

BRENTFORD BULLETIN

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HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards the end of the first half term, on behalf of the school I would like to thank all of the girls for their hard work this term. The school has had such a fantastic spirit as the girls have settled back into their school routines with such engagement. Our focus this academic year in the classroom is 'No Opt Out'. We want all of our girls to feel fully engaged in their learning by asking and answering questions, and fully taking part in their learning. As a leadership team, myself and the other members of our team have spent lots of time in lessons through our own school monitoring and have observed the really strong engagement of the girls- it has been a pleasure!

I have also had the privilege of having breakfast with each of the tutor groups in year 7 group and have listened to their feedback of their experience at Brentford so far. The feedback from the students has been so positive. They have particularly identified the following strengths of the school:

- How kind and helpful the older girls have been.
- The extra curricular activities and opportunities available to them.
- How much they have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers, how nice they are, and the new things they are learning.
- Their form tutors and getting to see them daily - the positive pastoral relationships they are building.

As always with year 7, the challenges have been around managing homework and getting used to navigating their way around a big school!

Next half term will be full of festivity as we move towards the Christmas period in school. The Christmas Fayre, the concert and year 7 pantomime are up and coming highlights for the half term ahead! We are also hopeful to be able to get our PTA running a celebratory event for parents too. Please follow us on social media and look out for notices from the PTA.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support over the last half term. We will be forever grateful for our partnership with you.

Have a great half term. 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.

YEAR 13 PPES

5th - 14th November 2025

Year 13 students will be sitting their PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) starting the week of 5th November. These exams are a vital opportunity for students to consolidate their learning, practise exam technique and identify areas to strengthen ahead of the summer. In Year 12, students benefited from revision workshops with *Elevate Education*, where they gained practical strategies to plan, organise and revise effectively. We encourage them to draw on this advice over the half term so they can enter their PPEs feeling confident and prepared.

During PPE week, most students will sit two papers per subject and have already been given clear guidance on the key material to revise. This is their chance to show how far they've come, and to take the next step towards achieving their potential.

We wish all of Year 13 the very best of luck in their exams and look forward to celebrating their progress.

YEAR 7 CAREERS DAY

We are very excited to host our Year 7 Careers Day on the 7th November! This event offers students the opportunity to reflect on their first half term of secondary school and begin exploring the wide range of career paths open to them.

FUTURE MAKERS CONCERT

This annual concert takes place at the Royal Albert Hall. Singer-songwriters and bands aged 14 to 19 perform their original music to a full audience of KS2 and KS3 students.

This is the final stage of a year-long competition, and the winner is announced at the end of the eight acts. Last year, this trip went down so well we are doing it again, and taking our Year 7s.

YEAR 10 TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

We are looking forward to an exciting trip to the National Portrait Gallery. The Year 10 Photographers have been studying portraiture in lessons and will see how portraiture has been used and changed throughout history, as well as how different artists and photographers have explored expressing themselves through the style and materials used.

YEAR 10 TRIP TO THE TATE MODERN

We are looking forward to an exciting trip to the Tate Modern Gallery. Year 10s have been studying pop art in lessons and will gain a deeper appreciation for the art movement and its context after exploring the artworks first hand in this world class art collection.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

We're excited to announce that Whole School Photo Day will take place on Friday 14th November. All students are expected to participate as we capture this special moment in our school's history. Full school uniform is required so students need to be neat and tidy, ready to represent our school with pride.

MFL CINEMA OUTING

The MFL department is looking forward to inviting students from Years 9 & 10 to the French Institute cinema in South Kensington this term! The cost is £5 per pupil and the screening will be at 11am on December 10th. Students will be back by 3pm.

6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Brentford Sixth Form is proud of its inclusive community and warmly invites prospective students and parents to attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 19th November (4pm–6pm). This event is a chance to meet staff and students, explore our courses, and experience the friendly, caring and ambitious ethos that defines our sixth form. To learn more and secure your place, please book via our website.

INFLUENZA IMMUNISATIONS CATCH UP

There is a second opportunity to sign up your daughter for the flu immunisation. They will take place on the afternoon of 1st December. If you had already signed up for this immunisation but your daughter missed it, she will be able to have it on this date.

YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our Year 9 Parents' Evening, which will take place on November 13th between 4.30 to 7pm. Appointments can be booked on the school cloud for this in person event

This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress as they begin their first year of GCSE courses. Teachers will provide feedback on how students are settling into their new subjects, highlight strengths, and offer guidance on how they can continue to succeed.

YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

Parents of Year 10 students will have the opportunity to meet with their classroom teachers to discuss your daughter's progress so far this term. This is an excellent opportunity to set the girls up for a positive start to year 10.

6TH FORMER FOR A DAY

On Friday 12th December, our Year 11 students will take part in *A Day in the Life of a Sixth Former*. This exciting experience allows them to step into the shoes of our Sixth Form community for the day. Students will arrive in smart attire and enjoy four Level 3 lessons in subjects of their choice; A levels or Vocational pathways. They'll also experience the same privileges as our Sixth Formers during breaks and lunches, helping them get a real feel for the independence and responsibility that comes with post-16 study.

Throughout the day, Year 11s will have the chance to meet and chat with our current sixth formers, ask questions and hear first-hand what life in the Sixth Form is really like. We're looking forward to seeing our Year 11s embrace this opportunity and start to imagine their own future pathways.

HOUNSLOW TEEN READ LAUNCH

The Hounslow Teen Read launch will take place on Thursday 15th November at Isleworth and Syon School for Boys. We have a visiting author (which is a surprise) who will be talking about their books and announcing the titles on the list.

KEW SINFONIA CONCERT

Building on last year's successful concert where the choir sang part of the Nutcracker ballet with the Kew Sinfonia Orchestra, we have been invited back to sing some festive music that includes the soundtrack to Home Alone by John Williams, and The Snowman by Howard Blake. This is a fantastic experience for the students to sing, accompanied by a full orchestra. It takes place in Chiswick, and concession tickets are available for all those interested. Please contact Kate Martin at the school.

BRENTFORD'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

As the term draws to a close, Brentford is excited to continue with our much-loved annual Christmas festivities during the final week of term. Our celebrations will include the sales of the Christmas Sweet Bags, a Christmas Entertainment Show, Christmas Jumper Day, and a lively Christmas Quiz. These events are being organised and led by our Student Senior Leadership Team alongside Sixth Form students, with all proceeds supporting charity and the Year 13 end-of-year celebrations.

The highlight of the week will be the Christmas Entertainment Show on Thursday 18th December, where our students will showcase their incredible talents – always a joyful way to bring our community together.

We are also proud to continue our tradition of giving back to the local community. Our Year 12 and 13 students will be preparing hampers filled with gifts, non-perishable food, puzzle packs, and handwritten postcards and Christmas cards, to deliver to nearby care homes – a small gesture to spread warmth and kindness this festive season.

YEAR 7 PANTO TRIP

We are excited to be able to take our Year 7s to see the Lyric Theatre's 2025 Pantomime - 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' This is a lovely way to finish the first full term at Brentford School for Girls, by going to see a traditional (and often very silly) version of a well-known story. Students will travel for the afternoon and arrive back after the normal end of the school day.

Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith: "Join our loveable hero Jack as he embarks on a mission of gigantic proportions, way into the clouds, to defeat his newfound nemesis and save the people of Hammersmith."

Make sure you have paid for your daughter to attend and fill in the Google Sheet to let us know how your daughter will be going home.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are delighted to invite you to our School Christmas Concert. Join us for an evening filled with festive music, with performances from singers, instrumentalists, dancers, and our popular school choir. There will also be a sneak preview of our upcoming school musical to keep you entertained!

It's the perfect way to celebrate the end of the year together as a school community – we can't wait to see you there!

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUTUMN TERM 2

- Monday 3rd November: Occasional Day (school closed)
- Tuesday 4th November: Occasional Day (school closed except for English Language Retake - AM)
- Wednesday 5th November: Future Maker Concert
- Wednesday 5th November: Maths Retake Exam - AM
- Thursday 6th November: Hounslow Teen Read Launch
- Thursday 6th November: English Language Retake Exam - AM
- Friday 7th November: Year 7 Careers Day
- Friday 7th November: Maths Retake Exam - AM
- Tuesday 11th November: Year 10 Trip to the National Portrait Gallery
- Wednesday 12th November: Year 10 Trip to the Tate Modern
- Thursday 13th November: Year 9 Parents Evening (4:30pm-7pm)
- Friday 14th November: Whole School Photos
- Wednesday 19th November: 6th Form Open Evening (5pm-6pm)
- Friday 28th November: Occasional Day
- Monday 1st December: Influenza Immunisations
- Thursday 4th December: Year 10 Parents Evening (4:30pm-7pm)
- Wednesday 10th December: MFL Cinema Trip
- Wednesday 10th December: Christmas Concert
- Friday 12th December: 6th Former for a Day
- Sunday 14th December: Kew Sinfonia Concert
- Wednesday 17th December: Year 7 Panto Trip
- Friday 19th December: School ends 12:30pm



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