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## HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a busy half term since Christmas with lots going on around the school. Our Sixth Form were busy preparing their UCAS applications for university, with all of them meeting the strict deadlines in time! Year 11 started their after school booster sessions 'The power hour', in preparation for their up and coming public examinations. Well done to all of them, as the attendance has been fantastic. A huge thank you to all of our teachers for giving up their time every night after school to provide the sessions for the girls.

As a girls school, we continue to champion how fantastic girls schools are for developing the 'women of the future'. At Brentford, we are part of an organisation called The International Coalition of Girls Schools, who champion the benefits of girls education across the globe. Our partner schools in the organisation are not just in the UK, many of them are also in the USA and Australia. This year as part of our membership we have been invited to be part of a Columbia University research project looking at the benefits of girls education. We are really excited about the project and look forward to sharing more about this as the project progresses. As we move into March and International Women's Day, this year we will be marking the week with a variety of exciting events and projects. Look out for what will be happening on our school social media platforms.

Thank you, as always, for all of your support across the half term. It is an absolute pleasure leading this school. Your daughters (and sons in the sixth form) are a credit to our school

With best wishes



Ms Leenders

Executive Headteacher

## YEAR TRIPS TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

British Science Week activities are scheduled from March 6th-15th this year. The theme this year is 'Curiosity: what's your question?'. During the week the science department will host activities and trips which will highlight past and future innovations. Years 7-10 will be taken on trips to the Science Museum where they will be exposed to various exhibitions which will immerse them in science.

## HOUNSLOW TEEN READ FINAL

The Hounslow Teen Read Final will take place at Isleworth and Syon School, on Thursday 12th March. I am delighted that Author Savita Kalhan will be talking about her books and writing. She will also be announcing this year's winning title. Year 9 and 10 students have been reading the six books on the list. This is a great event and a fantastic way for students to explore new books and foster a love of reading for pleasure. We are looking forward to finding out the winner!

## YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY

We are excited for Year 8 Careers Day – a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their skills, explore ways to develop them, and consider their next steps toward achieving their goals.

## YEAR 6 INTO 7 EVENING

On Wednesday 18th March, we are delighted to welcome our new cohort for September 2026 into the school. This is the first stage of a comprehensive transition programme to ensure that the students are integrated into our close-knit community well.

As with all of these events, we may be asking some existing students and parents to attend the evening to help the Year 6 students and parents feel welcome and prepared.

## OPTIONS EVENING

This is an exciting evening when we invite Year 8 and their parents to explore the option subjects we offer at Brentford. It is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 6pm. It will give you detailed information about courses, assessments and guide you on how to support your daughter with the next steps to GCSE. You will have an information assembly and then be able to speak to individual teachers.

## YEAR 7 BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 25th March 2026, students will take part in Humanutopia's "Who Am I?" workshop, a thought-provoking session designed to help young people explore their identity and personal development. Throughout the day, they will engage in reflective activities, group discussions, and guided tasks that encourage them to think about their strengths, the choices they make, and the kind of person they hope to become. The workshop aims to build confidence, empathy, and self-awareness, giving students valuable skills to support positive relationships and future decision-making.

## YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY TALK AT BOLDER

On Friday, 20th March, our year 12 Geography students will attend a talk on globalisation at Bolder School. There will be a guest speaker from UCL delivering a talk on global governance.

## ACTIVITIES DAY 1 - HEAD OF YEAR

On the 26th March 2026, Year 7 and Year 8 will be visiting Legoland as a part of the year group activities day. This day will allow the girls to explore the park with their peers to develop their confidence and social skills. Most importantly, it strengthens friendships, builds confidence, and creates shared memories that help students feel more connected to their school community.

Year 9 and Year 10 students will have the opportunity to enjoy an exciting trip to Chessington World of Adventures. Alongside a fun and memorable day out, the visit will help strengthen friendships and teamwork, supporting the positive group dynamic that is so important as students progress through their GCSE years.

Year 11 will be in school for a GCSE exam preparation day.

## GCSE DRAMA PRACTICAL EXAM

On Thursday 26th March, Year 11 GCSE Drama students will be completing their Component 2 examination. They will be performing two monologues for a visiting examiner who will mark them as part of their GCSE qualification. Wishing all GCSE Drama students good luck!

## SEND DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Brentford School for Girls are currently working to achieve a school improvement accreditation for our SEND provision. Following our initial audit, we are sharing with you the objectives we will be working towards for the remainder of this academic year.

## CYCLE CHECKS AND REPAIRS

We have a number of students and staff who cycle to school. To help ensure this is done safely, Hounslow Borough have organised for a cycle mechanic to be available to do maintenance checks and minor repairs on the school site from 3.10pm to 5.10pm on 23rd February. If your daughter rides to school, please ensure she takes advantage of this opportunity.

## CONFIDENT HOUSE REWARD TRIP

With five houses competing for the most house points, our 2025 winners secured their rewards trip to celebrate their hard work across the academic year. On February 24th, Confident House will be heading to the London Dungeons for some exciting, fun, and slightly scary tour and activities which explores London's gruesome history.

## YEAR 9 & 10 V&A TRIP

On Wednesday 25th February we will be taking all of the year 9 and 10 textiles students to the V&A museum. They will be looking at the costume and fashion exhibitions to look at the construction of the clothing and how fashion has developed over the years. The students will be able to see the influence that historical fashion has on contemporary design. The trip will support their GCSE coursework and also add to their cultural capital.

## JACK PETCHY REGIONAL FINAL

On Thursday 26th February, we will again be hosting the Regional Final for the Jack Patchey Speakout Challenge with the Speakers Trust. Speakers from schools across the borough will be speaking in front of a distinguished panel of judges about a topic that they feel passionate about. The speeches are then judged and the Regional Final winners are decided on the night. Gerda, who represented our school last year, making it all the way to the National Final, will be the MC on the night, introducing the speakers.

This year, we will have two speakers representing BSfG at the final - to be decided in our upcoming Assembly Final. Whoever will be taking up the challenge this year will need to be articulate, passionate and confident, using their voice to engage audiences and change hearts and minds. We wish them the best of luck. The event is also open to a wider audience, so we do hope to see some of you there supporting our brave speakers.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH (DOFE) TRAINING DAY

The DofE entrants are looking forward to a fast paced and exciting day on the 27th February consisting of a full day of training in five different areas. External specialist instructors will deliver these sessions alongside the DofE leader to start preparations for a fun filled practice camp in April.

## YEAR 10 TRIP TO GOLDEN HINDE

On the 3rd March we will be taking 30 Yr 10 GCSE students to the Golden Hinde. The Golden Hinde is a full-scale reconstruction of Sir Francis Drake's legendary ship, and this visit will allow students to step back into Elizabethan England and experience history first-hand. Students will explore what life was really like aboard a Tudor ship, learn about exploration and naval power, and engage with the challenges faced by sailors in the 16th century. This trip will directly support students' History GCSE studies, helping them bring key topics to life, strengthen their historical understanding, and deepen their exam knowledge.

## WOMEN'S WEEK

Girls' schools offer a unique opportunity for young women to develop confidence, ambitions and a point of view that allow them to break barriers, challenge expectations and excel in any field. Our girls are encouraged to become the Brentford Girl - the best versions of themselves and women who will go on to do amazing things in their future.

As part of this vision for our girls, and in preparation for International Women's Day on 8th March 2026, BSfG students will have a week of activities from the 2nd March celebrating 'Women's Week'. From external speakers to a fair with stalls from different organisations that tackle women's issues, there will be lots of opportunities for discourse and learning aimed at broadening their horizons, helping them see what is possible and arming them with the tools and strategies that will help them be successful.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 5th March 2026 we will be hosting our annual World Book Day celebrations as part of the National Year of Reading in 2026. The Reading Ambassadors and Literacy Team will be hosting events throughout the day; staff and students will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character and model their outfits on the catwalk! Throughout all of 2026, we will be celebrating and encouraging reading for pleasure as a way to improve mental wellbeing, academic outcomes and foster a culture of reading that deepens our understanding of the world around us.

## YEAR 9 DPT/MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS

The Year 9 immunisations took place on 22nd January. If your daughter missed her immunisation or you would like your daughter to receive this immunisation and you did not sign up for it, the good news is there is a second opportunity on Tuesday 10th March. Please follow the link that has been emailed home to all year 9 parents/carers giving your consent. If you have already given consent you do not need to do it again. Your daughter will automatically be called for on the day.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SPRING TERM 2

- Monday 23rd February: Cycle Check and Repairs (3:10pm-5:10pm)
- Tuesday 24th February: Confident House Reward Trip
- Wednesday 25th February: Year 9 & 10 V&A Trip
- Thursday 26th February: Jack Petchey Regional Final
- Friday 27th February: DofE Training Day
- Monday 2nd- 6th March: Women's Week
- Tuesday 3rd March: Year 10 Trip to Golden Hinde
- Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
- Tuesday 10th March: Year 9 DPT/ Meningitis Vaccinations (catch up)
- Tuesday 10th March: Year 7 Trip to Science Museum
- Wednesday 11th March: Year 8 Trip to Science Museum
- Thursday 12th March: Hounslow Teen Read Final
- Thursday 12th March: Year 9 Trip to Science Museum
- Thursday 12th March: Options Evening
- Friday 13th March: Year 10 Trip to Science Museum
- Wednesday 18th March: Year 8 Careers Day
- Wednesday 18th March: Year 6 into 7 Evening
- Friday 20th March: Year 12 Geography Talk at Bolder (2pm)
- Wednesday 25th March: Year 7 Behaviour Workshop
- Thursday 26th March: Activities Day 1 - HOY
- Thursday 26th March: GCSE Drama Practical Exam
- Friday 27th March: School finishes for Half Term 12:30pm



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