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# BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## BRENTFORD 6 FORM

### 2025 Arts Festival

# SPONSORS



Thanks to your sponsorship, we were able to feature memorable performances, host inspiring workshops, and create inclusive spaces that welcomed audiences of all ages and backgrounds. You made possible the hands-on experiences for children, the breathtaking exhibitions, and the magical moments that defined the festival.

On behalf of the entire festival team, all participating artists, and everyone who attended, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your belief in our mission not only made this year's festival memorable—it set the stage for continued growth, collaboration, and cultural enrichment for years to come.

**Thank you for being the champions of the arts and for making the Arts Festival 2025 an unforgettable success.**

We look forward to shaping even greater celebrations together in the future.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT BEHIND ARTS FESTIVAL 2025

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is that time of year again when we can celebrate all the achievements of the past year and look forward to recharging our batteries and enjoying the weather, ready for the new school year.

As usual, this term has been a busy one with lots of activity taking place both in and out of the classroom. This term always sees us saying goodbye and wishing the very best of luck to the Year 11 and Year 13 students after they have completed their GCSE and A-Level exams. Both year groups celebrated their achievements and marked their journeys onto the next stage of their lives with spectacular proms. It is always amazing to see the transformation of the girls as they enjoy a great evening with their friends and teachers, dressed in their stunning outfits and ready to take on new challenges and opportunities. Year 10 students are not to be forgotten either, for their hard work in completing their English Literature exams.

There have been some incredible extra-curricular activities this term. The MFL students went out to practice their Spanish skills in a local restaurant and a French crêperie. Year 7 developed their knowledge and had a great time on the Horrible Histories trip, and the Royal Navy came in and ran a session on leadership. The Duke of Edinburgh students had a lot of fun as well as developed new skills on their expedition in the Surrey Hills.

Our sports teams continue to show their prowess in fixtures, and a special mention has to be given to the Year 9 and 10 students for their outstanding efforts at the borough athletics. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part. A shout-out also goes to Leah for her incredible silver and bronze medals in rowing—a talent to watch for the future. We also has rounders successes in Year 10 and Year 8.

My personal favorite for this term has to be the incredible Arts Festival. Not only was this an opportunity to see the artwork—which never fails to surprise me with the wealth of artistic and unique talent that we have at Brentford—and the chance to see and hear some of the incredible performers we have both at Brentford and at Worple Primary. However, it was also an opportunity to catch up with some of our alumni, browse the wonderful craft stalls, and indulge in some amazing food. A true showcase of the community working together.

I will close by wishing you all a peaceful and happy summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Terri George - Chair of the Governing Board



# MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEAD

Dear Parent/Carers

It has been another incredibly busy year, and it is so hard to believe that we are almost at the end! So much has happened across the school, from the new Year 7s who started with us in September and the joiners to our Sixth Form, to our visit from Ofsted in the early autumn months. We were pleased with that report! The spring term, as always, was heavily focused on preparing Year 11, Year 10 and the Sixth Form for their summer public exams. The summer term brought so many events across the school where we were able to celebrate our community and our school! We also said some goodbyes to our Year 11 and Year 13 students after celebrating with a prom for both year groups and our annual 'clap out' for Year 11. I'm not sure why, but it never gets any easier saying goodbye to the girls at the end of their journeys at Brentford... it feels like a parent losing lots of their children to adulthood all at the same time!

We also say goodbye to a few members of staff this term. We have an incredibly low turnover of staff at the school, but this term we will be saying goodbye to Sue Mepham, Chloe Rippington, Tim Holloway, Jennifer Butterworth, Sian Giddens, Chelsey Van Eeden, and Ariane Morin. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and wish them well for the future.

Thank you also to all of the staff who will be remaining with us again next year. This school would not be the wonderful place it is without you all and the community that you have created. You always work so hard to make the girls' experience of being a Brentford student so enriching, and we thank you for that!

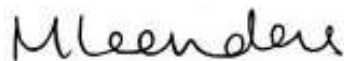
As we move into the next academic year, we will be welcoming some new members of staff. Welcome to Clare McCann, Joseph Clarke-Jervoise, Kate Crowley, Katherine Stevens, and Alice Ward. We know that they will be really happy working here. We have made some brilliant new appointments who are undeniably in alignment with our school vision of the future Brentford girl.

Finally, I would like to thank the girls for all of their hard work this year—they really are a fantastic bunch of girls. This year, I have had the pleasure of taking a group of girls to breakfast every morning. It has been the highlight of my week—they have been such brilliant company! I would like to thank you all as a group of parents for all of your support over the year. We couldn't do it without you!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday.

I look forward to working with you all again in September.

Best wishes,  
Marais Leenders



Marais Leenders  
Executive Headteacher





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**Our recent initiative to recycle used school uniforms has been an outstanding success,** thanks to the incredible support from our parents and carers. This project has demonstrated the remarkable impact we can achieve as a united community, working together to make a difference.

**Reduce  
Reuse  
Recycle**



The positive feedback we've received has been truly heartwarming, reaffirming the importance of initiatives like this. It's a reminder that small, collective actions can lead to meaningful change—not just for our school, but for the planet.

**We're thrilled to share that this initiative has already raised well over £1,000! These funds will go a long way in supporting our school and its sustainability efforts.** The sales take place every half term in the main school hall, so be sure to look out for the next dates on our social media channel Instagram: @brentfordschool.

Building on this momentum, we're excited to host more events in the future, continuing our commitment to sustainability and community support. Together, we can create a brighter, greener, and more equitable future.

For more information or to get involved, please contact [jdavies@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:jdavies@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk). Let's keep making a difference—together!



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, dancefit 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.** Using 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!

This year we opened our fantastic hall for the **West London Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business event.**

Interested in hosting your own event or activity?

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# CELEBRATING OULEYE MASON'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

## Spotlight on Ouleye Mason

**At Brentford School for Girls, Ouleye Mason is more than just our exceptional school cook; she is the heart of our community.** With her warm smile, kind words, and genuine care, Ouleye has a unique ability to make every student feel seen and valued. She doesn't just prepare meals; she takes the time to know the pupils personally, offering a listening ear or a word of encouragement when it's needed most. For many, the lunch hall becomes a haven of positivity and support simply because of her presence. Ouleye's dedication to fostering a nurturing atmosphere reflects in everything she does—whether it's promoting healthy eating habits or ensuring no child feels left out.

One of the many ways Ouleye leaves her mark is through her involvement in events like Diversity Week. Always eager to celebrate the school's cultural richness, **she dives into learning new recipes from around the world, transforming the lunch experience into a joyous exploration of different traditions.** Her culinary efforts make a tangible impact, **helping students connect with and appreciate one another's backgrounds.**

Moments like these showcase how much she values inclusion and community spirit. Ouleye doesn't just cook; she creates an environment of care, belonging, and joy that inspires everyone around her.

**Brentford School for Girls is incredibly fortunate to have someone of her caliber, whose passion and kindness enrich every corner of our school.**





## GERDA LABORTAS, "HOW YOU SAY IT", JP SPEAKOUT GRAND FINAL

### Spotlight on Gerda Labortas

Brentford School for Girls is beaming with pride as Year 10 student, Gerda Labortas, was selected to be a Grand Finalist in the Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge - the UK's largest youth public speaking event.

She was one of 35,000 students who completed the initial workshops, competing against 584 other regional finalists and 38 semi-finalists to be in the top 15 speakers competing at the Grand Final. It is such a testament to her determination and talent.

Gerda's winning speech, titled "It's about HOW you say it," captivated the audience and judges alike with its powerful message about the importance of tone, gestures, and delivery in effective communication. Her eloquence, confidence,

Gerda's journey to this incredible achievement began in February 2024, when she was crowned Regional Champion with her thought-provoking speech.

Out of the 187 Regional and Digital Champions who represented their schools in the Semi-Finals, only 15 were selected to compete in the Grand Final, making Gerda's victory a shining example of determination and excellence.

**Gerda embodies the spirit of the Brentford Girl—where there are no limits to what can be achieved.** Her success is a testament to the school's ethos of empowering young women to dream big, break barriers, and excel in all areas of life. The Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out Challenge,' organized by Speakers Trust and supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation, aims to amplify young voices and inspire students to speak on topics that matter to them. Gerda's triumph places her among an illustrious group of past winners who have gone on to excel in fields such as acting, entrepreneurship, and journalism.

Reflecting on her win, Gerda said, "I'd like to say a huge thank you to Jack Petchey for this amazing opportunity!"

Brentford School for Girls is immensely proud of Gerda's achievement, which not only highlights her exceptional talent but also serves as an inspiration to students across the country. **She is a shining example of what it means to be a Brentford Girl—where no dream is too big, and no goal is out of reach.**



# THE HORRIBLE HISTORIES HISTORY TRIP



'The Horrible Histories trip was extraordinary. Especially when we wore the 3D glasses. It felt like it was real life that it was really happening. The show was on point! I never thought that people could make comedy theatre out of gruesome stories. We all laughed, ate delicious snacks and left amazed. There were only 3 actors and each of them did a wonderful job. From the music to the story, it was a 5/5 show.' - Esra Kilicogla 7FL

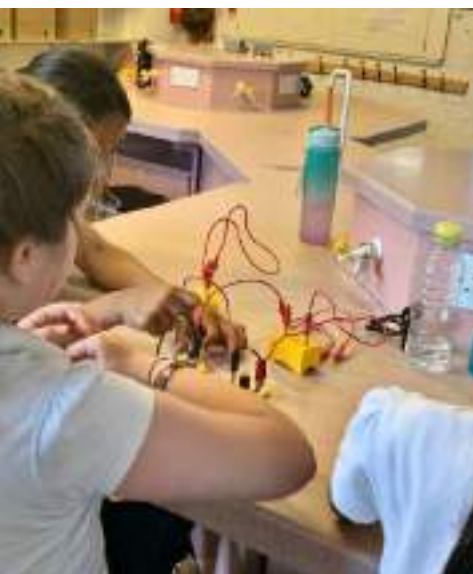


'This trip was terrific! The play was so engaging and I liked it when they split the theatre into two sides for a singing competition. I also liked the jokes they made and the acting. My favourite part was when we put the 3D glasses on and objects came flying at us.' - Layan Alloubahi

'I really enjoyed the show! It was all about the Tudors and their gruesome executions. I learnt lots about the Tudors and how they died themselves. We all danced, sang and even joined in with the characters. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who likes the Tudors.' Lily Davies 7CN

# BEAVERS PRIMARY VISIT FOR SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

We organized engaging science activities for Beavers Primary school's visit, including chromatography, rainbow fizz, microscopy, simple circuits and fruit battery demos. The students' curiosity and enthusiasm made each experiment a memorable experience! We had an amazing time conducting science experiments with the brilliant students of Beavers Primary School! Their curiosity and enthusiasm were truly inspiring – **we may have met some future scientists in the making!**



**AWESOME!**

The feedback we received was fantastic.

Here are just a few highlights:

- “All of the experiments made me say wow!”
- “The microscopes were my favourite because I got to see what’s inside things.”
- “my favorite was building circuits because making the light was fun ”
- “Chromatography was my favourite because I could see the colours separating.”



It was a joy to see young minds so engaged and excited about science. We can't wait to do it again!

SCIENCE

# THE ROYAL NAVY LEADERSHIP TRAINING



**ROYAL  
NAVY**



Over two inspiring days, students had the incredible opportunity to learn leadership skills directly from the Royal Navy. This hands-on programme was designed to build confidence, teamwork, and communication skills - qualities every parent wants to see in their child as they prepare for the future.

The Royal Navy's visit wasn't just a lecture; it was an immersive experience. Students from Year 7 to Sixth Form were actively engaged in practical exercises and discussions that brought leadership principles to life. From managing time effectively to making decisions under pressure, the Royal Navy demonstrated how these vital skills are put into action in high-stakes environments.

# POSITIVE IMPACT OF EAT TO THRIVE INITIATIVE



**Brentford Sixth Form recently collaborated with Stir It Up to launch the groundbreaking 'Eat to Thrive' initiative** - a platform dedicated to equipping young women at Brentford School for Girls & 6th Form with the knowledge and practical tools needed to lead healthier, more balanced lives.

Students in this programme gain hands-on experience creating nutritious, budget-friendly recipes and adopting sustainable habits, fostering lifelong skills. Led by Jacquie McBeth, founder of Stir It Up, the initiative makes good nutrition accessible and enjoyable.

Now halfway through, students are enthusiastically embracing healthier eating habits through interactive cooking sessions, sharing tips, recipes, and success stories. These sessions build a strong sense of community, captured in vibrant photos showcasing collaboration and energy.

Adding to the program is Brentford Sixth Form's press team, guided by Marketing Media Coordinator Mrs. Morin. They document the journey, creating content that highlights the programme's impact while developing communication and digital media skills.

Head of Sixth Form, Mrs. G. Agnihotri, calls it 'a movement inspiring young adults to take control of their health.' **This partnership between Brentford Sixth Form and Stir It Up is shaping healthier futures through practical education and community efforts.**



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# YEAR 12 TRIP OXFORD UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY



On the 3rd July, three of our ambitious Year 12 students had the incredible opportunity to visit Oxford University during their Open Day. Oxford, one of the world's most prestigious institutions, is a self-governing university made up of various divisions, departments, and 36 independent colleges, each with its own unique history and character. These colleges, alongside three societies and four permanent private halls, form the heart of the university, offering students a vibrant and supportive academic community. With some colleges dating back to the 13th century, Oxford's rich history and tradition continue to inspire students from around the globe. **Our Year 12s explored this remarkable environment, gaining valuable insights into university life and their future aspirations.** Check out the stunning images they captured - and a selfie of course!



Oxford University Open Days  
July 2025

# BSFG CATERING TEAM



A true testament to their hard work, dedication, and commitment to keeping everything safe and spotless.

Well done, team! 🙌💪

🎉 Huge congratulations to our incredible Brentford School for Girls Catering Team! 🎉

They've earned a fantastic 5-star rating from the Food Hygiene Standards



# ROA YEAR 11



Brentford School for Girls recently honored its **Year 11 students with a joyful Record of Achievement event.**

Highlights included a captivating piano solo by Anastasiia and uplifting speeches from Ms. Leenders and Ms. Croft, who praised students' hard work and growth.

Awards recognized the unique strengths of each tutor group while heartfelt messages from teachers and an inspiring closing speech by Mrs. Minors wrapped up the celebration.

**Congratulations to all our Year 11 students on this milestone—you have made your school proud!**



# BRENTFORD FUTURES: A DAY OF INSPIRATION AND PREPARATION

What a day it was at Brentford Futures!

**Students gathered for an event packed with opportunities to prepare for academic success.**

Attendees explored key subjects, gained valuable insights on exam boards, and discovered must-have textbooks to get ahead. The focus on summer transition work kept everyone motivated, with a reminder that progress would be checked—accountability at its best!

**The day wrapped up with a lively Q&A session, where burning questions were answered, and excitement for the future was ignited.**

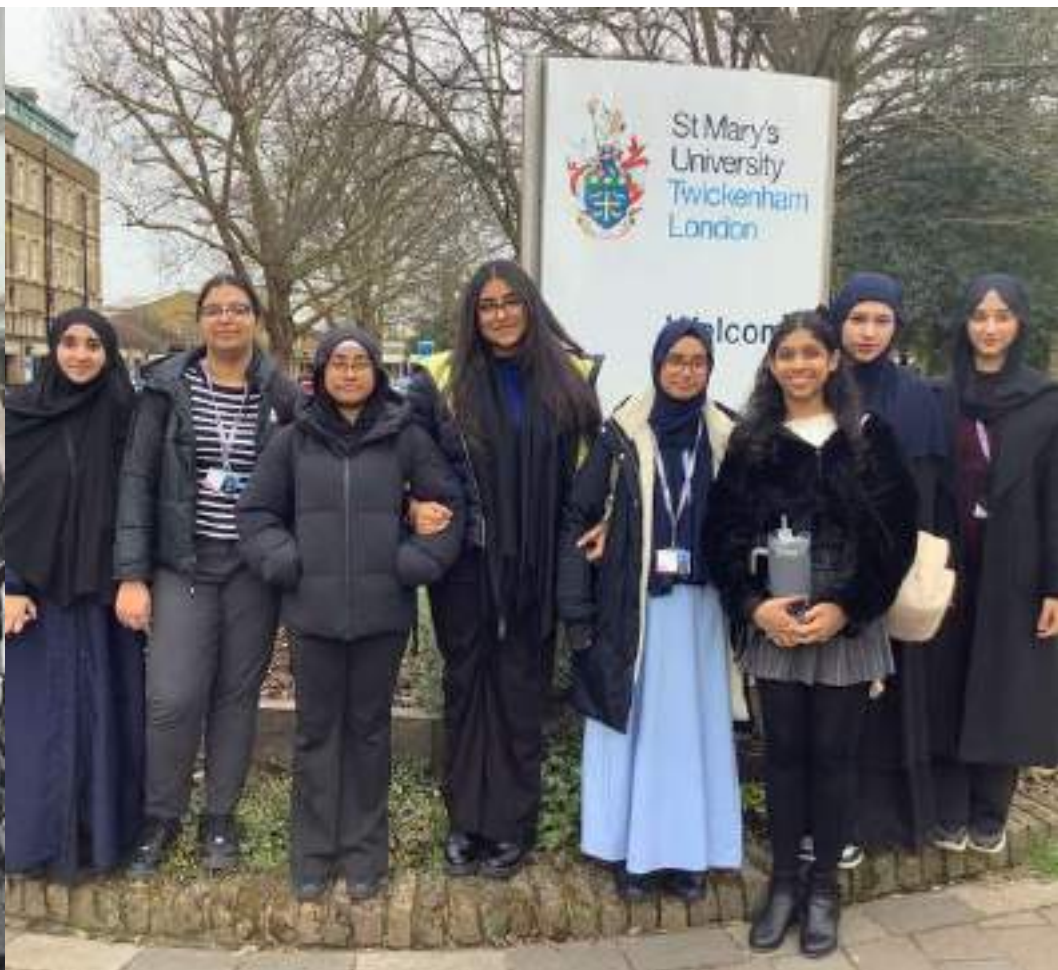
Brentford Futures truly delivered on its #StudentSuccess and #FutureFocused mission, leaving everyone inspired and ready for the challenges ahead!



# UNIVERSITY VISIT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Year 12 students from Brentford Sixth Form recently had the exciting opportunity to **visit St Mary's University in Twickenham, London, as part of their A-Level Business studies.** The visit included participation in an **engaging business masterclass, where students explored real-world business concepts and strategies in a university setting.** This hands-on experience not only enriched their understanding of the subject but also **provided valuable insights into higher education and potential career pathways in the business world.**

Notably, St Mary's University continues to excel, ranking among the top five universities in London for teaching quality, academic support, and mental wellbeing communications in the 2025 National Student Survey (NSS), making it an ideal destination for aspiring students.



# BUSINESS MASTERCLASS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS



A Day at St Mary's University: Business Masterclass for Year 12 Students

On Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, **St Mary's University hosted a Business Masterclass, offering Year 12 A-Level Business Studies students from BSfG and other schools a glimpse into university life.** The day's focus was to help students understand the academic, social, and practical aspects of university, covering study methods, finances, social life, societies, accommodation, and commuting.

The day kicked off with an engaging icebreaker activity, "Human Bingo," where students mingled to find peers who matched fun criteria like speaking multiple languages or avoiding coffee. Initially shy, the BSfG students soon warmed up, connecting with peers from other schools.

The morning continued with presentations from two lecturers, representing Business & Communication and Sports Management. They outlined the structure of degree courses, emphasizing the balance between research and study. Students learned that most degrees span three years, with optional modules in Years 2 and 3, covering diverse topics. Assessment methods go beyond essays and exams, incorporating business reports, presentations, blogs, and simulated exercises. The lecturers also highlighted the opportunity for work placements, adding practical experience to academic learning.

St Mary's University's accolades were a key highlight. Rated number one in London for academic support, the university offers resources like pastoral and personal tutors, a Learning Development Team, English for Academic Purposes support, and a Student Experience and Academic Integrity Scheme. Additionally, the university boasts a gold medal in research and a 96% graduate employment rate within 15 months, ranking in the top five for teaching quality.

Students then participated in group tasks, collaborating with peers from other schools. One group explored the qualities of great leaders and managers, while another tackled marketing strategies, brainstorming gym products and customer outreach ideas. **These activities provided a hands-on taste of university-style learning.**

The day concluded with a Q&A session, where students sought advice on course selection, combining business with other subjects, and the variety of modules available. A campus tour followed, offering many their first glimpse of university life and sparking inspiration for future applications.

**The Business Masterclass at St Mary's University was an enriching experience, leaving students with valuable insights into higher education and a clearer vision for their academic futures.**



# Y10 & Y12 DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER EXPEDITION

Duke of Edinburgh students conquered their Silver Expedition amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the Surrey Hills. With unwavering determination, strong teamwork, and impressive navigation skills, they confidently navigated rolling hills and bustling townscapes armed only with maps and their remarkable ingenuity.



During the journey, students demonstrated true survival prowess—pitching their own tents, cooking meals on portable stoves, and braving the crisp night air as they slept beneath a canopy of stars. Their resilience, resourcefulness, and dedication were nothing short of inspirational.

The expedition ended on a high note with an unforgettable bonfire night, complete with spine-tingling ghost stories that are bound to be passed down for years to come.



# GOOD LUCK

## GOOD LUCK LUNCH FOR OUR YEAR 13 STUDENTS



Brentford School for Girls organized a good luck lunch for Year 13 students. **The event was a warm and joyous occasion, marking the end of an important chapter and celebrating the bright futures that lie ahead for our graduating class.**

**The afternoon was filled with meaningful moments** as students gathered to sign personalized tote bags—a keepsake brimming with messages of encouragement, memories, and inside jokes. Alongside this, each student received thoughtful gifts to commemorate their time at BSfG and mark the start of their next adventure.



**Laughter and smiles lit up the room as students posed for photos together, capturing memories they'll cherish forever.** Teachers, too, joined in the celebration, offering heartfelt advice and wishing students the very best as they step into the next phase of their lives.

It was a day brimming with pride and gratitude, reflecting not just the achievements of Year 13, but also the strong sense of community that makes Brentford School for Girls so special.



To our Year 13 students—congratulations and good luck! You've made us so proud, and we can't wait to see all that you will accomplish in the future. ✨

# DIVERSITY WEEK 2025



Diversity Week, is a fantastic celebration of the rich diversity within our school and society. This year, all the funds raised went to Doctors Without Borders, a phenomenal charity providing crucial medical care in conflict zones and countries battling diseases. Here's a glimpse of the exciting events we had lined up:

- Selling wristbands, stickers, henna painting, and jewelry
- Global food sales
- A lively culture and diversity talent show (entry fee)
- Culture Day

It was a week packed with fun, learning, and heartfelt giving!

**The girls thoroughly enjoyed participating in the activities and learning more about diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences.** They also had a great time discovering new foods, fashion, music, and traditions.

More importantly, through Diversity Week, we were able to raise awareness about important topics such as cultural sensitivity, inclusivity, and equality. It was an opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate our differences while promoting unity and understanding within our school community.

**We are proud of the efforts put forth by all our students and staff in making this year's Diversity Week a success.**



# CELEBRATING YEAR 11: A FAREWELL TO REMEMBER

#THANKYOUY11 #BRIGHTFUTURES #PROUDCOMMUNITY

On June 16th 2025, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our incredible Year 11 students marking the end of an unforgettable chapter in their educational journeys. **Your hard work, spirit, and kindness have left an indelible mark on our school community, shaping the story of our shared experiences.**

**From the joyous ceremonial shirt signing to the emotional and celebratory clap-out, this send-off was as extraordinary as the students it was dedicated to.** The hall and school rang with applause and laughter, a fitting tribute to the resilience and achievements you've displayed throughout your time with us.

As you set off on your next great adventure, know that we couldn't be prouder of you. Your future is undoubtedly bright, and we are eager to see the remarkable paths you will forge and the amazing things you will accomplish. Remember, no matter where life takes you, once a part of our school family, always a part of our school family.

**We wish you all the happiness and success in the world—you truly deserve it.**

Here's to your bright futures, Year 11! 🎉



# ACTIVITY DAY

# BRENTFORD FASHION HOUSES

# COMPETITION

## Brentford Fashion Houses Competition

In groups, you will be creating a fashion brand (periods 1-2), then launching your first collection of two cohesive looks (periods 3-4) for the fashion show (end of period 4).

### 1: Creating the Brand

<p><b>The Name:</b></p> 	<p>There are many types of fashion brands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luxury or designer brands, like Chanel or Gucci</li> <li>• Brands for larger markets, like Zara, H&amp;M, Adidas</li> <li>• Brands for more specific markets or markets, such as Lululemon or Everlane.</li> </ul> <p>What will the name of your brand be? How will it reflect your target consumer?</p>
<p><b>The Logo:</b></p>   	<p>Logos are used on all products, whether it is just as a label, shown on clothing or used as a design feature.</p> <p>The right logo will help promote your brand and make it more desirable.</p> <p>It can also be used on multiple products, such as on clothing and accessories.</p>  <p>What will your logo be and how will you use it to help launch your brand and make people remember you?</p>
<p><b>The Aesthetic:</b></p>  <p>Look at recent Westwood looks on her website.</p>	<p>Fashion brands often have a specific look or aesthetic that will define them and appeal to their target consumer.</p> <p>With the best fashion brands, you can often guess the brand by just looking at the clothes. Research different brands before making your choice.</p> <p>Who will your target consumer be? Female? Male? Both? Androgynous?</p> <p>What will your aesthetic be? Minimalist and sophisticated OR bold and loud? What kind of personality will it speak to? What kind of colorways will you use? (considering you will be making your look out of toilet roll)</p>



### The Designs:



### Now the big challenge...

You will be designing two looks for the runway to launch your brand.

The looks must be cohesive (both look like they come from the same brand.)

They must be something you can create using toilet paper, sellotape and staples.

Your looks can include accessories.

*Get creative.*

Divide up the work.

You will be making them in period 3 to model at the end of period 4.

# ROUNDERS COMPETITIONS & ATHLETICS

## Borough Athletics Success at Osterley!

Our school athletes have once again made us proud at the Borough Athletics event held at Osterley. It was a day filled with incredible performances, team spirit, and determination, showcasing the talent and sportsmanship of our students.

While these individual successes are remarkable, we also want to celebrate the entire team. **Every single competitor gave their all, demonstrating not only athletic skill but also the values of determination, kindness, and teamwork.** Their efforts were recognized and praised by both Green and Gumley schools, who **commended our students for their spirit and camaraderie.**

**'Well done to everyone who participated you've made our school proud!'**  
**Let's keep this momentum going for future events!**



**A huge congratulations** to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

- **Ryma – 1st place in the 1500m**
- **Gerda – 3rd place in the 800m**
- **Zia – 1st place in the high jump**
- **Leah – 2nd place in the shot put**

## Year 7, 8 & 10 Rounders Team Triumphs!

Our Year 7, 8 & 10 Rounders Teams have done it again, **clinching spectacular victories that has left us all beaming with pride!** Their hard work, unwavering determination, and exceptional teamwork shone brightly on the field, earning them a well-deserved win.

**This achievement is a testament to their dedication and the incredible spirit of our school community.** Let's give them a huge round of applause and celebrate their success together! We can't wait to see what more our talented students will achieve in the future.





# MILLIONAIRE CUPCAKE PARTY

On Friday, 4th July, Brentford School for Girls was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated our incredible Millionaire Readers with a fabulous Cupcake Party! These superstar students, who each read over 1 million words this year, were treated to a well-deserved afternoon of sweet treats and applause. The room was filled with pride and joy as we honored their hard work, dedication, and love for reading. **It was a truly inspiring moment, proving that with determination and a good book, anything is possible!**



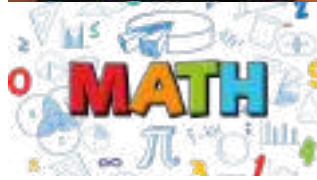
# JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2025

What an incredible achievement for our budding mathematicians at this year's Junior Maths Challenge 2025! 🎉💡 With 24 Bronze, 7 Silver, and 5 Gold Award winners, our students have truly showcased their talent and passion for problem-solving. **A special round of applause goes to Saleha for achieving the highest score in Year 7 and to Marielle, who earned the prestigious title of Best in School!**

**Your dedication, perseverance, and love for mathematics have shone brightly,** and we couldn't be prouder of everyone who participated.

Whether you walked away with an award or simply challenged yourself, you've all contributed to this celebration of success.

Here's to another year of mathematical brilliance!



**24 Bronze Winners 7 Silver Winners 5 Gold Winners**

# YEAR 9 HISTORY TRIP



**THE OLD  
OPERATING  
THEATRE**  
MUSEUM &  
HERB GARRET

"The Old Operating Theatre Museum and Herb Garret in London offers a fascinating glimpse into medical history. The exhibits are informative and eerie, showcasing early surgeries and herbal remedies. It's a unique, educational experience for history and science lovers." - Google

The Year 9 students had an incredible experience visiting the Old Operating Theatre.

**Sitting in the audience gave them a sense of stepping back in time, observing how surgeries were performed before the 19th century.**

One of the highlights was exploring the museum, where they discovered the tools and treatments used during that era—some of which were truly terrifying!

**It's a visit highly recommended for anyone passionate about history or medicine.**

#ThrowbackInTime  
#OldOperatingTheatre  
#HistoryLovers

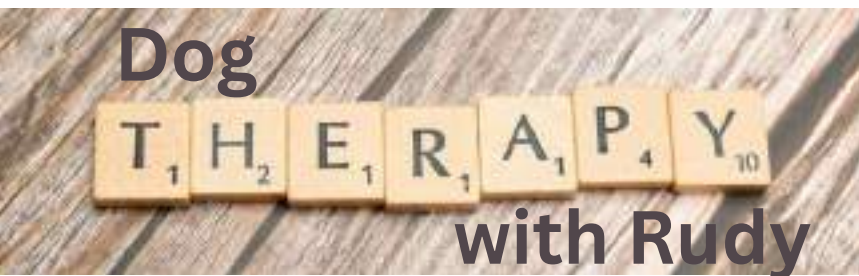


## Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

**“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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# ARTS FESTIVAL 2025

**Brentford School for Girls came alive with creativity, talent, and an undeniable sense of community** as we hosted our much-anticipated annual Arts Festival.

The evening was a **vibrant celebration of our students' hard work and passion, showcasing their incredible achievements across Music, Drama, Textiles, Photography, and Art.**

From the moment the school doors opened, the atmosphere was electric, filled with awe and admiration for the **young artists** who poured their hearts into every performance and display.

The festival's highlights were as diverse as they were inspiring. Captivating drama performances and thought-provoking film screenings left audiences spellbound, while beautifully curated art and textiles exhibitions offered a feast for the eyes.

**Guests had the unique opportunity to connect with our talented students, gaining insight into their creative journeys and aspirations.** It was a heartwarming reminder of the power of the arts to bring people together and inspire future dreams.

**A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who attended and supported our students.** Your encouragement fuels their creative spirits and reminds us all of the importance of celebrating the arts within our community. Let's continue to nurture and champion the incredible talent that makes Brentford School for Girls so special.





# YEAR 6 TASTER SESSIONS



The Year 6 taster sessions on Wednesday, June 19th, were a fantastic opportunity for our incoming Year 7 students to dive into school life and explore their future classes. **They got hands-on with various activities, giving them a real taste of the curriculum, while meeting their soon-to-be classmates and teachers.** This helped build a sense of community before the September.

**Parents didn't miss out either—they attended information meetings, ensuring everyone felt ready for the big transition.** The excitement and anticipation in the air were palpable as students eagerly looked forward to the new academic year.



# POETRY SLAM 2025

Year 7 students were invited to take part in this year's Poetry Slam. A poetry slam is poetry with performance. The students took part in two workshops in school. **They collaborated with a professional Poet, Remi Graves, and learnt different techniques on how to draft a poem using art and their own experiences.**

The final workshop they refined their work and practiced their group performance constantly working and re-working their poem.

For the Poetry Slam competition, Ms O'Sullivan took the girls to St Mark's School Hounslow, who were our hosts for the day. The students had a short amount of time to work on their poem for the final performance where they would compete with five other schools in the borough.



Metaphors

- food is my blanket
- bullying, a crater in the playground
- disco ball

food, space  
bullying  
Opposition  
of a crater  
in the playground  
disco ball  
School  
Hounslow

# ZINE ARTIST WORKSHOP

The final event of the Poetry Slam occurred in July, featuring a **"Zine" workshop led by design artist Grace Kress**. Students were provided with a template to create their own magazines, allowing them to creatively reflect on their achievements throughout the poetry slam process.

**This workshop was a fitting conclusion to a successful event, offering students a meaningful keepsake.**





YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS

# BRONZE EXPEDITION



This year's cohort truly showcased their navigational and camping prowess in Chesham in June 2025.

**They embarked on a thrilling 2-day hike and a night of self-sufficient camping.** Despite the challenge of carrying all their gear, the girls persevered, making the experience both exhausting and incredibly rewarding. Fantastic job, girls!



# PHYSICS A LEVEL TRIP TO KIRKALDY'S TESTING WORKS

At Kirkaldy's Testing Works, located just a stone's throw away from the iconic London Bridge, our Year 12 Physics students had the unique opportunity to push a variety of materials to their absolute limits. **This historic site, once at the forefront of engineering innovation, provided the perfect setting for students to conduct hands-on experiments in material science.** They tested shear strength, hardness, and tensile strength using methods that mirror those employed by British Steel Engineers over a century ago.

The significance of Kirkaldy's Testing Works cannot be overstated. This independent testing facility played a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and durability of materials used in some of London's most famous bridges, many of which still stand strong today. Among these are Blackfriars Bridge, London Bridge, and, closer to home, Hammersmith Bridge. **The students were not only immersed in the history of engineering but also gained a deeper appreciation for the rigorous testing processes that underpin the structures we often take for granted.**

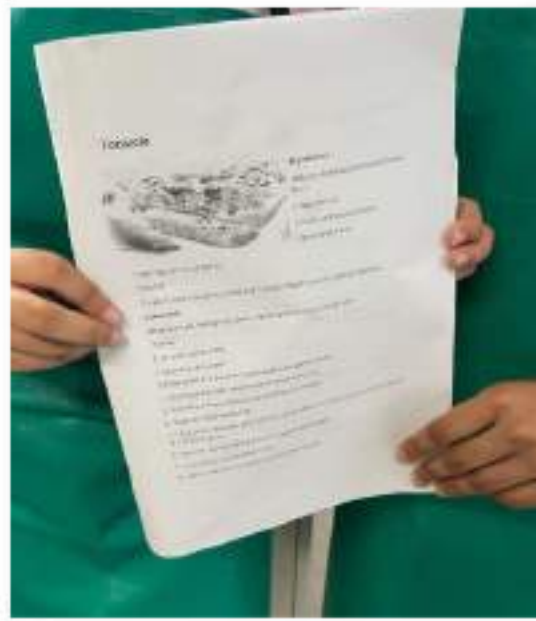
As a memento of their experience, the students brought back some rather unique "souvenirs" – the very pieces of steel they had tested to destruction. These sheared, dented, and stretched samples serve as tangible reminders of their experiments and the incredible forces at play in the world of physics and engineering. It was a day of discovery, learning, and a hands-on connection to the rich history of material testing and engineering excellence.



# FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

One essential skill that often gets overlooked is the ability to cook. In today's fast-paced world, many kids grow up without learning the basics of cooking and end up relying on ready-made meals or takeout. This is where food technology classes at school can make a significant impact. Cooking requires planning, organization, time management, and problem-solving – all valuable skills that can be applied in various aspects of life.

Cooking also allows children to express their creativity while learning about different cultures' culinary traditions. Year 8 Students baking Focaccia bread!



# ACTIVITY DAY - GO APE

Year 7 students from Brentford School for Girls recently **embarked on an unforgettable adventure at Go Ape as part of their activity day.** Immersed in the ultimate outdoor learning experience, the girls tackled thrilling treetop challenges, zip lines, and obstacle courses, all designed to foster teamwork, resilience, and confidence. With Go Ape's Learning Outside the Classroom (LOT) accreditation, the day was not only packed with excitement but also enriched with valuable educational moments. **The students left with a sense of accomplishment, stronger bonds, and memories of an exhilarating day in the great outdoors.**





# SPORTS DAY AT OSTERLEY



What an amazing Sports Day we had this year 2025 at the Osterley Sports and Athletic Centre!

The day was packed with all sorts of track and field events, and our students really gave it their all. Those who weren't competing were cheering like crazy from the hill—talk about school spirit! **The energy was electric, especially during the tug of war. Everyone showed incredible determination for their houses.** We had awesome events like javelin, long jump, shot put, and races ranging from 100m to 800m. The day wrapped up with thrilling 4 x 100m relays for each year group, ending with a super exciting staff and 6th form relay.

The whole event was a huge hit, and everyone—both students and staff—had a great time.



*'What a another special week it has been for our students in their 'Rounders' success'. More and more of our girls are getting involved in sporting activities and I would just like to give a huge shout out to Sian and all of the other PE team & staff who help out with a special shout out to Christelle, Harold and Kaylan who are always out on the astro with the students and have really worked so hard to get PE and the extracurricular sport to where it is now!!!  
- Marais Leenders  
BSFG Executive Head*



# WINNER

**Flexible House took home the 2025 Sports Day trophy, but honestly, every participant put in an amazing effort and should be super proud of themselves.**



# FASHION UPCYCLING COMPETITION

Year 9 students got creative and sustainable with an awesome new project for Year 9 textiles. They kicked off a sewing bee style initiative, which was part of the school's sustainability curriculum, to teach the art of upcycling while having fun and working together as a team. This innovative project aligned seamlessly with the school's ongoing commitment to environmental education and practical learning experiences.

Started in June, the project challenged students to turn unused items like old clothes, bedding, fabric bags, and tablecloths into stylish new outfits. It was all about showing how easy and important it was to repurpose materials and breathe new life into them. By learning to transform these everyday items into fashionable attire, students gained a deeper appreciation for the resources they used and the impact of their choices on the planet.



# YEAR 13 GRADUATION

The Year 13 graduation was unforgettable, marked by hard work and determination.

The event featured heartfelt speeches from the Executive Head of the School, Head of 6th Form, and teachers.

You can find some of the photos capturing the graduates' joy and pride. These snapshots are lasting reminders of this milestone achievement!

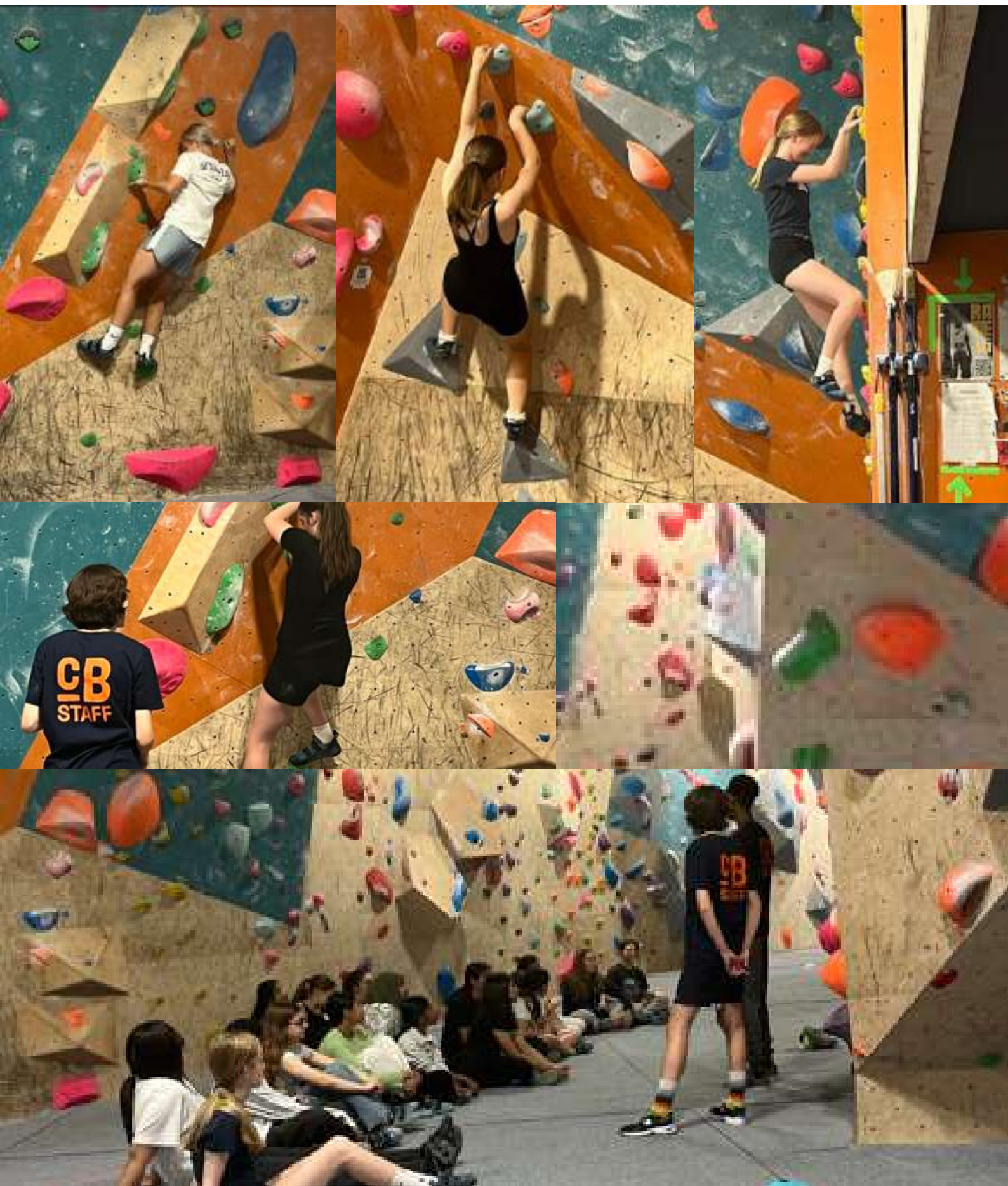


# ACTIVITY DAY TRIPS

During their end-of-July activity day, the secondary school girls had a fantastic time exploring the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, UK. They got to see an incredible array of art and design, including fashion exhibits, historical artifacts, and stunning sculptures. The experience was both educational and inspiring, leaving them with a deeper appreciation for culture and creativity.



# ACTIVITY DAY TRIPS



## 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](#)  
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### 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



### 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.

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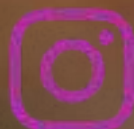
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