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HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of a busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support over the last few months. This term has been filled with a myriad of events that have brilliantly celebrated our school community, and it has been wonderful to witness the involvement of so many of our girls. Sports competitions, extra curricular clubs, school play rehearsals, and house competitions have shaped the term alongside the huge commitment to learning that the girls have demonstrated.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this half term was the Christmas concert. It was truly a fantastic evening, showcasing the exceptional talent of our students. I was particularly thrilled to see girls from across various year groups performing so beautifully, along with many of our new Year 7 students. Such moments are invaluable and truly embody the spirit of our school community.

On the 17th of December, we will be running our annual Year 7 pantomime trip. The girls are very excited about this outing, which is thoroughly deserved, as they have made a fantastic start to their first year at secondary school. It is events like these that not only provide such enjoyment, but also strengthen friendships amongst the girls.

I would also like to commend our Year 11 and Year 13 students for successfully navigating their first set of pre-public exams (mocks) this term. Their dedication and commitment to their studies have been commendable, and it was gratifying to see how organised and prepared they were. A huge thank you to all the staff who have tirelessly supported the students behind the scenes. We understand that this can be a challenging year for them, and we are continually looking at ways to manage the girls' wellbeing alongside their academic responsibilities.

It has been great to see so many parents engaging with us through the welcome events and parents' evenings this term. As a school, we are eager to rebuild our face-to-face interactions with parents, as we firmly believe that this is paramount to effective communication. Positive relationships are far more easily constructed in person, and I hope you share this sentiment. It is always a pleasure to meet and discuss your daughters' progress with you directly, rather than through a screen.

Please be reminded that the last day of term is the 19th of December, when the school will close at 12.30 pm. I wish you all a fantastic and peaceful break over the Christmas holidays, along with a joyful start to the New Year. Thank you once again for your continued support.

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Ms Leenders
Executive Headteacher

JACK PETCHEY

Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to sign up for a workshop to help them develop their public speaking skills. We have managed to secure two workshops for the Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge on Thursday 8th January 2026.

The workshop is a full day workshop aimed at developing skills and confidence in public speaking. These are vital skills for all careers; from interviews and performance reviews to presentations, public speaking skills can be integral to our success. Students can join the workshop to develop their confidence, no matter their current experience in public speaking.

However, there is also the opportunity for top speakers from the day to be chosen and whittled down to decide who will represent our school at the Regional Final, where we compete against top speakers from across Hounslow. In our time participating in this competition, we have had four regional finalists, three of those going on to the National Final.

All of Year 10 will also all be doing a speech for their AQA English Spoken Language exam at the end of the year, so this workshop is a great way to build their skills and confidence for that.

YEAR 13 ELEVATE WORKSHOP

On **Tuesday 13th January**, we have invited Elevate Education to deliver their '**Ace your Exams**' workshop to the whole of Year 13, as part of our commitment to help them prepare for their final set of PPEs.

This workshop will cover the following;

- Highest value exam preparation tasks
- Fixing mistakes to ensure constant improvement
- Time allocation during exam preparation
- Techniques for managing stress & time pressure in exams

YEAR 11 TRIP TO ROYAL HOLLOWAY -

“LANGUAGES FOR ALL” LAUNCH

After having been enrolled on the “Languages For All” programme, the top fifteen French linguists at BSfG will be attending the launch trip at Royal Holloway University on Thursday 15th January 2026. On this day they will take part in university taster sessions, career networking sessions as well as a tour of campus.

The “Languages for All” programme involves the best language students in Hounslow borough and aims to help them achieve high grades in modern language studies, as well as support them with studying languages at A-level.

Studying languages brings you benefits throughout your life. People who can speak languages are in high demand in many sectors: diplomacy, security, tourism, trade, education and research. Knowing foreign languages can open doors to a successful future!

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

Year 11 teachers look forward to welcoming in the families of their students on Thursday 15th January from 4.30pm to 7pm to discuss their daughter's progress and targets for the upcoming GCSE exams. This will be their last chance before exams start to target their revision and locate any weak areas.

UCAS DEADLINE

Thursday 15th January is National UCAS Deadline.

CAREERS AND HE FAIR

We are excited to invite students to our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair on Wednesday, 22st January. This event is an invaluable opportunity for students to explore a wide range of career pathways, meet professionals from various industries, and gain insights into higher education options.

A variety of universities and local employers will be present, offering advice and answering questions about future education and career prospects. The fair aims to inspire students to think about their aspirations and to help them make informed decisions about their next steps. Parents are encouraged to discuss the event with their children and support them in making the most of this exciting opportunity.

6TH FORM PARENTS EVENING

The **Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' Evening** will take place on **Thursday 22nd January**, from **4.30–7.00pm** on site. This event provides an important opportunity for you to meet your daughter/son's subject teachers and discuss their progress.

Year 13: The focus of these appointments will be to review the recent PPE results and outline the action plan in preparation for the next PPEs after the February half-term.

Year 12: Conversations will centre on how students are settling into their A-Level or Applied courses, as well as their current progress and any interventions in place.

VISIT FROM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Our visitor from the Royal Astronomical Society will arrive on the 26th January to give a series of talks on aurora, exoplanets, spectral analysis and planet transit. Students will get an insight into how astronomers can learn what kind of atmospheres planets have, along with the length of their day and year, how hot they are and whether or not it would be possible for life to exist on such planets – all at distances of more than 10 light years away in our own galaxy the milky way.

YEAR 9 DPT/MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS

The year 9 students will be offered the DPT/Meningitis immunisations on 22nd January 2026. These immunisations help protect your daughter against tetanus, diphtheria and polio. The Meningitis ACWY vaccine helps to protect against meningitis A, C, W and Y. Meningitis is the dangerous swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. It can be very serious, even fatal.

The consent forms and information for these immunisations will be emailed home to you when we return after the Christmas holidays. Please ensure you complete the consent form to guarantee your daughter will receive these very important immunisations.

6TH FORM INTERNAL INTERVIEWS/ARD

On Wednesday 28th January, all Year 11 students will have a scheduled interview with a member of the School Leadership Team to discuss their academic progress and Sixth Form application. These conversations are an important part of supporting students with their next steps, and will be followed by provisional offer letters, subject to the outcome of the interview.

YEAR 12/13 TRIP TO TATE MODERN

On Tuesday 3rd February, we are excited to take our sixth form students to the Tate Modern to explore the range of Art on display and to gather ideas and inspiration for their personal investigations and Externally Set Assignments. We hope it will prove an inspiring, exciting visit!

MFL RESTAURANT TRIPS

In February (4th February and 13th February), the MFL department will be organising two culinary trips: a trip to the crêperie to taste delicious French pancakes, and another one to a Spanish restaurant to discover tapas. Bon appétit!

SPEED READ EVENT

Our annual speed event will take place on Thursday 5th February. Students across from year 9 will be taking part. This is an excellent event to promote reading for pleasure.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - PRIMARY PERFORMANCES

The cast and crew of 'Finding Nemo junior' are excited to welcome several local primary schools to our performances. The primary performances offer an excellent practice run for the cast and a lovely experience of live theatre for the year 5s who attend. However, every year the favourite part of the afternoon is the 'cast Q&A' where primary students ask the cast questions about what it's like being in the school production.

ESPORTS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Brentford School for Girls will once again be taking part in the Digital Schoolhouse (DSH) esports competition this year.

Digital Schoolhouse is a national programme that uses creative computing, industry partnerships, and esports tournaments to introduce students to the rapidly growing world of the digital and gaming industries. **We are one of the select schools chosen to deliver the programme.**

Through our involvement, students gain meaningful exposure to technology, teamwork, event management, strategic thinking, and the wider ecosystem behind modern games development.

This experience not only builds their digital literacy, but also gives them valuable insight into future career pathways within the tech and creative sectors. This year, the competition qualifiers will take place in Central London in February 2026, giving our students the opportunity to compete on a larger stage and represent our school at a regional level.

6TH FORM EXTERNAL INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 11th February, external applicants to our Sixth Form will be invited in for their in-person interview with a member of our Leadership Team. This is an exciting opportunity for our Sixth Form to continue growing, and for students to look forward to a fresh start where they can thrive academically and personally.

Each year we see an increase in external applications, and we are proud to welcome new learners into our diverse, ambitious, and supportive community.

YEAR 12/13 TRIP TO PHOTOGRAPHERS GALLERY

On Friday 13th February, we are excited to take our sixth form students to The Photographer's Gallery to explore the range of Photography on display and to gather ideas and inspiration for their Personal Investigations and Externally Set Assignments. We hope it will prove an inspiring, exciting visit!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

On Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February the cast will be performing 'Finding Nemo junior'.

With rehearsals well under way, costumes being sewn and props painted we are looking forward to another fantastic production.

Tickets are available to buy on ScoPay- please do come along and support all of the incredibly hard working cast and crew!

IMPORTANT DATES IN SPRING TERM 1

- Wednesday 8th January: Jack Petchey
- Tuesday 13th January: Year 12 Elevate Workshop
- Thursday 15th January: Year 11 Trip to Royal Holloway-Languages for all Launch
- Thursday 15th January: Year 11 Parents Evening (4:30-7pm)
- Tuesday 20th January: DSH Ingenuity Day
- Wednesday 21st January: Careers & HE Fair
- Thursday 22nd January: Year 9 DPT/ Meningitis Vaccinations
- Thursday 22nd January: 6th Form Parents Evening (4:30-7pm)
- Monday 26th January: Visit from Royal Astronomical Society
- Wednesday 28th January: Year 12 Internal Interviews
- Monday 2nd February: Year 10 English Literature PPE
- Tuesday 3rd February: Year 12/13 Trip to Tate Modern
- Wednesday 4th February: MFL Restaurant Trip
- Thursday 5th February: Speed Reading Event
- Friday 6th February: **INSET DAY**
- Monday 9th February: Year 10 English Literature PPE
- Monday 9th February: School Production Primary Performance
- Tuesday 10th February: Esports Regional Qualifiers
- Tuesday 10th February: School Production Primary Performance
- Wednesday 11th February: School Production Primary Performance
- Wednesday 11th February: 6th Form External Interviews
- Thursday 12th February: School Production Evening performance
- Friday 13th February: School Production Evening performance
- Friday 13th February: Year 12/13 Trip to Photographers Gallery
- Friday 13th February: Women & Girls in Science
- Friday 13th February: MFL Restaurant Trip
- Friday 13th February: School finishes for Half Term



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