



BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
BRENTFORD 6th FORM

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INSPIRATION FOR THE MODERN YOUNG STUDENT

**A TERM OF
DISCOVERY AND CELEBRATION**




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Welcome, as we look back on a term of Discovery and Celebration

From the nervous excitement of Year 7 and 12 Induction Days in September, to the festive cheer of our Christmas celebrations in December, these pages are filled with moments of growth, learning, and joy.

This issue captures the vibrant spirit of our school, showcasing a diverse array of activities ranging from academic milestones like the "Lit Happens" Conference and Parliament trips to creative highlights, such as the ABBA Voyage trip and our Future Makers Concert.

Whether it was exploring new horizons on field trips, or coming together for sporting events, every page reflects the energy and dedication of our students and staff.

We hope you enjoy reliving these wonderful memories as much as we enjoyed making them.





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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear students, parents, carers and staff,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of term again and I am sure everyone who is part of our school community is looking forward to the holidays after what has been a very busy term. There have been so many great things going on it is hard to know where to start, so I'll apologise in advance if I forget to mention something.

The Year 7s settled in quickly and are now fully involved in all areas of school life - it is amazing to see how well they handle the transition and how quickly they make new friends and settle into life at school. The open events for Year 6 students were well attended and it was great to see Year 7 pupils playing their part in the tours and activities that were taking place to demonstrate everything that makes Brentford the incredible school that it is.

There have been so many trips this term - a group of Year 10 students were lucky enough to visit the Houses of Parliament and meet our local MP, another group of students got to go to see ABBA Voyage (I'm so jealous!), there was a trip to the Knitting & Stitching show and at the time of writing I know the year 7s are looking forward to a trip - to the panto!!

Our sports teams, who are always fiercely competitive, have had some fantastic results this term - the Year 9 & 10 teams narrowly missed out on a win in the indoor football tournament but showed the teamwork, skill and sportsmanship that our teams have in bucketloads. A special mention has to go to our netball teams; the Year 8 & Year 11s both had fantastic wins against Springwest, the Year 8 team beat Lampton 16 - 4, and a team of Year 9 & 10s beat River Academy 12 - 2. Fantastic results and congratulations to all the players.

One of the term's highlights for me was definitely the Christmas Concert. What a fantastic showcase of some of the amazing talent we have at school - it was great to see so many girls taking part in a great assortment of singing, dancing and musical numbers. And who can forget the staff choir - an outstanding performance by them all.

We also got a 'sneaky peek' at Finding Nemo - the school production which will be hitting the stage on February 12th & 13th next year; it looked absolutely amazing, so don't forget to book your tickets as our school productions are not to be missed. I've already got my ticket and I look forward to seeing you there.

As always, I will close by wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Best wishes,
Terri George - Chair to the Governing Board



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this term. It has been a term filled with hard work, dedication, and numerous enriching experiences for our girls, both within the school and beyond.

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic time at the Careers Day, where they were introduced to a variety of career paths. The enthusiasm displayed by our students during the event was truly commendable, and it is our hope that they left inspired and motivated to explore their interests further.

Meanwhile, Year 10 Arts students enjoyed inspiring visits to the National Portrait Gallery and Tate Modern. These excursions provided our students with the opportunity to engage with art in a meaningful way, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of artistic expression. Encouraging them to see more of London was also important, given so many of our pupils do not take advantage of the rich experiences they can have right on the 'doorstep'.

The festive spirit was alive during our Christmas Concert, which showcased the incredible talents of our students. It was a joy to see so many of our pupils from all year groups participating in this event, displaying their skills in music, dance, and drama. The concert not only highlighted their hard work but also brought our school community together in celebration.

The Politics Club had the unique opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament earlier on in the term. This provided them with a real-world perspective on governance and allowed our students to see democracy in action and understand the importance of their voices in shaping society. Who knows - we may see our next Prime Minister from one of our girls in the future! Wouldn't that be great!

Our new Year 12, had a blast at the Gravity Force trip, where they engaged in fun and physical activities that fostered teamwork and camaraderie. It has been fantastic to see so many students join us in Year 12 from other local schools.

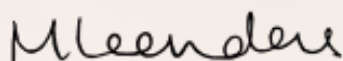
We also celebrated our first-ever Winter Sports Day this term, which was a resounding success. The event highlighted the sporting spirit of our school community, with students showcasing their athletic abilities and sportsmanship in a friendly and competitive atmosphere.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have just completed their mock exams. Their behaviour was impeccable, and I am proud of their dedication and focus during this challenging time. These mock exams are an important stepping stone in their academic journey, and I am confident that their hard work will pay off.

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated teachers and support staff in school, who have worked tirelessly to support our students this term. Their commitment to nurturing and guiding our girls is truly commendable. It has been wonderful to connect with many of you during our parents' evenings and welcome events, as your involvement is vital to our girls' success.

Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful and restful Christmas break!

Warm regards,



Marais Leenders
Headteacher



IN THE PRESS

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LOCAL LIFE

Brentford Sixth Form ignites ambitions with game-changing work experience programme

Brentford Sixth Form proudly highlights its innovative work experience programme, a distinctive feature of its Year 12 curriculum.

The initiative offers students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in their chosen field, fostering professional skills and industry connections. This programme is designed to complement the academic curriculum, providing students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for the challenges of the modern workforce.

Students are encouraged to explore various sectors, from business and technology to the arts and sciences. The programme is supported by a dedicated team of staff who provide guidance and support throughout the process. This ensures that students can make the most of their work experience and gain valuable insights into their chosen career paths.

Open Events 2025

REGISTER NOW

Evening Event: Thursday 1st October 6pm - 8:30pm

Register Now

LOCAL LIFE

Celebrate success and secure a future at Brentford Sixth Form

Brentford School for Girls is preparing for an important evening on Wednesday 1st October, celebrating the achievements of its Year 12 students. This event is regarded as a significant occasion for both current students and their families.

The evening will feature a variety of activities, including presentations, performances, and awards. It is a chance for students to showcase their talents and achievements, and for families to celebrate their success. The event is also an opportunity for students to network with professionals and gain insights into their chosen career paths.

The school is proud of the hard work and dedication of its Year 12 students, and looks forward to a successful evening. The event is open to all Year 12 students and their families, and tickets are available for purchase.

CHALLENGES YOU TO BE BETTER THAN YOU THINK YOU CAN BE

GROW AS AN INDIVIDUAL & THRIVE IN THE WORLD BEYOND SIXTH FORM

BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

YOU'RE INVITED

A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS!

LOCAL LIFE

Brentford 6th Form to showcase future-focused education at Open Evening

Discover a world of ambition, opportunity, and success! Brentford Sixth Form's Open Evening on Wednesday 1st October, from 6pm to 8:30pm. The school invites prospective students and their families to explore the unique educational journey that awaits.

The evening will provide a chance for students to meet with staff, ask questions, and gain insights into the school's curriculum and facilities. It is also an opportunity for families to see the school in action and meet with other parents. The event is a key part of the school's recruitment process and is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the school's offerings.

Students are encouraged to bring along any questions they may have and to take advantage of the chance to speak with staff. The evening is a chance to see the school's commitment to excellence and to see how the school can help students achieve their goals.

BRENTFORD & FORM DESTINATIONS

LOCAL LIFE

Brentford School for Girls: Shaping leaders, enriching Brentford

Brentford School for Girls (BSfG) stands at the heart of the Brentford community, nurturing young women who become future leaders.

The school is committed to providing a high-quality education that equips students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the 21st century. This includes a focus on leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. The school also offers a range of extracurricular activities, including sports, music, and drama, which help students develop their talents and interests.

The school's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of its staff and students. It is proud to be a part of the Brentford community and to contribute to the well-being of the town. The school is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students, and to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

LOCAL LIFE

BSfG: Nurturing a smooth start for every student

Brentford School for Girls (BSfG) is dedicated to providing a smooth start for every student through the important transition from primary to secondary education.

The school offers a range of support services to help students adjust to their new environment. This includes a dedicated team of staff who provide guidance and support throughout the process. The school also offers a range of activities and events that help students build friendships and get to know their new school.

The school is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students, and to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. The school is proud to be a part of the Brentford community and to contribute to the well-being of the town.

Open Morning

OPEN MORNING: Wednesday 10th October 9:30-11am

Register Now

WHAT'S ON

Celebrate the season: Kew Sinfonia and Brentford School for Girls unite for charity concert

This December, the magic of music and the warmth of community spirit come together at the Kew Sinfonia Charity Christmas Concert, featuring the talented Brentford School for Girls Singers.

The concert will take place on Sunday 14th December 2025, 5pm, at St Paul's Church, Chiswick. The event is a chance for students to showcase their musical talents and to raise funds for a good cause. The concert is also an opportunity for families to see the school in action and to meet with other parents.

The school is proud of the hard work and dedication of its Year 8 students, and looks forward to a successful concert. The event is open to all Year 8 students and their families, and tickets are available for purchase.

BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Imagine The Future Brentford Girl

She thrives on challenges and has a desire to fulfil her learning potential.

She is able to think independently and contribute to the social and academic capability.

She is emotionally aware, and emotionally resilient.

She is capable and dependable, she is resourceful and imaginative.

She embraces the technological world as a vital skill and is happy to learn and explore in the digital world.

She accepts the views of others as her responsibility.

She understands the need for sustainable living and the impact of her actions on the environment.

She is the owner of her values and will explain the why of her being and purpose.

LOCAL LIFE

Get ready for a festive wonderland: BSfG's Christmas Market is this weekend!

The spirit of the holidays is about to arrive in full force at Brentford School for Girls (BSfG) as they prepare to host their annual Christmas Market this Saturday 6th December.

The market will feature a variety of stalls, including food, drink, and gifts. It is a chance for students to showcase their talents and to raise funds for a good cause. The market is also an opportunity for families to see the school in action and to meet with other parents.

The school is proud of the hard work and dedication of its Year 8 students, and looks forward to a successful market. The event is open to all Year 8 students and their families, and tickets are available for purchase.

LOCAL LIFE

Empowering tomorrow's women: Brentford School for Girls leads the way

Brentford School for Girls is pioneering the empowerment of young women, providing them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to succeed in the 21st century.

The school offers a range of programs and activities that help students develop their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. This includes a focus on entrepreneurship, social enterprise, and community service. The school also offers a range of extracurricular activities, including sports, music, and drama, which help students develop their talents and interests.

The school is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students, and to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. The school is proud to be a part of the Brentford community and to contribute to the well-being of the town.

ENRICHING BRENTFORD

Brentford School for Girls (BSfG) stands at the heart of the Brentford community, serving as a vibrant centre where young girls and women are empowered to aim high, achieve their goals, and become future leaders. Driven by a strong educational philosophy that blends academic excellence with personal development, BSfG nurtures not just bright minds but compassionate individuals ready to make a positive impact.



At Brentford School for Girls (BSfG), our inclusive environment embraces students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring every individual feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. Through a rich variety of extracurricular activities, leadership opportunities, and community-focused initiatives, we strengthen the bonds between students, families, and the wider Brentford area.

We are setting a new standard for education and community engagement by shaping well-rounded individuals who leave a lasting impression both inside and outside the classroom. Recent highlights of our commitment include:

- Empowering Confidence and Safety: The "Empowerment Through Self-Defence" Workshop
- Community Support in Action: The FoodBox Initiative
- Creative Partnerships for Wellbeing: The FWT "Bloom & Bond" project

Rooted in strong leadership, compassion, and spirit, our ongoing initiatives ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive while our connections with our Brentford neighbors grow ever stronger.

Read more about our latest news here: <https://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk/newsarticles>

Leading with vision and heart, guided by Executive Headteacher Marais Leenders and Devesha Singh, Head of Brentford School for Girls, the school stands as a true pillar of excellence, empowerment, and care in Brentford. To learn more about Brentford School for Girls, its achievements, and how to get involved, visit Brentford School for Girls or contact the school at general@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk.

SEPTEMBER ROUND UP

September was a busy and exciting month at Brentford School for Girls, packed with enriching experiences for our students.

On Wednesday 17th September, Year 10 geographers visited Stratford for GCSE fieldwork, developing essential skills in observation, data collection, and analysis. On the same day, another group of Year 10 students visited the Houses of Parliament, toured the House of Commons, and took part in a workshop creating petitions that were heard by our local MP, Ruth Cadbury.

On Thursday 18th September, Year 11 parents and carers joined their daughters for an informative evening on preparing for GCSEs. The English, Maths, and Science teams shared advice on revision strategies, stress management, and supporting students during this crucial period.

On Tuesday 23rd September, The Entitled Sons, a band of four brothers, visited for an inspiring session organised by the PSHE (Blossom) and Music Departments. Students enjoyed a live performance, PSHE presentation, and Q&A, engaging with themes of creativity and wellbeing.

On Friday 26th September, Year 12 students participated in the 'Study Sensai' workshop by Elevate Education. The session focused on study skills for KS5, including effective note-taking, conceptual understanding, independent learning, and exam preparation.

Also on 26th September, Year 8 students celebrated European Day of Languages through a poster competition titled "Why Learn Languages?", producing a fantastic range of creative entries.

Finally, we would like to thank our students for their outstanding participation during our Open Mornings. Their enthusiasm, maturity, and respect impressed parents and truly reflected the school's values.

BSfG Lettings; a lively community hub

Our school is more than a place to learn —it's a lively community hub. Creative classes and workshops fill our spaces after hours, turning classrooms and gyms into centers of energy, learning, and connection. By opening our doors, we help everyone grow new skills, find friends, and feel part of something special.



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.**



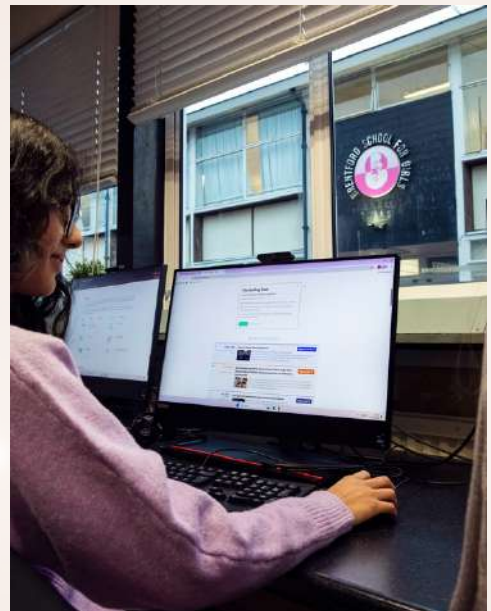
Interested in hosting your own event or activity? Visit us at www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk or drop us an email at lettings@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk

FUTURES UNLOCKED

HOW BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS CHAMPIONS EVERY STUDENT'S SUCCESS

At Brentford School for Girls (BSfG), the staff are passionate about helping every student build a bright, fulfilling future. The school's careers programme is designed to give each student the personalised support they need to discover their strengths and feel confident exploring all the opportunities ahead. By offering friendly guidance and a wide range of experiences, BSfG aims to ensure that students know they are supported and encouraged every step of the way as they make choices about what comes next.

A big part of the school's approach is its ongoing partnership with Innervate Careers, a supportive guidance service. Thanks to this collaboration, students receive thoughtful, one-to-one advice that helps them open new doors for the future. Our career advisor takes time to get to know each student, encouraging them to discover what excites them, understand their strengths, and explore career paths that truly fit. This supportive foundation helps students feel more confident about their next steps, both academically and professionally.



Brentford School for Girls also believes in giving students a real taste of what higher education can be like. That's why the school is delighted to once again take part in the St Mary's Summer School this year — a wonderful chance for Year 9 students to explore university life.

When representatives from St Mary's University joined the school at the Year 9 Parents' Evening and shared their experiences in an uplifting assembly, students were buzzing with excitement about all the possibilities the programme has to offer.

FUTURES UNLOCKED

HOW BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS CHAMPIONS EVERY STUDENT'S SUCCESS



Brentford School for Girls' support goes far beyond single events or one-off experiences. The staff truly care about each student's ongoing journey and continue to be there for last year's summer school participants as well. These students are invited to friendly, focused sessions on GCSE revision strategies and academic preparation, giving them the tools, encouragement, and confidence they need to do their very best in upcoming exams. The team is always ready to help students feel prepared and supported—no matter where they are on their path.

To make sure students and families always feel included and informed, each year group has its own Careers Google Classroom—a welcoming online space where the school regularly shares helpful updates and resources, such as:

- College and university open days
- Online careers events and webinars
- Valuable work experience opportunities

By keeping everyone in the loop, the school ensures that students never miss out on a new opportunity or the chance to discover something they love. It's just one more way that Brentford School for Girls cheers students on as they follow their interests and grow in confidence.

The Careers Team is at the heart of everything at Brentford School for Girls. Whenever students need advice or simply someone to talk through their options, Ms Croft, Careers Leader, and Ms Geen, Careers Administrator, are always available to support them. They enjoy answering questions, offering friendly guidance, and making sure every student feels confident as they transition from classroom learning to exciting new adventures ahead.

For careers advice and guidance, contact:

- Ms Croft, Careers Leader:
mcroft@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk
- Ms Geen, Careers Administrator:
ngeen@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk
- School Reception: 020 8847 4281

Brentford School for Girls remains devoted to helping every student unlock their future. As the world of opportunities grows, so too does the support and encouragement found at BSfG—where every student's journey matters.



Google Classroom



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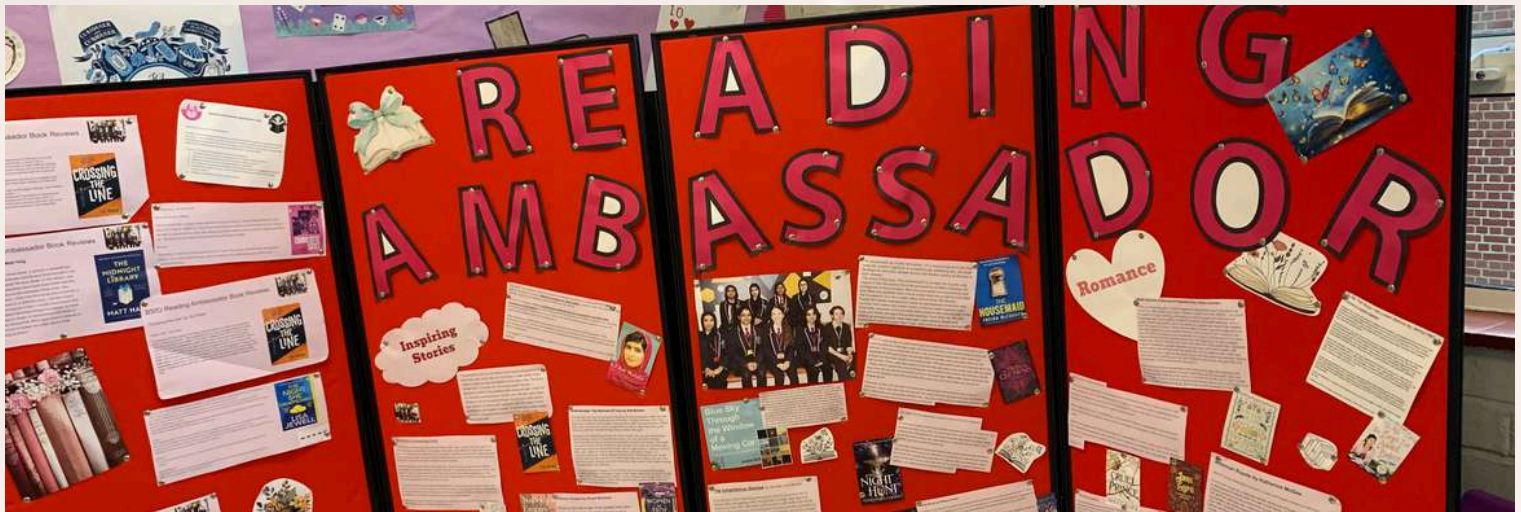
YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY



SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

A big thank you to our incredible students who truly stole the show at our open evening and open mornings. Their enthusiasm, respect, and maturity shone brightly, and it was heartwarming to hear parents recognise how they embody our school's values.

“Our students are amazing ambassadors, reflecting the positive and supportive community here.” Emma Downton, AHT for Community and Transition



PSCHE LIVE PERFORMANCE



On Tuesday 23rd September, Brentford School for Girls had the privilege of hosting The Entitled Sons, a talented band of four brothers, for an inspiring and interactive session.

Organized by the PSHE (Blossom) and Music Departments, the event featured a captivating performance, a thought-provoking PSHE presentation, and a live Q&A where students engaged directly with the band.



The Entitled Sons shared personal insights on mental health, school stress, bullying, and the importance of healthy relationships, emphasizing respect, tolerance, and celebrating diversity. The session concluded with a meet-and-greet, leaving students with signed flyers and lasting inspiration.

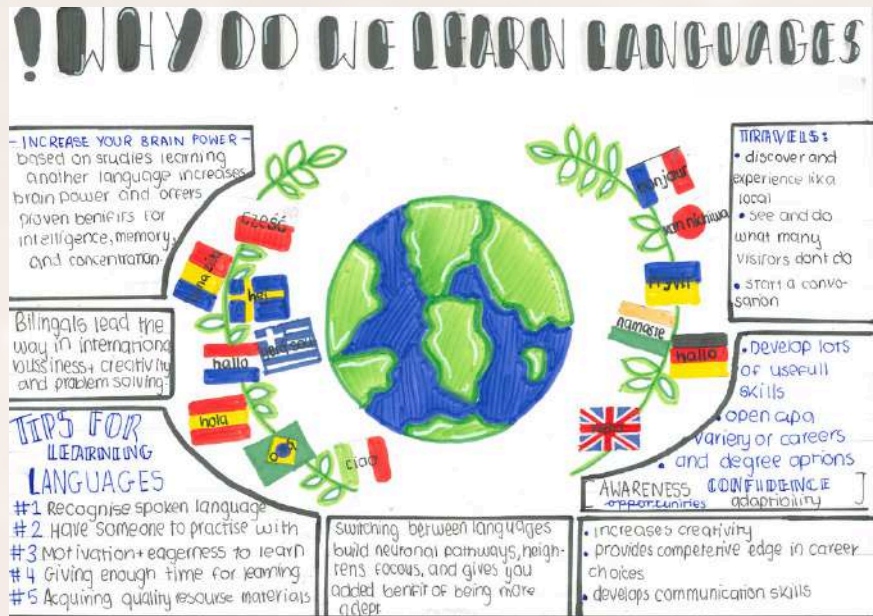
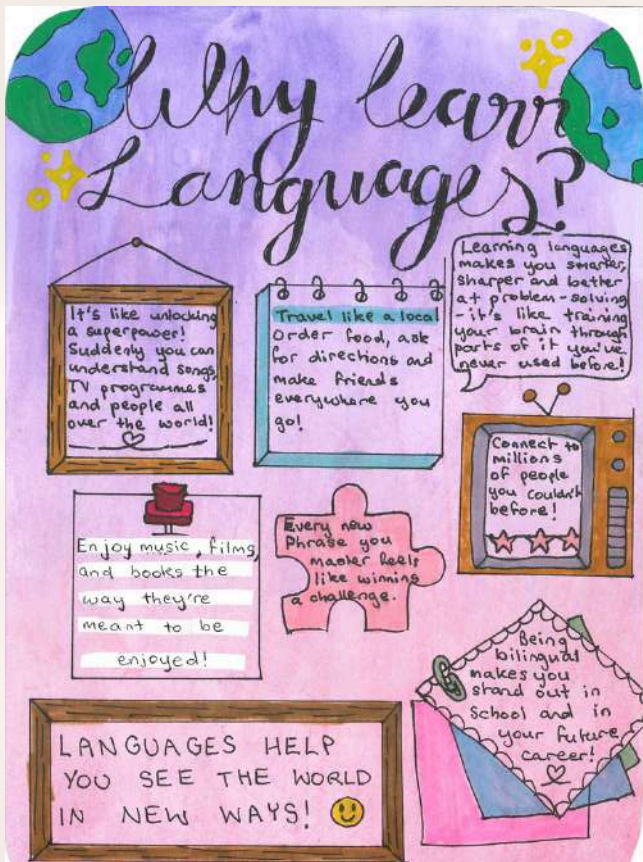


MFL COMPETITIONS

'WHY LEARN LANGUAGES?' POSTER COMPETITION & TREASURE HUNT

'Why Learn Languages?' Poster Competition

To celebrate European Day of Languages on 26 September, Year 8 were invited to take part in a poster competition titled "Why Learn Languages?". We received superb entries. Well done to all Year 8s who took part!



Competition Winners

8 Ambitious:

Winners: Elsie & Ayisha
HPs: Ava, Naomi & Huda

8 Confident:

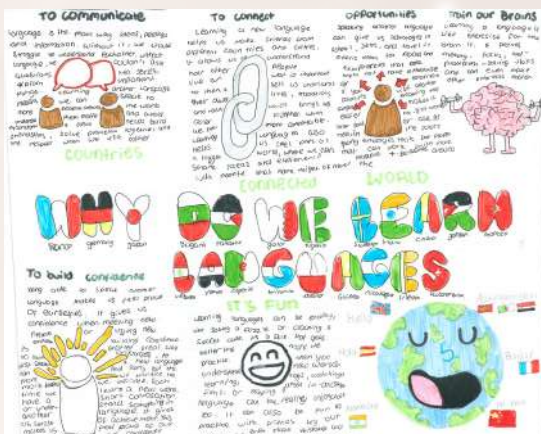
Khushi Sing

8 Inquisitive:

Malak, Henna and Layan

8 Flexible:

HPs: Maia



PARLIAMENT TRIP

On Wednesday 17th September, a group of Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament with Ms Geen.

During the trip, they were given a tour of the House Of Commons and participated in a workshop where they created their own petitions which were then heard by Ruth Cadbury, our local MP.



This enriching experience supported the school's commitment to preparing students for life beyond school by deepening their understanding of the key British value of democracy.

A SUCCESSFUL TERM ACROSS THE PE DEPARTMENT

This term has been an action-packed one for our sports teams, with an impressive 31 fixtures completed across football, netball, basketball, badminton and cross country. Our pupils have shown remarkable commitment and skill throughout, with standout achievements across all disciplines.

A highlight of the season was our first ever Winter House Sports Day for Year 7 and Year 8. The event brought together energy, teamwork and plenty of friendly rivalry, creating a fantastic new tradition that we look forward to developing in the years ahead.

We were also delighted to welcome our new basketball coach, Will Wise, whose expertise has already begun to strengthen player development and enhance the school's basketball provision. His arrival marks an exciting step forward for a sport that continues to grow in popularity among our pupils.

Overall, it has been a term filled with achievement, enthusiasm and new opportunities — and we look forward to even more sporting success in the months ahead.



SPORTS LEADERS MAKING A REAL IMPACT

Our Sports Leaders have been essential in supporting key primary and KS1 sports festivals this term. Their involvement included:

- Year 5/6 Girls Football East Cluster Festival – assisting with refereeing, supervision, and event delivery.
- Year 1 & 2 Football Competition – helping manage young participants and support smooth running of matches.
- KS1 Skills Festival at Osterley Sports Centre – guiding stations, encouraging younger pupils, and demonstrating leadership.

Their contribution continues to strengthen our partnerships with local schools and enhances their own leadership development.



CELEBRATING HOUNSLOW TEEN READ

Students enjoyed the recent Teen Read event in Hounslow, where they celebrated their love of reading and shared favorite stories with other book fans. The event offered a lively space for book discussions, and the enthusiastic atmosphere brought students together over their shared love of reading. Hounslow Teen Read was a big success, inspiring students to keep exploring new books and delve into reading even more.





THINKING PINK FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Our school turned into a sea of colour recently as students and staff came together for our annual 'Wear it Pink' day. It was wonderful to see so many people swap their usual uniforms for pink shirts, socks, and accessories to brighten up the hallways. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy as everyone got involved to show their support. While we had plenty of fun admiring the colourful outfits, the day carried an important message about raising awareness for breast cancer research and support. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated. It was a fantastic way to unite our school community, have some fun, and contribute to a vital cause that touches so many lives.



OCTOBER ROUND UP

October was a lively and enriching month at Brentford School for Girls, showcasing the breadth of opportunities available to our students.

The month began with our Year 6 Open Evening, where our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school. Their enthusiasm, maturity, and respect impressed visiting families, who praised how clearly they reflect our school values.

On 7th October, Year 12 English Literature students attended a borough-wide conference hosted by The Green School for Girls. A series of lectures, including Miss Downton's "Movements in Time: The Evolution of Literature," inspired students and allowed them to celebrate a shared love of the subject.

Selected GCSE PE students took part in a two-day Road Cycling course on 8th and 9th October, gaining valuable practical assessment experience. On 9th October, Year 7 parents and carers were welcomed to a Meet the Tutors evening, strengthening links between home and school.

Year 12 students enjoyed a team-building trip to Gravity on 10th October, followed by an unforgettable cultural experience for Year 8 students at the ABBA Voyage concert on 15th October.

From 20th–22nd October, students participated in the SPARK! KickStart Programme, building confidence and career awareness. Throughout the month, students also attended Teen Read Hounslow and A-Level Art students explored Borough Market.

The month ended on a high with our annual Wear It Pink day, uniting the school community to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

October truly reflected our commitment to academic excellence, wellbeing, and enrichment.

ABBA

Voyage Trip

On 15th October, a group of Year 8 students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Abba Voyage concert. Following the success of last year's trip, this mesmerizing performance featured Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny, and Frida as digital versions of themselves, brought to life through motion capture technology.

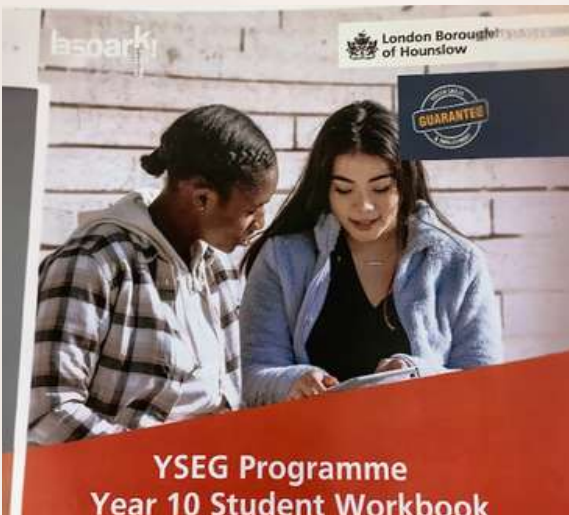
Students were captivated by the experience, with last year's attendees calling it the "best trip ever"!



KICKSTART PROGRAMME

From Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd October, a select group of students participated in the SPARK! KickStart Programme.

Over the course of three days, they engaged in two days of interactive workshops and enjoyed a career insight day trip. This exciting opportunity helped students build valuable skills, boost their confidence, and gain real-world career insights.



“LIT HAPPENS” CONFERENCE YEAR 12

On 7th October 2025, 150 Year 12 English Literature students from 13 schools across Hounslow borough attended a student conference organized by HEP and hosted at The Green School for Girls.

The event began with a key note speech from English Literature University Professor, Prof. Eagleton, which was then followed by carousel of five lecture-style talks delivered by teachers from across the borough, including an inspiring presentation by BSfG’s Head of English, Miss Downton, titled **‘Movements In Time: The Evolution of Literature.’** Her talk explored how literary movements not only reflected changes in history, society, and culture but also played a role in shaping them.

The conference, aimed to ignite students’ passion for English Literature and celebrate the expertise of the borough’s dedicated English teachers.



GCSE PE CYCLING COURSE



On Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October, selected GCSE PE students from Brentford School for Girls participated in a two-day Road Cycling course at Hillingdon Cycle Circuit.

Delivered by The Cycle Coach, a specialist in the AQA GCSE PE syllabus, the course included coaching and filmed assessments to help students gain credit towards their practical grade, which accounts for 40% of the GCSE.

This valuable opportunity supported students not currently involved in sports outside of school in achieving the required three sports for assessment. Students traveled by school minibus to the venue, making it a seamless and enriching experience.



GRAVITY TRIP

YEAR 12

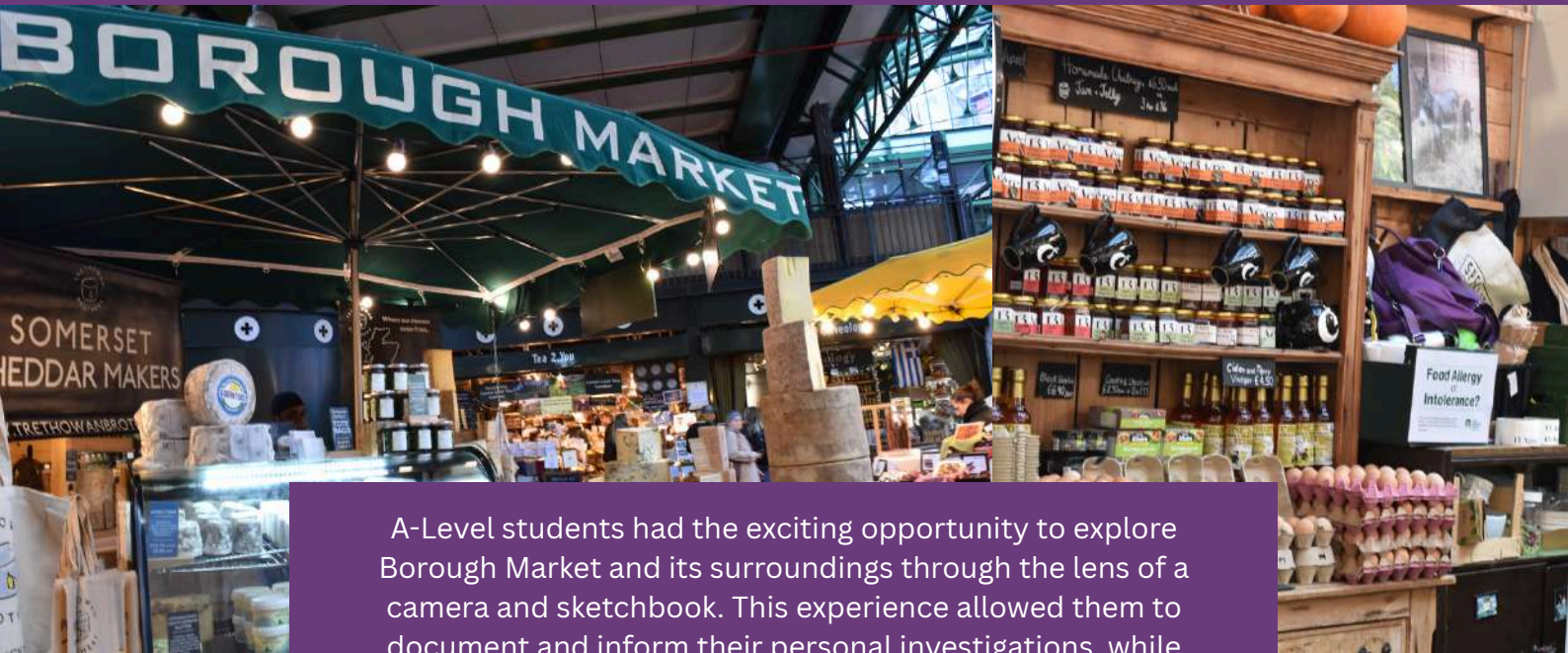
On Friday 10th October, Year 12 students enjoyed an exciting trip to Gravity, London. This teambuilding and wellbeing outing offered students the chance to bond through activities like team Go Karting and Bowling.

They also shared lunch together and explored the other active entertainment options available at Gravity, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all involved.





TRIP TO BOROUGH MARKET 6TH FORM



A-Level students had the exciting opportunity to explore Borough Market and its surroundings through the lens of a camera and sketchbook. This experience allowed them to document and inform their personal investigations, while sparking further creative ideas. The trip provided a wonderful chance for the girls to build cultural capital as they immersed themselves in the city's vibrant social dynamic, stunning architecture, bustling transport, and inspiring creative atmosphere.



My trip to Borough Market was one of my favourite photography trips so far as I loved how busy and colourful the market was.; it gave us so many chances to practise street photography and gave very aesthetic street photographs. It also helped me experiment with different angles, especially close up. I focused a lot on capturing the contrast between the old architecture and the modern food stalls and I learned how much lighting can change the atmosphere of a shot. It was also really fun going out with everyone else and getting to eat delicious food. Overall, it helped me build my confidence shooting in a crowded place and to come away with photos that felt lively and authentic.

Sinead C, Year 13



Borough Market was an amazing place to explore delicious food, friendly vendors, and a lively and amazing atmosphere. It was also perfect for photography with vibrant colors, unique stalls, and beautiful natural light. I loved capturing the photographs of different vendors and areas in Borough Market while enjoying incredible treats. My main focus in Borough Market was to take photos of different still life images, for example I took photos of different varieties of cheese and seafood aswell. This was because one of my photographers, who is Irving Penn, takes photographs based on unpleasant and decaying perishable items, which meant I would have to take photos of images like mouldy cheese and seafood. At the end of the day I had a really nice time and the experience was really fun and educational as it linked to one of my photographers and this was also a fun memory.

NOVEMBER ROUND UP

November was a month dedicated to building futures and strengthening our community. We celebrated creativity at the Future Makers Concert, where our talented students showcased their musical gifts. Meanwhile, Year 7s began exploring their future paths during an inspiring Careers Day.

We also fostered vital home-school connections during the Year 9 Parents Evening and welcomed prospective students at our Sixth Form Open Evening.

The entire school came together for Whole School Photos, capturing a moment in our shared history, while a special trip to Boston Manor Park provided a wonderful experience for our Year 7 EHCP students.

On 7th November, the school hosted an exciting Year 7 Careers Day. This event provided students with a valuable opportunity to reflect on their first half term of secondary school while beginning to explore the wide range of career paths open to them. It was an inspiring day that encouraged students to think about their future possibilities early in their academic journey.

On November 13th, parents and carers of Year 9 students were invited to an in-person Parents' Evening. This important event provided an opportunity to meet with subject teachers and discuss student progress as they begin their first year of GCSE courses. Teachers offered feedback on how students were settling into new subjects, highlighted their strengths, and provided guidance on how they can continue to succeed.

AN EXCITING AUTHOR VISIT

On 11th November, our Year 9 and 10 students were delighted to welcome bestselling author Alwyn Hamilton to school for an inspiring and engaging visit. Author visits are a wonderful way to reignite reading habits and nurture a genuine love of reading for pleasure, and this event certainly achieved that aim.

Alwyn Hamilton spoke to both year groups about her journey to becoming a writer, sharing honest insights into the challenges she faced along the way and how perseverance and passion helped her succeed. Students were fascinated to hear about where she finds inspiration for her stories and how her ideas develop into fully formed novels.

During the sessions, Alwyn also offered practical advice on how to begin writing fantasy fiction, encouraging students to be creative, take risks with their ideas, and believe in their own voices. The talks were highly interactive, with plenty of opportunities for students to ask questions and share their own thoughts, which the girls thoroughly enjoyed.

The visit was both motivating and memorable, and we hope it has sparked a new wave of enthusiasm for reading and writing across the year groups. Perhaps in the future, we will even see some of our own students become published authors themselves.





YEAR 7'S *BLOOMING* SUCCESS!

In November, some of our Year 7 students got their hands dirty for a wonderful cause, planting 600 spring flowering bulbs around the school grounds.

This fantastic green-fingered effort, has set the stage for a beautiful display next year. We are eagerly looking forward to Spring when the school will be filled with colour thanks to the hard work of our students. We will be sure to share a follow-up when the flowers are in full bloom.





WINTER SPORTS DAY

The PE Department successfully delivered our first ever Winter House Sports Day for Year 7 and Year 8, with both year groups off timetable for a full day of house competitions. Students took part in football, basketball, and netball, contributing points for their houses and showing excellent teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the event. Special mention to the Sports Leaders who we couldn't have done it without.

Massive congratulations to Inquisitive House who took the trophy!



FUTURE MAKERS CONCERT

This annual concert took place at the Royal Albert Hall, where singer-songwriters and bands aged 14 to 19 performed their original music to a full audience of KS2 and KS3 students.

As the final stage of a year-long competition, the event concluded with the announcement of the winner after eight captivating acts. Following the success of last year's trip, the school once again took Year 7 students to enjoy this incredible experience.



The Royal Albert Hall was a place full of joy and lots of fun. The Year 7 had a blast listening to 9 different musical acts who played different genres of music - some full of beats like the rap piece and the punk song, and some slow and calm like the classical piano piece and the duet. Some were bands, some were soloists, and some were duos. One of the songs even got the audience to sway their flash lights; it was outstandingly beautiful!

At the end, there were judges who had to pick the best performance. This must have been difficult as they were all incredible. While we were waiting for the judges, we saw a performance from last year's show winners, until they returned and announced that the rap duo had won the award - a recording deal!

In conclusion, it was an incredible experience, very inspiring, and I would love to go again someday!

Kate Martin - BSfG Head of Music



EHCP TRIP TO BOSTON MANOR PARK



As part of our SEND student enrichment programme, a group of our students went to Boston Manor Park in November to take part in the park's SEND Outdoor Activities Programme.

Supported by our fantastic Learning Support Assistants, the students spent the morning following the tree trail in the woodland area hunting for mini beasts.

They explored a range of activities during their 2 hour session, which included slack lack line balancing, hammock swinging and later working together to create a human chain for some tree hugging around the park's largest tree. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic park close by; the students returned to school full of exciting stories about holding mealworms and looking at a preserved 50 year old bat!



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday 19th November, Brentford Sixth Form held its Open Evening for prospective students and parents. This welcoming event provided a valuable opportunity for guests and current Year 11 students to meet with staff and current 6th formers, explore the wide range of courses available, and experience the inclusive, friendly, caring, and ambitious ethos that defines the sixth form.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

One important life skill that is often overlooked is the ability to cook. In today's fast-paced world, many young people grow up without learning even the basics and end up relying on ready-made meals or takeaways. This is where food technology lessons in school can make a real difference. Cooking involves planning, organisation, time management, and problem-solving – all valuable skills that carry over into many other areas of life.

Cooking also gives children and young people the chance to be creative, while also discovering the culinary traditions of different cultures. They develop skills and confidence in their abilities - and their creations always fill Westwood building with the most mouthwatering smells!



GCSE PE CLIMBING TRIP

Our Year 11 GCSE PE students recently embarked on an exhilarating climbing trip, giving them hands-on experience of alternative physical activities and deepening their understanding of training, performance, and outdoor adventure sport.



GCSE PE CLIMBING TRIP



Despite battling two days of relentless rain and fierce winds, our girls displayed remarkable determination and resilience – the true spirit of a Brentford Girl shining through in every ascent.

We're already looking forward to offering this unforgettable experience to our Year 10 and Year 9 GCSE PE students later in the year.



DECEMBER ROUND UP

December arrived in a flurry of festive excitement at Brentford School for Girls, as we rounded off the term in high spirits and with plenty to celebrate. The month was packed with memorable experiences, showcasing the energy, talent, and sense of community that make our school so special.

Students enjoyed a range of enriching cultural outings, including the popular MFL Cinema Outing and a truly magical Year 7 Panto Trip. Music took centre stage with the spectacular Christmas Concert, followed by the inspiring Kew Sinfonia Concert, where students were treated to an unforgettable musical experience.

Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to look ahead to the future during the “Sixth Former for a Day” event, gaining valuable insight into life beyond GCSEs. Meanwhile, our sporting teams ended the term on an incredible high, topping the leaderboards in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 football, as well as Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 netball — a fantastic achievement and a testament to their hard work and teamwork.

December also saw a successful Year 10 Parents’ Evening, strengthening the partnership between home and school, while our Year 12 students enjoyed an educational and inspiring visit to the British Museum.

The final week of term was a whirlwind of festive fun with Brentford’s Christmas celebrations in full swing. Highlights included the sale of Christmas Sweet Bags, a dazzling Entertainment Show, a colourful Christmas Jumper Day, and a lively Christmas Quiz, all of which brought our community together to end the year on a joyful high.

As the term came to a close, December left us with wonderful memories, shared achievements, and a strong sense of togetherness — the perfect way to finish the year!



NETBALL TEAM SUCCESS



Our Netball teams have enjoyed an exceptional run of success this term!

Across all year groups, a total of 16 matches were played - and only one was lost. This outstanding record is a testament to the dedication of our players and PE Department, and reflects the strength of a programme that continues to grow year on year.



KS4 Girls

GROUP PHASE

KNOCKOUT PHASE

Group A	PLD	PTS	GD
1 Brentford	4	8	86
2 Gumley B	4	6	34
3 Green School...rls A	4	4	-34
4 Nishkam B	4	2	-1
5 Green School...rls D	4	0	-85

Fixtures Group A



6TH FORMER FOR A DAY



A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE: YEAR 11S EXPERIENCE SIXTH FORM LIFE.



On Friday 12th December, Year 11 students enjoyed the "Sixth Former for a Day" event. They attended sixth form taster lessons, experienced new privileges, and spoke with current Sixth Formers to learn about post-16 life.

They took part in four lessons of their choice and experienced Sixth Form privileges during breaks and lunch, getting a real feel for post-16 school life.

Students gained valuable advice and insights from Sixth Formers and A level teachers helping them feel more confident about their next steps.



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MFL CINEMA OUTING

Lights, Camera, Language: A French Adventure for Years 9 & 10!

This term, the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department offered an exciting cultural experience for students in Years 9 and 10. Pupils were invited to a special trip to the French Institute cinema located in South Kensington. This outing provided a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in French language and culture outside the classroom. It proved to be both an educational and enjoyable event for everyone involved.



A NIGHT OF FESTIVE MAGIC: THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



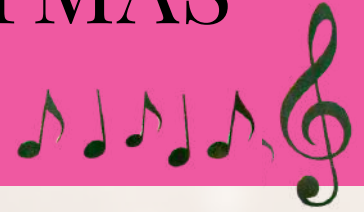
The end of the term was celebrated with a fun evening of music and dance at our School Christmas Concert. Families and friends came together to enjoy the festive spirit and share the joy of the season.



Our students and staff put on fantastic performances that everyone enjoyed. The school choir sang festive songs, the dancers wowed the crowd with their moves, and both instrumentalists and solo singers played and sang holiday favorites. Each act showed how much effort the students and staff put in to get ready for the big night.



A NIGHT OF FESTIVE MAGIC: THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



One of the best parts of the night was getting to watch a sneak peek of our next school musical. The cast performed a short preview, showing us some of what they will do next term. Everyone left excited to see the full show in the future.

It was a wonderful evening that brought students, staff, and families together to celebrate Christmas as a school community.



KEW SINFONIA CONCERT

A Musical Treat with the Kew Sinfonia

Our school choir returned to Chiswick to perform festive music with the Kew Sinfonia Orchestra, giving students another wonderful chance to sing with professional musicians.

The choir sang festive favorites, including music from *Home Alone* and *The Snowman*, delighting the audience with their performance.

Performing with a full orchestra was unforgettable, and our students shone. The concert was a real highlight of the season.



YEAR 7 PANTOMIME TRIP

Our Year 7 students ended their first term at Brentford School for Girls with a trip full of laughter and fun at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith. They went to see this year's pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'

It was a wonderful afternoon outing, giving students the chance to enjoy a traditional and very silly version of the classic story. The show was filled with jokes, songs, and adventure as Jack climbed the beanstalk to save the day.

The trip was a perfect way to celebrate the end of a successful first term. It brought lots of smiles and festive cheer to our students, who had a fantastic time together.



6TH FORM CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Brentford 6th Form students were thrilled to host our annual Christmas festivities during the final week of term, bringing joy and community spirit to all. This year's events included a Candy Cane Bag Sale, Christmas Entertainment Show, a Tutor-Time Christmas Quiz and Christmas Jumper Day.



These activities were planned and led by our dedicated Year 13 Events Coordinators. Not only did they spread festive cheer, but they also helped raise funds for charity and contributed to Year 13's end-of-year celebrations.

It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate the season, and support great causes!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The last day of term was a colourful and festive affair as students and staff celebrated Christmas Jumper Day! The school was filled with dazzling and classic designs, bringing plenty of holiday spirit to the hallways.

Everyone enjoyed showing off their most Christmassy jumpers for our mufti day. **More than just a bit of fun, the event had a special purpose. Every penny raised from the day went directly to support our chosen charity, Save the Children.**

It was a wonderful way to end the term in style, coming together as a community to have fun while making a real difference for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed.



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](#)
Our contact is Nasser Masri and can be contacted via email nmasri@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk



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 technicians



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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