

BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break, even though, by now, it will probably feel like a distant reality! Thank you so much for sending your daughter back to school in perfect uniform and 'ready to learn'. Students have all returned to school so positively and with such ambition to do really well. This academic year we have introduced a school charter focused on 'every child, every lesson, every day', with our own school ambition to ensure that every lesson is of the very highest quality and every pupil is fully engaged. We have been talking to the girls about 'no-opting out' in lessons, everyone making a contribution and owning their own learning. During this week's assemblies we shared the science behind this with the pupils so that they can understand why getting involved and making a contribution in all lessons is so critical to them being successful learners.

Welcome to our Year 7 families. The year 7 group have settled in beautifully to life at Brentford, and has been such a pleasure to watch them in lessons and moving around the school already with so much confidence. They may have shown you their badges and told you that confidence is the value that they are working on this half term! Please do be gentle with the Year 7 these next few weeks as the transition is huge for pupils moving from primary to secondary school and ensuring that they get time to rest at weekends and after school; finding time for sport and recreation is equally as important as getting your homework done! If you are worried about anything as a parent, please get in contact with the form tutor- we will always be able to help.

Again this year, we will be having a huge focus on school attendance. Our ambition is to ensure that every girl is in school every day and this will ensure she achieves academically and develops socially too!!!! We know, at times, that may not always be possible, but please ensure that only when she is properly ill that she is kept at home. A small sniffle does not mean your daughter does not have to come to school. I know for most of you this will not be the case but we do have some families for whom attendance is a real issue and this does not need to be the case.

You will notice that we have moved to more face to face events this year. The reason for this is that we feel that, in order to build stronger relationships with families in the school, we need and want to see you! We are a small school and would pride ourselves on how close knit our community is; I don't always feel that relationship building is as easy sitting behind a screen- I do hope you would agree. I certainly have missed meeting you face to face over the years as much as we used to!

Welcome to our new students and families who also join us in the sixth form. It is nice to welcome so many new faces into our post 16 provision.

Best wishes,



Ms Leenders

Executive Headteacher

WELLBEING REMINDERS

We would like to remind you of a few procedures for wellbeing at the school to ensure that all processes are followed and we can care for your daughter appropriately.

Feeling Unwell at School

Should your daughter feel unwell during the school day, she will need to attend Wellbeing. If Wellbeing decides your daughter is too unwell to remain in school, contact will be made with you for permission to send her home or to be collected.

Should your daughter contact you directly via her mobile phone, we would request you contact Wellbeing for more information regarding her condition. Wellbeing triage the reason why your daughter is unwell and will always contact you if there is a need to send her home. If contact is not made, it is unlikely to be necessary for your daughter to go home and the situation can be easily rectified in school with pain relief, etc.

Please be advised that any use of a mobile phone in the school day is not allowed. In line with the school's mobile phone policy, your daughter will have her phone confiscated for a day and a 30 minute detention will be set.

If your daughter is unwell at home before school, meaning she cannot attend, please contact the school's absence line.

Administration of medication in school

If your daughter is unwell and prescribed any medication (including antibiotics) from her GP or the hospital, please can I request that the medication is sent into Wellbeing in the original packaging with your daughter's name, the dose and expiry date of the medication clearly visible. This will enable the school to supervise her taking the medication and make a note of the dosage and the time it was taken.

Please could you also provide a note, email or telephone call authorizing the administration of the medication to your daughter in school. It cannot be administered without parental permission.

PARLIAMENT TRIP

We are delighted to have the opportunity to take some Year 9 and Year 10 students to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 17th September. They will be given a tour of the main buildings and get to see where the televised debates happen! The trip supports our commitment to preparing our students for the world after school by learning about the key British value of democracy.

WELCOME TO YEAR 7 AND MEET THE TUTORS

On Thursday 9th October from 6-7pm we are welcoming all parents and carers of students in Year 7 to attend a Welcome Event in the school hall, followed by an informal opportunity to meet their daughters' form tutor and ask any questions.

YEAR 12/13 PAL TALK

As part of the Provider Access Legislation (PAL), Year 12 and 13 students will attend a careers talk delivered by an external provider. This session will give valuable insight into future pathways, including higher education and employment opportunities.

PSCHE LIVE PERFORMANCES

The PSHE (Blossom) and Music Departments are delighted to host The Entitled Sons at Brentford School for Girls on Tuesday 23rd September. The Entitled Sons is a band made up of four talented brothers, sons of TV presenter Sarah Beeny. The session begins with the performance, which is followed by the PSHE presentation, and finally a live Q&A with students where pupils can ask questions directly to the band. The session ends with a short meet and greet where pupils can take away a signed flyer.

The band will discuss mental health, the causes of mental health problems (stress at school, relationships, etc.), a time when one of them has had their own mental health issues, who they turned to for help and the importance of speaking up. They will also speak about the stresses at school - including how to deal with bullying if you come across it relating to his own experiences at school.

They will discuss the importance of healthy relationships and respect within all kinds of relationships, whether this be family, friendships or romantic relationships. They will also discuss the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships, highlighting the importance of respect and tolerance, and why diversity should be celebrated between us all. The talk is very interactive and gets the pupils involved.

OPEN MORNINGS & OPEN EVENING

As part of our admissions process, students and parents from Year 6 are invited to attend Open Mornings to see our wonderful school on Wednesday 17th September and Wednesday 24th September. We will be asking some students to help give tours and speak to our visitors about school life at Brentford.

On Wednesday 1st October we open our doors to the community to view our school for our annual Open Evening. Students who recommend students and parents in Year 5 & Year 6 to attend will be put into a draw to win vouchers.

The Open Evening is a huge event where we will be asking as many students as possible to help give tours and to assist in departments. The feedback from our visitors is always very good and we appreciate your support and help in enabling as many of your daughters to help on the evening and appreciate you recommending us to your friends and family members who are looking for a secondary school to attend.

YEAR 11 TRIP TO THE V&A MUSEUM

We are looking forward to taking the Year 11 Photographers on a trip to the V&A Museum. They will have a chance to explore the V&A's Photography Centre which showcases photos and objects from the beginnings of photography to the present day. We hope this will give them lots of inspiration to use when creating their own projects in Photography.

ABBA VOYAGE

After a really successful trip to Abba Voyage in 2024, we are excited to be taking a group of Year 8 students to this fantastic concert on the 15th October. Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Frida appear as digital versions of themselves, brought to life using motion capture technology, in a mesmerising performance that last year's trip attendees thought was the "best trip ever"!

YEAR 11 TRIP TO NATIONAL PORTRAIT

GALLERY

We are looking forward to taking the Year 11 Artists on a trip to the National Portrait Gallery. They will have a chance to explore Portraiture through the ages and through different mediums, giving them lots of inspiration to use when building their projects.

YEAR 12/13 TRIP TO BOROUGH MARKET

A-Level Students are invited to explore Borough market and its surroundings through the lens of a camera and sketchbook. These photographs can help document and inform their personal investigations and further ideas. This is a lovely opportunity for the girls to gain culture capital as they are exposed to our city's social dynamic, architecture, transport and creative atmosphere.

YEAR 7 PHOTOS

Year 7 students will be having their school photos taken on **Friday 23rd September**. Please ensure that all students are in **full school uniform**, looking neat and tidy for the day.

Parents and carers, please remind your child to arrive on time and ready for their photo. Students will be issued photo cards which have a QR code on the back for parents to order photos from.

INFLUENZA IMMUNISATIONS

The year 7 - 11 flu immunisation is due to take place in school on Tuesday 7th October 2025. A flu vaccine can reduce the risk of your daughter becoming sick by 30-60%, and prevent children being admitted to hospital because of the flu virus. The consent form and information has been emailed out to you. Both the nasal spray and the injectable options are available. Please take this opportunity to help protect your daughter against the flu.

YEAR 10 TRIP TO STRATFORD

On Wednesday 17th September, all year 10 geographers will be out on fieldwork to Stratford (10B & 10A) as part of their GCSE studies. This is an essential part of becoming the geographers of the future!

YEAR 12 ELEVATE WORKSHOP

On Friday 26th September, we have invited Elevate Education to deliver their 'Study Sensai' workshop to the whole of Year 12, as part of our commitment to help them with their transition to KS5 learning.

This workshop will cover the following;

- Utilising the syllabus to frame study
- Structuring and reviewing organised notes
- Conceptual learning to develop deep understanding
- Utilising practice exam papers
- Standing out through independent learning

DSH INGENUITY DAY

As part of our ongoing commitment to high-quality teaching, Digital House Ingenuity Day focuses on developing staff confidence and expertise in digital learning. Teachers will collaborate, share strategies, and explore new innovations so that students benefit from engaging and effective lessons.



The banner features a circular image of two students in school uniforms, a purple circular logo with a caduceus symbol, a purple button with the text 'REGISTER NOW' and a green checkmark, and a QR code with the school logo in the center. The background is light purple with decorative circles.

Open Events 2025

EVENING EVENT: Wednesday 1st October 6pm-8.30pm
MORNING TOURS: 17th and 24th September 9.30am-11am

[Register Now](#)  **02088474281**  [brentford.hounslow.sch.uk](https://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk)

KICKSTART PROGRAMME

From Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd, a select group of students will be taking part in the SPARK! KickStart Programme. Over the course of the three days, they'll take part in two days of interactive workshops and enjoy a career insight day trip.

We're thrilled to see our students embracing this exciting opportunity, which will help them build valuable skills, boost their confidence, and gain real-world career insights.

YEAR 9/11 PAL TALK

As part of the Provider Access Legislation (PAL), Year 9 and 11 students will attend a careers talk delivered by an external provider. This session will give valuable insight into future pathways, including further education and employment opportunities.

WELCOME TO YEAR 12 EVENING

The Welcome to Year 12 Evening will take place on Thursday 25th September from 6:00–7:00pm. This event is designed to give parents an overview of the year ahead as students begin their post-16 studies.

The evening will outline key expectations, support available, and opportunities within the sixth form. Tutors will also be present to introduce themselves, giving parents the chance to make those important first connections and understand how best to support their child during this crucial stage of education.

YEAR 12 GRAVITY TRIP

On Friday 10th October, we are looking forward to taking Year 12 out on their trip to Gravity, London. It will be a wonderful teambuilding and wellbeing trip for all those going. The trip includes the opportunity to partake in team Go Karting and Bowling, as well as having lunch together and having the chance to explore the other active entertainment on offer at Gravity.

KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW

Sixth form Textiles students will be going to the Knitting and Stitch Show at Alexandra Palace, on Friday 10th October. This is an important part of their coursework as they will get to see a range of textiles work from different contemporary textile artists. The cost is £6 per student.

YEAR 12 "LIT HAPPENS" CONFERENCE

All of the Y12 students studying English Literature across Hounslow borough have been invited to a student conference on 7th October 2025, organised by HEP and held at The Green School for Girls.

They will hear a carousel of five lecture-style talks from teachers across the borough, including a talk entitled 'Movements In Time: The Evolution of Literature' to be given by Miss Downton. The conference is from 9am to 1pm and aims to inspire all English Literature students and share the passions and expertise of the English Literature teachers within the borough. Miss Downton's talk is focused on how literary movements don't only reflect the changes within history, society and culture, they also helped to shape them.

YEAR 11 EXPECTATIONS EVENING

We are excited to welcome our Year 11 parents/carers along with their daughters on Thursday 18th September from 6-7pm to learn more about their journey towards GCSE exams this summer. During the evening they will hear from our English, Maths and Science teams and get useful hints and tips on revision, stress management and more.

GCSE CYCLING COURSE

Selected GCSE PE students from Brentford School for Girls have been invited to take part in a two-day Road Cycling course at Hillingdon Cycle Circuit (11–12 Springfield Rd, Hayes UB4 0LP) on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October 2025, from 8:15am–1pm.

Delivered by The Cycle Coach, a specialist company in the AQA GCSE PE syllabus, the course includes coaching and filmed assessments to support students in gaining credit towards their practical grade, which makes up 40% of the GCSE.

This opportunity is designed to help students who are not currently involved in sports outside of school achieve the required three sports for assessment. The cost is £100 per student, payable via ScoPay in instalments, with the final deadline on Monday 29th September 2025. Students will travel by school minibus to the venue, but must be collected or make their own way home from the circuit.



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IMPORTANT DATES IN AUTUMN TERM 1

- Monday 1st September: INSET Day
- Tuesday 2nd September: INSET Day
- Wednesday 3rd September: Year 7 Induction day
- Thursday 4th September: Year 12 Induction Day
- Thursday 4th September: All Students Return (Staggered Start)
- Wednesday 17th September: Open Morning (9:30am-11am)
- Wednesday 17th September: Year 10 Stratford Trip
- Wednesday 17th September: Parliament Trip
- Thursday 18th September: Year 11 Expectations Evening
- Tuesday 23rd September: PSCHE Live Performances
- Wednesday 24th September: Open Morning (9:30am-11am)
- Thursday 25th September: Welcome to Year 12 Evening (6pm-7pm)
- Friday 26th September: Year 7 Photos
- Friday 26th September: Year 12 Elevate
- Wednesday 1st October: Early Finish 12:50pm
- Wednesday 1st October: Year 6 Open Evening (6pm-8:30pm)
- Thursday 2nd October: INSET Day
- Tuesday 7th October: Influenza Immunisations
- Tuesday 7th October: DSH Ingenuity Day
- Tuesday 7th October: Year 12 "Lit Happens" Conference
- Wednesday 8th-9th October: GCSE Cycling Course
- Thursday 9th October: Year 7 Meet the Tutors Event
- Friday 10th October: MFL Cinema Outing
- Friday 10th October: Year 12 Gravity Trip
- Friday 10th October: Knitting and Stitching show
- Tuesday 14th October: Year 11 Trip to the V&A Museum
- Wednesday 15th October: ABBA Voyage Trip
- Thursday 16th October: Year 11 Trip to the National Portrait Gallery
- Friday 17th October: Houses of Parliament Trip
- Monday 20th October: Year 12/13 PAL Talk
- Monday 20th-22nd October: Kickstart Programme
- Friday 24th October: Year 12/13 Photography Trip to Borough Market
- Friday 24th October: Year 9/11 PAL Talk