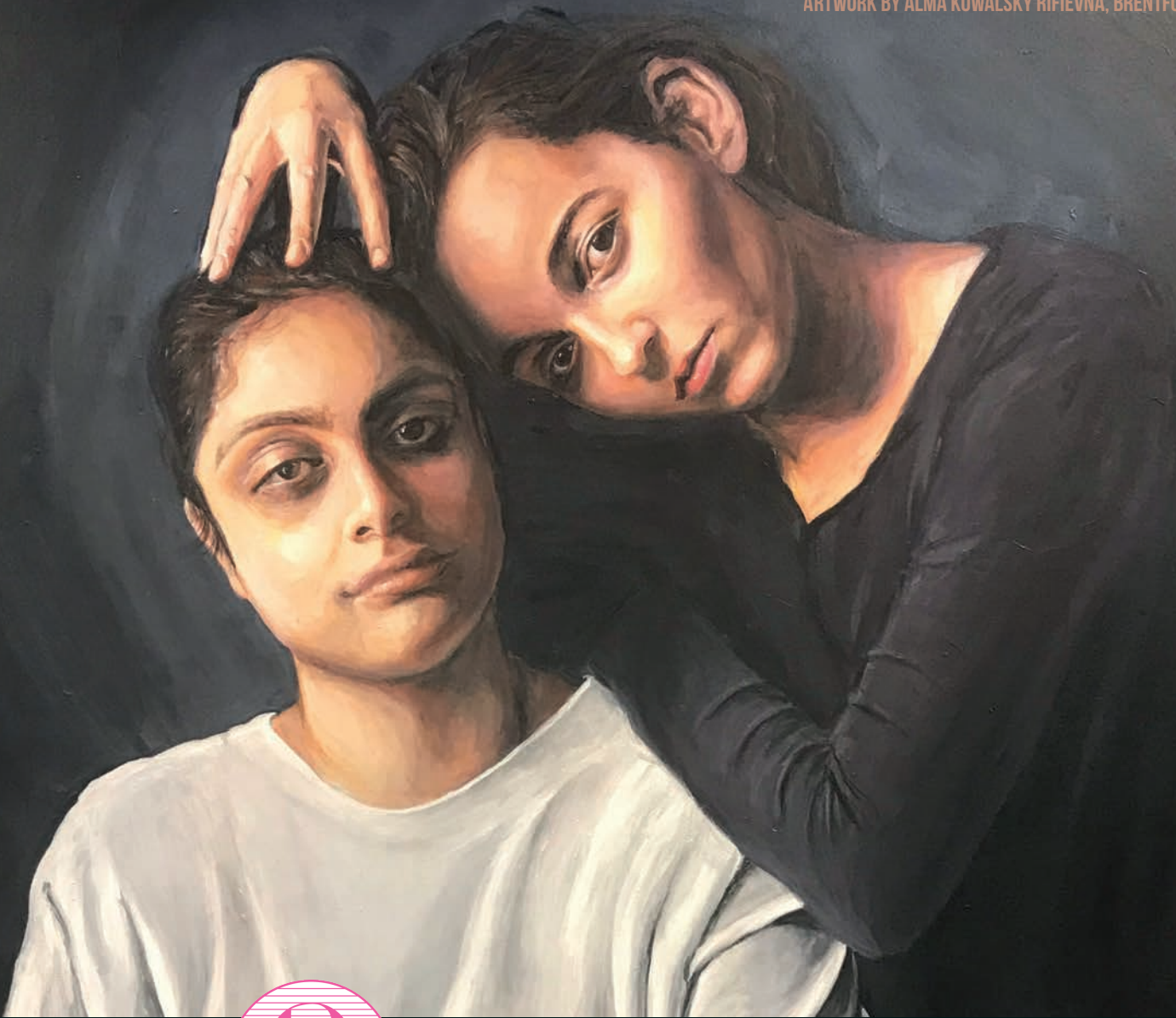


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BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

BRENTFORD 6th FORM

AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS 2019

IMAGINE THE FUTURE BRENTFORD GIRL...

*SHE THRIVES ON CHALLENGE AND HAS A DESIRE TO FULFIL HER LEARNING POTENTIAL.
SHE IS ABLE TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND IS CONFIDENT IN HER SOCIAL AND
ACADEMIC CAPABILITY.*

SHE IS EMOTIONALLY AWARE AND EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT.

SHE IS CAPABLE AND DEPENDABLE.

SHE IS RESOURCEFUL AND INQUISITIVE.

*SHE EMBRACES THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD AS A GLOBAL VILLAGE AND IS READY TO
INTERACT WITH OTHERS IN THE LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY.*

SHE ACCEPTS THE WELFARE OF OTHERS AS HER RESPONSIBILITY.

SHE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

SHE IS READY FOR LIFE IN THE FUTURE - WHATEVER THAT MAY BE.

SHE IS THE CENTRE OF OUR VISION

*AND WILL REMAIN THE VERY CORE OF
OUR BEING AND PURPOSE.*

HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our new look highlights magazine, which we hope provides you with a real feel of what life at Brentford is like, outside of the classroom. The vast array of opportunities that are on offer to students we believe helps to shape the girl of our vision and ensures that our students develop a range of skills and experiences that will support them as they move into adulthood.

This term has been a busy one, as preparations for the school play have begun, many girls have been involved in various sporting events, year 11 girls and the sixth form took mock examinations, house activities kicked off and 'lots of learning' has supported students in making good progress. You will have by now received your daughter's interim report. This will have provided both you and your daughter with an understanding of where she is academically. Please spend some time over the Christmas holidays discussing this with her. There is nothing more important than you, as parents showing interest. You don't have to be able to do the Maths, English, or Science work yourself, but showing your daughter that you are interested in her education is what really does matter!

As we move into the final few weeks of term, the school becomes a haven of excitement and festive cheer. We do hope that you have been able to join us for our Christmas concert and celebrated with us.



Ms Leenders
Head teacher

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS' MESSAGE

Dear Parents / Carers and Staff,

It is hard to believe that the year is drawing to a close and Christmas is almost upon us again. As always, it has been another busy term here at Brentford with lots going on, both in lesson and as extra curricular activities.

One of the highlights has to be the completed installation of our fantastic new all-weather sports ground, a long awaited replacement for the 'redgra', which has served us well but was overdue for an upgrade! The PE team are really pleased with it and the feedback from the girls has been positive. It is great to see them all benefiting from this amazing facility. I am in no doubt that this will assist in the continued success of our sports teams.

After another year of fantastic exam results it is great to see so many of last year's Year 11 students return to join us in the 6th form. They have made a great start to their A-level programmes and are continuing to be great ambassadors for the school and a great example to the students lower down the school.

The new year 7 students have settled in and are actively involved in all aspects of school life. It was great to meet so many of them acting as guides at the Year 6 Open Evening. Across all year groups, our girls are the best advertising we could have, the Brentford Girl is definitely someone we can all be proud of.

Every year, I am astounded by the level of talent that is on display at the Christmas concert. It was nice to meet so many of you there as we celebrated the talent and started the seasonal celebrations.

There are already lots of things planned for the new year, not least the ski trip and the school production, which is always a fantastic night out and well worth attending.

I will close by wishing all members of the school community a restful holiday and a prosperous new year.

Terri George
Chair of Governors



Year 13 Biology students benefited from an incredible learning experience in stunning Bushy Park this September.

LEARNING ON OUR DOORSTEP



Using ecological techniques to assess the abundance and distribution of organisms in a natural habitat, the students were supported with extra insight and tuition from the Field Studies Council and engrossed and connected with the environment.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF RHYTHM

Bringing poetry to life, ADISA ANDWELE

is a rhythm poet from Barbados whose skill is performing poetry which captivates young audiences through humour and positive expression.

ADISA addressed important topics such as racism, the power of the media, terrorism and corporate greed in an interesting and engaging manner. He encouraged the girls to speak out with confidence about issues and ideas that are important to them and consider how they would like to change society for the better.

Poetry truly came to life for our Year 9 students attending his workshops.



NEVER
STOP
CREATING





From humble beginnings, the Knitting and Stitching Show, established in 1987, is now the largest textile event in the UK. Each year they showcase the very best textile artists and our 6th Form students thrive on the opportunity to explore hundreds of workshops, demonstrations, interactive features, and professionally curated galleries.



**COME, LEARN AND
BE INSPIRED**

LEADERS IN THE MAKING



Standing proud. Meet our new 2019/2020 House Captains. Each and everyone of these ladies demonstrated great vision, creativity and purpose in putting together and delivering a winning presentation that focussed on the value they would bring to students should they be selected for the role of Captain.

Creative thought was flowing as they shared lots of ideas on supporting younger pupils when they join the school and older pupils as exams approach. These roles of responsibility also give the girls the opportunity to further their personal development as they are trusted with key duties around the school and at key events.



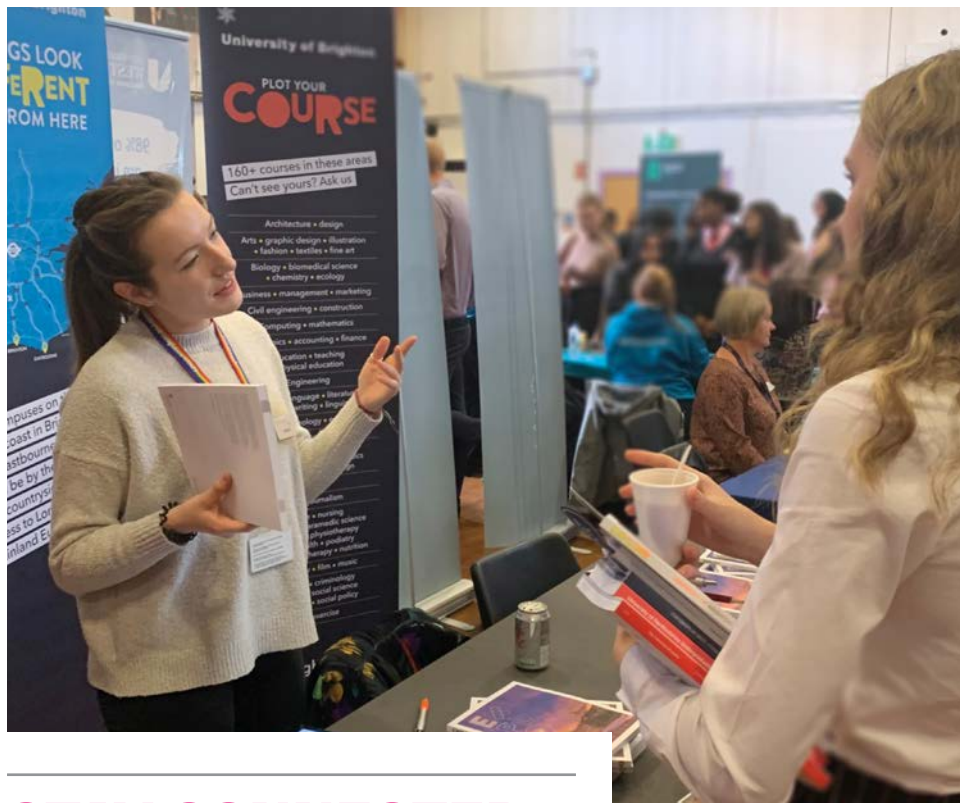


THE 'FUTURES' BRIGHT



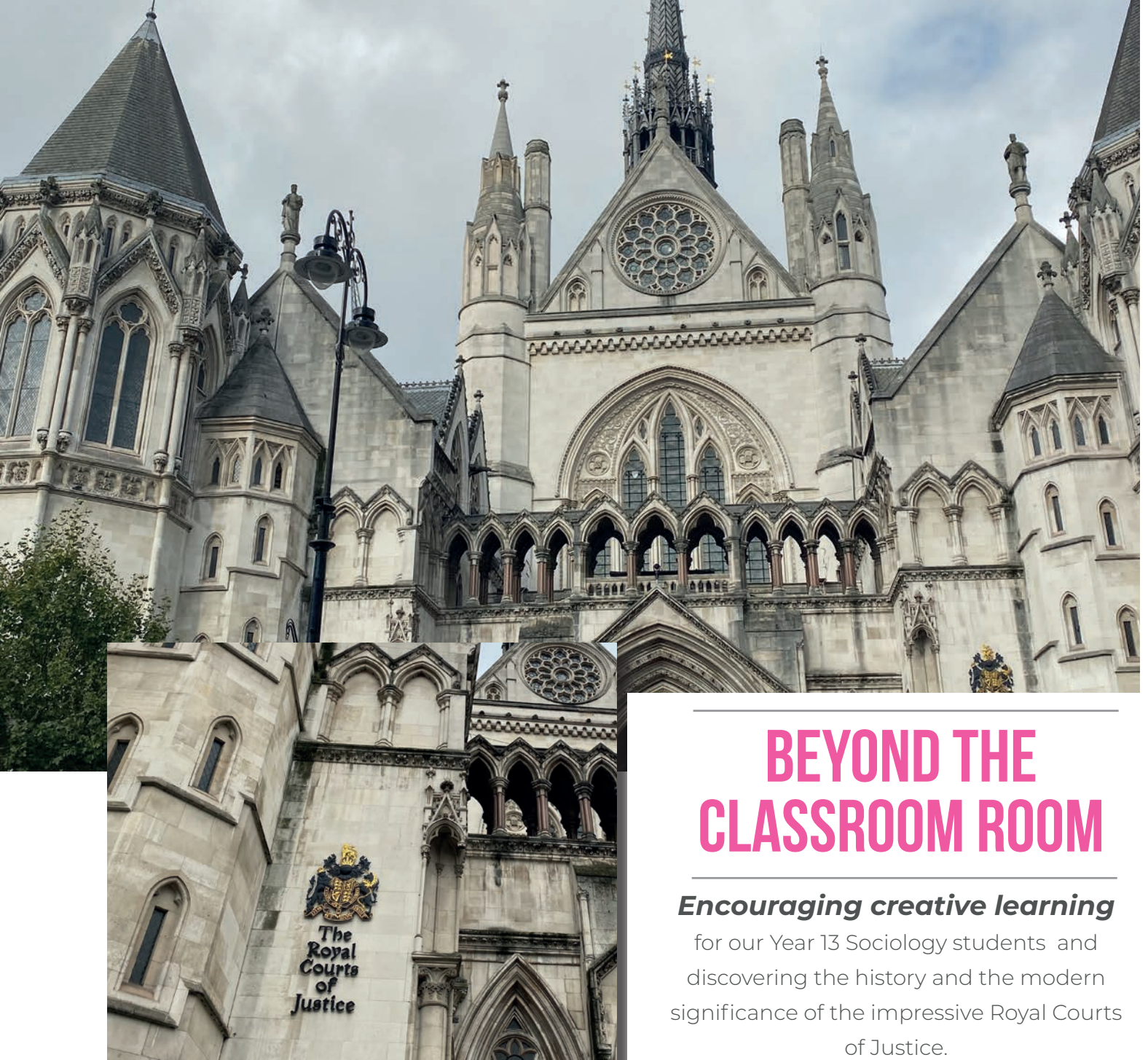
It's never too early to explore all of the different opportunities that exist to further your knowledge and education. In September, Brentford School hosted an annual careers and higher education fair: 'FUTURES'. 15 universities and higher education providers attended, alongside representatives from local colleges and businesses including Hounslow Council, British Airways, and SEGA, the multinational video game developer.

The main hall was buzzing with students keen to tap into the insight provided by all of our education and industry guests. As well as a host of information about degree courses on offer at universities in London and the Home Counties, students had the opportunity to receive impartial information and advice on a range of progression pathways including A-levels, BTEC qualifications, foundation degrees and degree apprenticeships. For further information about degree courses on offer in the UK, (including entry requirements, course content, fees) see [UCAS.com](https://wwwucas.com)



STAY CONNECTED





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ROOM

Encouraging creative learning

for our Year 13 Sociology students and discovering the history and the modern significance of the impressive Royal Courts of Justice.

Educational Visits at the Royal Courts of Justice are immersive and unique.

TUNE INTO YOUR SENSES

Through space, buildings and art,
we took our 6th Form students on a journey of spiritual exploration.

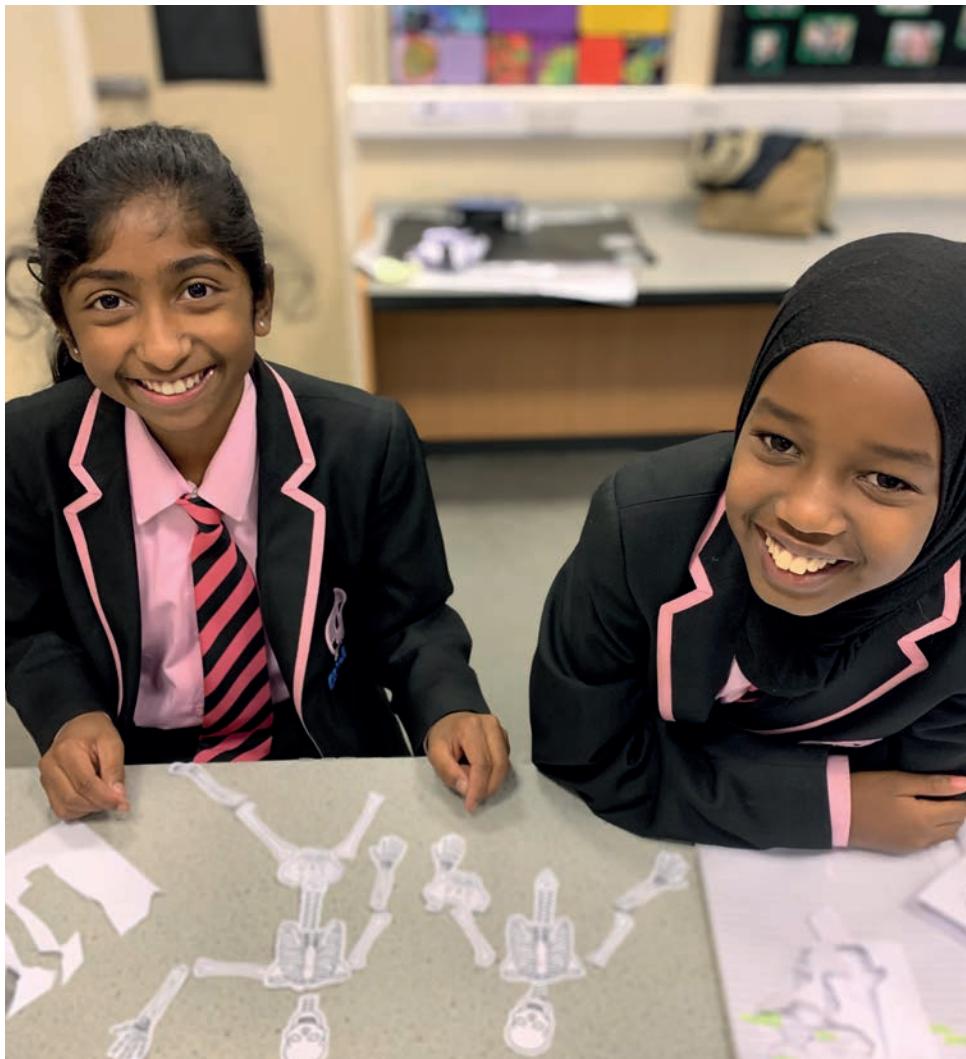
Visiting two of the most iconic buildings in the world (St Paul's Cathedral and The Tate Modern) this November, we challenged them to be reflective, think deeper and be aware of their body's reaction to the diverse artwork on show at the Tate Modern and the sensations and feelings evoked by the awe-inspiring interior of St Paul's and the fascinating stories about its history and the rich work and worship that takes place here.



FREEZE!



It's all in the expression on #NoPensDay as the students interpret and recreate the emotions from different scenes in the *An Inspector Calls* play written by English dramatist J. B. Priestley.



Full of smiles as our students put down their pens and turned to glue and scissors instead of pens in a Year 7 Science lesson on #NoPensDay. Through great listening, team building and problem solving, the students were delighted to learn about the skeletal system and construct their own skeletons.



**MAKE NO BONES
ABOUT IT**





RAISING AWARENESS

Joining the fight to help prevent antibiotic resistance, Layosa Kakar a former student from Brentford School is now at the University of Portsmouth studying Pharmacy.

Passionate about raising awareness of the impact of antimicrobial resistance she, supported by Dr Nicola Barnes, Senior Lecturer at the university, held an interactive learning session for all year 10 students in November .

The session, which re-enforced learning already undertaken on the GCSE Science course, focussed on ways to prevent the spread of infection, the overuse of antibiotics and preventing antibiotic resistance from arising.



THE INSIDE KNOWLEDGE



How to succeed in the fast paced world of real estate, was the topic of our first 2019/2020 series of 'lunch and learn' speaker events, which welcomed Henry Lane, Head of Culture, from local Estate Agent Thorgills.

Henry gave students an interesting and inspiring talk about his career to date and the skills and attributes needed to succeed. It was particularly interesting for students living locally as Brentford continues to develop the land, south of the High Street.

In November, we welcomed Brentford School alumna Tasneem Elnayal (*above right*) who recently graduated from the prestigious college, Chelsea College of Arts, part of UAL. Tasneem shared her experiences and knowledge on architecture and interiors gained during her degree studies. .

The insight she shared is so valuable in helping our girls widen their career and industry knowledge to be able to make informed decisions in the future.



THROUGH THE EYES OF A LENS

A foodie wonderland for many but for our 6th Form Photography students Borough Market was also a source of inspiration to respond to the work of Paul Strand (*American photographer and filmmaker who helped establish photography as an art form in the 20th century*) and Lee Friedlander (*known for his asymmetrical black-and-white pictures of the American “social landscape”—everyday people, places, and things*)

The market was a great opportunity for the students to deliver high quality photography that perfectly encapsulated the vibrancy and simplicity of every day produce.

The students were also able to experiment and capture visually exciting photography from reflections of the London skyline along the Southbank around Borough.

The trip was a huge success. Well done Year 12 Photography students!





THE 'SWINGING SIXTIES' LIVE ON

Inventive, opinionated and commercially minded,

Mary Quant was the most iconic fashion designer of the 1960s.

Quant changed how the world looked. Her vision – her use of shape, and of colour; her choice of material, and of model – really did define an era. She shaped how we make and market fashion, how we buy and wear clothes.



It's hardly surprising therefore that our Year 9 textiles students were blown away by the archives of her work that they were able to explore at the 'Mary Quant' exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in December. The diversity of her work is a true source of inspiration for our students own work as they further develop their skills and individuality.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

For some 500 years, London has been a thriving hotbed of theatre, filling the playhouses with the work of playwrights new and old. In terms of sheer spectacle though, nowhere can best The Globe, the stunning replica of an Elizabethan playhouse.



Elizabethan England is a key part of Year 10 GCSE studies so a trip to the iconic Globe Theatre fuelled further interest and excitement for our students in this area of study.

Interesting lectures helped the girls gain a deeper understanding of this period. The joy of learning was clearly apparent from the smiles of our students as they modelled some historical costumes in interactive workshop sessions.

A CLASS OF ITS OWN

A total transformation of the outdoor, on-site sporting facilities at Brentford School happened over the Summer break.

Our girls returned to school at the start of the new academic year to a fantastic new and highly enviable all-weather Astro turf sports area.

Sport is an important part of the curriculum at Brentford School For Girls. We build character and encourage resilience, perseverance, confidence and teamwork. Our new sporting facilities will help our





students to maintain energy and strength and improve mental sharpness and stamina.

The new Astro turf ensures the PE department are able to deliver consistent and outstanding sports lessons and a wide range of extra-curricular activities, all year round, whatever the weather.

The official opening of the site was on 2nd of December. The school welcomed the support of Elle Bloor, Harlequins International female rugby player, Alan Walsh, Operations Director Brentford Football Club, Joe Hardy and Josh Clarke team players from Brentford Football Club, Liz Gers and Paul Chambers from the school's Governing Body and Councillor Guy Lambert from London Borough of Hounslow.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

NETBALL season kicked off for Brentford School for Girls in mid-October. Congratulations to our Year 8 and 10 Netball teams for their recent wins against Niskham & Gumley School.

Also in November, students took part in **CROSS COUNTRY** running at Osterley Park. Ella Ashford is now 11th in the Hounslow Borough and Zakia, Ammani, Tallulah, Grace and Martha have all qualified for Middlesex Country cross country running.

The first **FOOTBALL** match of the season was held on 28th November when our junior football team (Year 8&9) played a well fought, and closely contested match against Lampton School.

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STUDENT TERM DATES

SPRING 2020: MONDAY 06TH JANUARY - FRIDAY 03RD APRIL

- 06TH JANUARY: RETURN TO SCHOOL
- 09TH JANUARY: YEAR 12 & YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING & NEW YORK INFORMATION EVENING 5PM
- 15TH JANUARY: YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY
- 23RD JANUARY: YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING
- 25TH JANUARY: SCHOOL PLAY REHEARSALS 10AM-2PM
- 29TH JANUARY: DEBATE MATE 4PM
- 01ST FEBRUARY: SCHOOL PLAY REHEARSALS 10AM-2PM
- 05TH FEBRUARY: YEAR 11 ACADEMIC REVIEW
- 06TH FEBRUARY: HEATHROW APPRENTICESHIP SHOW
- 07TH FEBRUARY: LOVE LITERACY EVENT
- 8TH FEBRUARY: SCHOOL PLAY REHEARSALS 10AM-2PM
- 13TH & 14TH FEBRUARY: THE LION KING SCHOOL PERFORMANCE 7PM
- 17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY: HALF TERM (24TH FEBRUARY: RETURN TO SCHOOL)
- 20TH FEBRUARY: NYC TRIP DEPARTURE
- 24TH FEBRUARY: NYC TRIP RETURN
- 01ST MARCH: HISTORY OLD OPERATING THEATRE TRIP & YEAR 13 SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE
- 02ND MARCH: NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK: FRENCH/GERMAN SPEAKING EXAMS: A LEVEL DRAMA PERFORMANCE
- 04TH MARCH: DEBATE MATE HOSTING
- 05TH MARCH: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- 05TH MARCH: YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING 5.30-8PM
- 6TH MARCH: V&A MUSEUM TRIP & BFI TRIP
- 19TH MARCH: HUB MEETING 6-7.30PM
- 26TH MARCH: YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING 5.30- 8PM

WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE DATES CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

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