greenspace staff, and making sure the trees were given the best start in their new home.

We hope that these same children will join other local people in watching the trees grow, thrive and bear fruit. Seeing first hand where our food comes from and forging a greater connection with food growing and picking free fruit in Hounslow's parks.



YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY



Year 8 Careers Day was an inspiring and impactful event, designed to help students explore their potential and envision their futures. The full-day program included a variety of engaging activities, interactive workshops, and thought-provoking discussions, all tailored to help students uncover their strengths and interests.

Dynamic sessions led by career advisors introduced students to a wide range of career paths and industries, sparking curiosity and ambition.

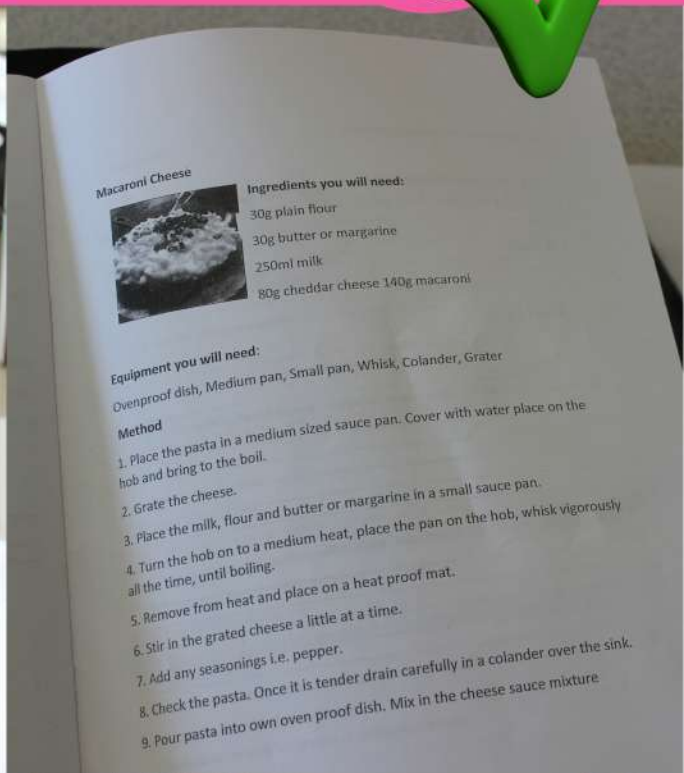
“This day was all about encouraging students to think about their future and empowering them with the knowledge to make informed decisions,” said Megan Croft, Assistant Head Teacher. “It was a pivotal moment in guiding them through their options and helping them set meaningful goals.”

Year 8 Careers Day was a cornerstone of BSfG’s commitment to preparing students for success in both their educational and professional journeys. By providing opportunities like these, the school ensured its students were equipped with valuable skills, confidence, and a clear sense of direction, laying the groundwork for a bright and promising future.



WOW!

YEAR 8 FOOD TECH IN ACTION!

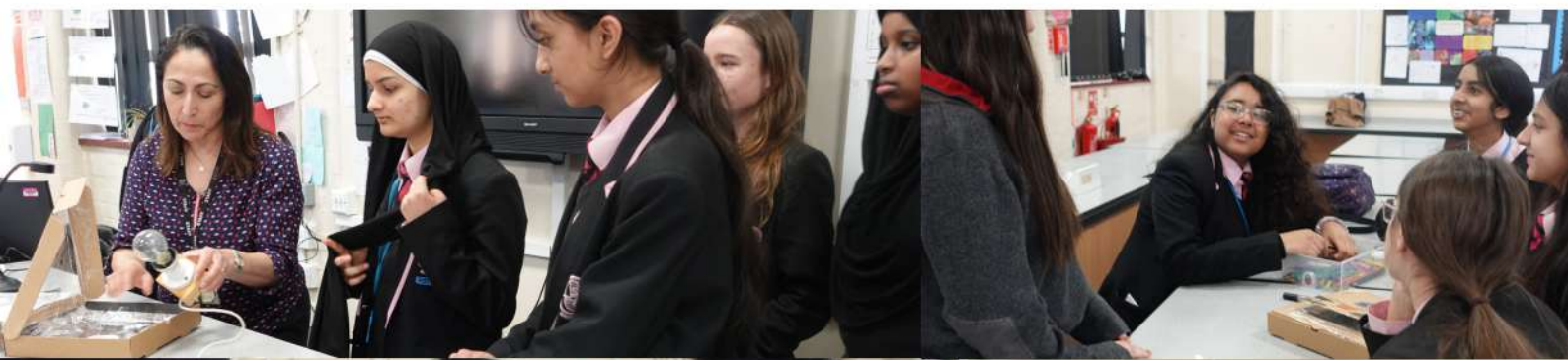


SCIENCE WEEK

This year has been an incredible adventure of discovery, creativity, and critical thinking for our students!

In Science, they took on the challenge of designing and testing ovens with everyday materials and explored the impact of global warming on melting ice—unveiling the fascinating science behind these phenomena.

These hands-on experiments sparked curiosity, inspired problem-solving, and helped students grow academically and personally. To honor their hard work and amazing achievements, we celebrated with well-deserved prizes, shining a spotlight on their dedication and success!



BFI FILM STUDIES REVISION DAY

This March the Film Studies department took thirty-one students in Year 10 and 11 who study GCSE and the year thirteen A level students the respective study trips at the **British Film Institute** cinemas on the Southbank in central London in preparation for the upcoming exams.

The students had the chance to watch clips from the films they were studying and discuss and debate themes and meanings. Many answered questions from the lecturer, showing off their excellent knowledge and understanding of the subject as well as their confidence in a public space.

These kinds of subject based trips are invaluable in giving the students a wider appreciation of the subject, as well as a chance to shine in front of their peers from other schools

Written by Mr. Holloway, Head of Film Studies.



SKY STUDIOS TRIP

In January, a group of more than thirty Year 8 students whose exemplary behaviour and positive attitude have made them stand out in the year were given the chance to go to SKY Studios in Elstree, and spend the afternoon making a short film pitch in SKY's state of the art bespoke studio.

The students were exceptional in their learning attitudes, fully engaging in everything that was offered to them and prepared to take risks and have a go. It was a brilliant chance to learn about the film and TV industries in SKY's biggest studios where they have recently made the latest Jurassic World, Wicked and Bridget Jones films. And then there was the car from the original Jurassic Park...!

At the end of the day, the students filmed their own productions!



Sky Trip Feedback:

Recently, I was chosen to go on a Sky Trip. During this trip, I experienced some of the most interesting and exciting events I have ever had before. Once we arrived at the Sky Studio Elstree, we left our valuables (phones) within several cupboards in our main room so they were secure and safe. The first activity my group did was to plan our 3 acts which we were going to perform, and chose each of our roles. I decided to be an actor and we all received our lanyards for our jobs (which we got to keep). Afterwards we watched some trailers which were all created at Sky Studios, Wicked and Paddington in Peru, and a video which gave us a brief tour of the studio. We were able to sit on comfortable armchairs, which even had a leg rest that could rise. Next, we went outside and took photos with a truck used in the Jurassic movie. As we entered the building once more, it was our turn to begin creating our film pitches.

As an actor my key tasks were to bring the character to life as I performed, taking feedback from my director to convey the character's traits to the audience and portray the characters on-screen, bringing the story to life through creative performance. My character I had to perform was a globe named 'Globie', there were also two more actors. We got to wear costumes and disguise ourselves.

The area to film our pitch was amazing, it made the setting come true! Completing our 3 acts within 35 minutes, the editors had a sprinkle of time to save it. Following this activity we played a game with cards from Sky up Academy Studios, seeing what our most favourite role in the whole of Sky studios was. We also got to identify our levels of do and think, surprise and routine, inform and persuade. Following this activity, we had an online Q and A with an environmental manager, who worked there. Finally, all the groups got to watch each film pitch we created. We even got to keep our own set of the Sky role cards with a QR code of the film pitches on them, so we are able to view them at home.

Overall, my trip to Sky Studios was unforgettable, and I had the best time being able to explore what it is like to work there.

MY SKY EXPERIENCE

I really enjoyed my Sky experience. It was an incredible trip with lots of fun that everyone could join in with. It was so fun creating ideas for our pitch/storyline and it was amazing to be able to bring our idea to life with all of Sky's tools and support. The trip was great for all kinds of personalities because you could direct, act or be behind the scenes helping with filming and special effects.

I loved how we created it by going over each aspect one step at a time and how much fun it was to work with my friends to produce a unique and shared end product.

Overall it was an amazing trip that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Sky Studio

~review~

The Sky studio trip in January was an unforgettable experience filled with joy and happiness. Although I loved the whole experience of the trip I most enjoyed the part where we filmed our pitch. This was the most amazing part of the trip because as a camera operator I was able to communicate with others and film the whole thing. Additionally, the opportunity to learn about film studies was not only educational but inspiring as well. Overall, the trip was a perfect blend of fun, learning, and building friendship, making it the highlight of my school year in year 8 that I will cherish forever.

By Sajeetha

The SKY Trip

Hello, Highlights Magazine! My name is Aleena, and I'm excited to share the incredible experience of our visit to SKY Studios Elstree. Yes, you heard that right, SKY Studios Elstree! If you're in Year 8, you've probably heard the buzz about the "SKY trip" echoing around your form like a CD on repeat. Lucky for me, I had the privilege of visiting the home of the film "Wicked" and diving into the fascinating world of film pitching.

Before stepping into this magical place, we had a quick session to draft the main idea of our own film pitch. For those who might not know, a film pitch is a presentation of a concept for a film or TV series, typically made by a screenwriter or director to a producer or studio executive, hoping to secure funding to develop the script. After working for a full 50 minutes, a welcome escape from our usual lessons, we submitted our drafts. Out of all the submissions, only three pitches made the cut.

Our group, consisting of Isra Ghafari, Dilyara Irgaliyeva, Manreet Kaur, Ruella Lopes, Amelia Stenson-Tait, Ariella Watkins, Amina Basnukaeva, Audrey Dawson, and myself, was thrilled to move forward. As we entered SKY Studios, we were welcomed into our designated area and given a presentation that walked us through the filmmaking process. Then, we teamed up with different teachers who guided us through finalizing our pitch, exploring the various roles in the filmmaking industry, and discovering which ones resonated with us. Some of the roles we explored included actor, camera operator, editor, producer, and director.

Next, we were taken to a separate room with a digital set, a futuristic space with two large screens that created a 3D illusion. Since I wasn't deeply involved in the plot development, I was asked to improvise my acting. Despite the rush of only having 20 minutes for filming and costumes, we managed to pull it off. Our short film, "My Murder," followed the story of a detective who secretly harbored feelings for someone who didn't reciprocate. In a fit of anger, she pushed him off a balcony, accidentally killing him. When she tried to flee, she fell into a ditch, hit her head, and lost her memory. Believing the man was her boyfriend, she took on the investigation of his murder, unaware that she was the culprit all along.

After filming, we presented our work to the other groups. Once we returned to school, we created a presentation for Mr. Holloway, who might even submit it to SKY for evaluation. There's even a chance they could design a poster for our film pitch.

And just like that, our whirlwind adventure came to an end, and we returned to where it all began, the heart of opportunities and unforgettable experiences, Brentford School for Girls.



BLOSSOM YEAR 7 EXPLORING PUBERTY



Year 7 at Blossom explored puberty through creative posters, highlighting key physical and emotional changes. Students engaged thoughtfully with this important topic, showcasing their understanding in a creative way.

TIME OF Change

Alexia ZEN

PUBERTY

The first signs of puberty for girls is breast development.

It could start around the age 8!!

your breasts will grow wider when you get your period

you will end up fatting in lower

add it when you have your period

you use this to clean yourself

PUBERTY

Starts around the age of 8.

Changes:

- boys: voice deeper, facial/body hair, sweat
- girls: greasy hair, sweat, hip widening, pubic hair

Pad to help with your period

you can use it to help clamps

greasy hair

sweat

body hair

hip fat hair

FEMALE AND PUBERTY

- lean Alloubari*
- STAGE 1:** After 8th Birthday nothing happens
 - STAGE 2:** 9-11 Breast Buds start to grow. Hair grows
 - STAGE 3:** A 12 acne appears. Armpit hair increases
 - STAGE 4:** Period arrives



WHAT HAPPENS DURING PUBERTY?

VOICE

Your voice can change and go deeper. This happens to everybody.

BODY size

You may notice changes in your body but everyone goes through them so do not worry.

ACNE/SKIN

You can get pimples and have spots on your face. Just make sure you do not pop them!

MOOD SWINGS

Mood swings are when your emotions change for no reason and you can get angry really quickly.

body hair

You may have body hair and this happens for boys and girls.



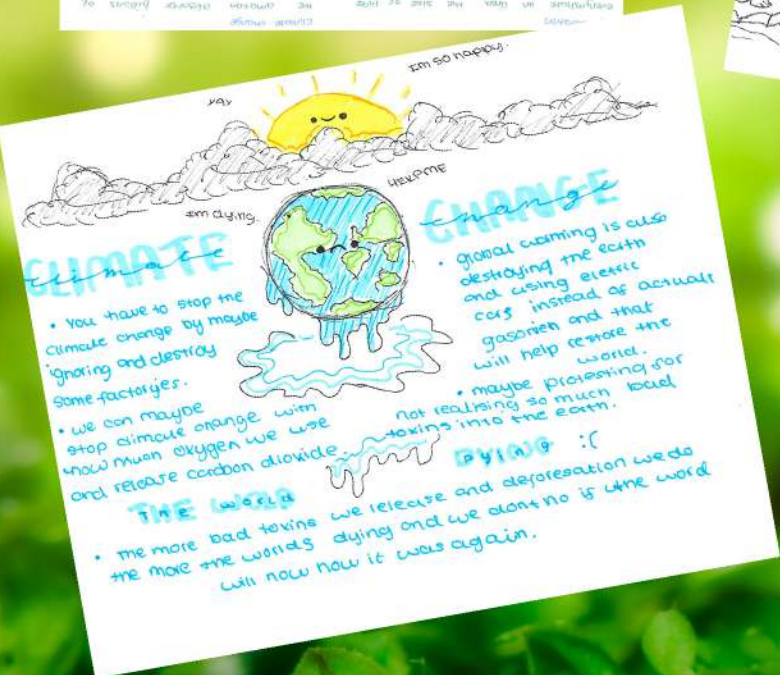
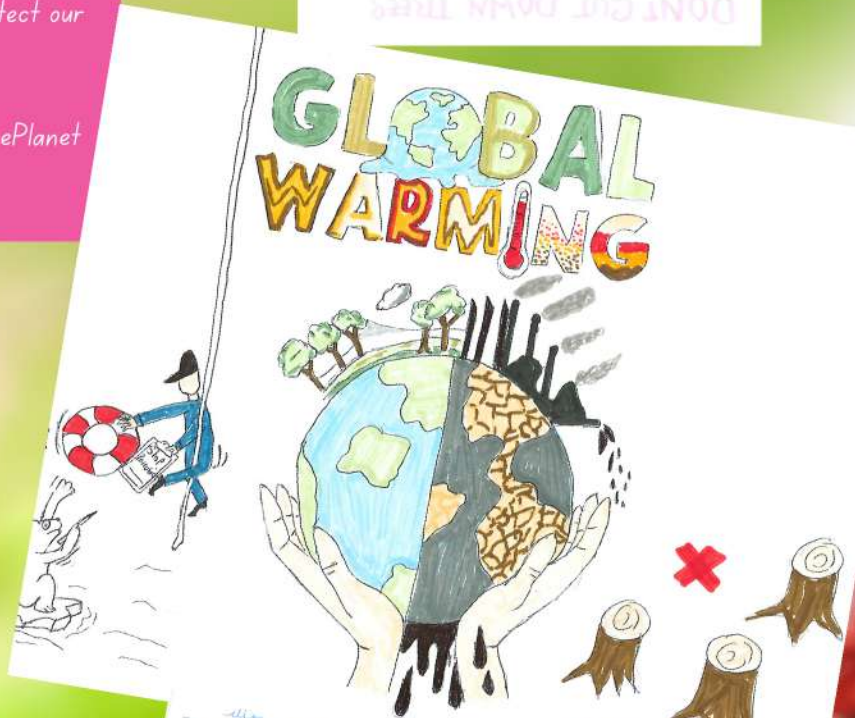
BLOSSOM GLOBAL WARMING

For Science Week, the students in 71N got creative and put their knowledge to work by designing some amazing posters about the dangers of climate change.

Their posters really bring to life the serious impacts of global warming, like rising sea levels, extreme weather, and threats to wildlife.

The goal? To get people thinking and inspire action to protect our planet for future generations.

#ScienceWeek #ClimateChange #GlobalWarming #SaveThePlanet #StudentProjects #InspirationForChange



BLOSSOM MOCK ELECTION



#StudentElections
#MockElection
#PoliticsClub
#FutureLeaders
#CampaignTrail
#VoteNow
#LeadershipInAction
#GoodLuckCandidates

VOTE

ascendants

The rise of justice

CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS

- Raising the economy**
We will start by getting more things in the UK and in the world to rise.
- Regulate discrimination**
We will do this by making any kind of discrimination, especially those which are in person.
- Reverse Brexit**
We want to join the European Union again and increase our connectivity.
- Listen to YOU!**
Most importantly we want your opinion. What matters to

T.H.E. PARTY

YOUR VOICE YOUR POWER

JOIN FOR A SMARTER, FAIRER FUTURE

TECHNOLOGY

AI ENHANCING, NOT REPLACING.

VOTE FOR T.H.E. PARTY

HUMANITY

PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF PROGRESS.

T.H.E. PARTY

EQUALITY

PROMOTING EQUALITY. CELEBRATING DIVERSITY.

THE YOUNGER GENERATION POLITICAL PARTY



JOIN TODAY FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

"Peace.Hope.GratITUDE."

HOPE ARTY

KEY FOCUSES AND VALUES

- ending wars
- anti - colonization
- peace
- equality
- anti - discrimination
- embracing culture

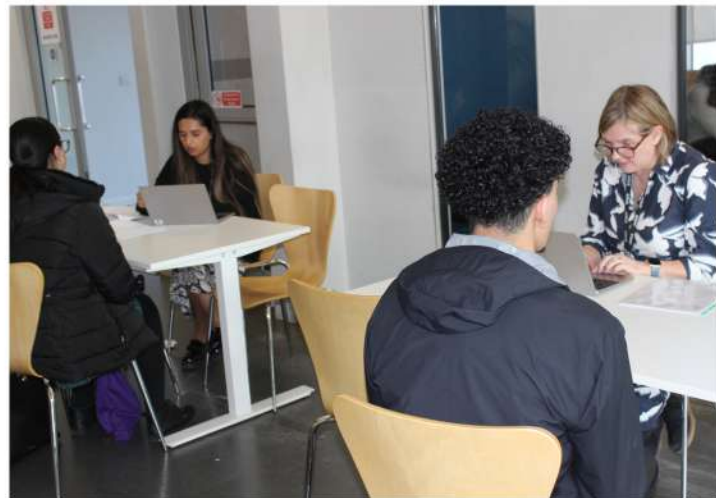
6TH FORM INTERVIEWS



Brentford 6th Form welcomed a record 90 external applications for tours and interviews to join our bustling sixth form.

The event showcased the school's outstanding teaching, vibrant community, and supportive environment, giving visitors a chance to explore the Sixth Form Centre and engage with current students.

Head of Sixth Form, Mrs. Agnihotri, expressed excitement over the strong turnout and highlighted Brentford's commitment to preparing students for success beyond school.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DAY

IWD #ACCELERATEACTION



Here are some snapshots showcasing the incredible energy and inspiring moments from #IWD2025, where we celebrate the amazing individuals driving meaningful change around the world. 💜 This year's theme challenges us all to step up and #AccelerateAction toward gender equality.

Let's honour the achievements of women and continue building a more inclusive future together. Learn more about the movement and how you can get involved: www.internationalwomensday.com/2025Theme





- EAST TO WEST - EXAM STRESS-FREE WORKSHOP



We organized termly group sessions specifically designed to support students in managing exam stress and developing healthier coping strategies. These sessions were tailored to address the unique pressures students face during exam periods, offering them valuable tools to navigate challenges more effectively. The sessions aimed to provide a safe and inclusive space where students could openly discuss their concerns, share personal experiences, and learn from one another.

Trained facilitators guided the groups, introducing practical techniques such as mindfulness exercises, time management strategies, and relaxation methods to help reduce stress and improve focus. The office was carefully set up to create a welcoming and comfortable environment, complete with cozy seating, calming decor, and refreshments, ensuring students felt supported and at ease throughout the sessions.

By fostering this supportive atmosphere, the initiative sought to not only help students cope with academic stress but also build their confidence and resilience for the future.



PRIMARY DEBATE COMPETITION

Brentford School for Girls recently hosted an exciting Primary Debate Competition, welcoming teams from seven primary schools across the Hounslow borough.



The event was brought to life by our incredible Year 9 and Year 12 students from the Debate Club, who took on roles as judges, mentors, and feedback givers, helping the Year 5 and 6 debaters hone their skills.

Adding to the day's success, a team of enthusiastic Year 7 students stepped up to offer advice and support, showcasing the power of teamwork and communication.



They were shining ambassadors for the art of debating, demonstrating the confidence, eloquence, and knowledge that make BSfG students stand out.

What an inspiring day of learning, collaboration, and leadership!

Emma Downton

Head of English and Lead Practitioner



Opportunities for Primary Schools at Brentford School for Girls



Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

We are a Digital Schoolhouse and have capacity to invite students in to deliver coding sessions as either a one-off session or a series of sessions. The Hounslow Herald article below outlines what is on offer: [article here](#)
Our contact is Nasser Masri and can be contacted via email nmasri@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk



Peer Reading

Sixth Form students come out once a week and read with students in primary schools to encourage reluctant readers to develop their reading skills.



Physical Education (PE)

We have good facilities to be used for sporting events such as sports days or tournaments. We can also send our sports captains to support your events if needed.



Design & Technology

We can offer a rotation of activities for students to develop design and technology skills. We have previously delivered the following in one morning on a rotation, so all students experience each activity:

- Food Technology Session
- Graphic Session
- Textiles Session



Science Labs

Primary students can experience science experiments. Our team is keen to give opportunities to primary students to utilise their labs. This can be done in conjunction with science week or at another suitable time that can be arranged. Students can experience experiments facilitated by specialist teachers and technicians



Enterprise Days

Encouraging enterprise and financial management is something that we can support. The school has specialist business teachers and numerous students taking business courses who can facilitate an enterprise day or sessions for your students.

Book your session!

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