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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic term it has been!!!!

There has been so much going on across the school and some amazing opportunities for all of the students to get involved in. We celebrated International Women's Day with a week of celebrations, over sixty students participating in a workshop at SKY Studios for the day and others getting the chance to listen to Clare Balding (Tv presenter and journalist) talk about her career and her experiences as a woman. She shared her fascinating journey with us and was so impressed by the intelligent questions that our girls all asked.

Science week was celebrated with visits in every year group to the Science Museum which the girls all really enjoyed and the final week of term ends with our year group trips.

Finding Nemo, which ended the last half term, was a huge success. The girls did a brilliant job, delivering seven shows across the week to primary schools and to families and parents on the Thursday and Friday evenings. I can not tell you enough how proud of them I am. So many of the schools commented on how talented they were and what a credit they are to our school- I would most definitely second that!

There have been so many opportunities across the term and so many successes, from sporting success, Teen Read, Jack Petchey speech winners, and the girls have still all been working so hard in lessons. I have no doubt that, by the time the Easter holidays begin, everyone will be exhausted and will have earned a well deserved break. Lots of our girls are fasting and with such a busy time in school at the moment, with PPE exams as well, this has not been an easy half term!



Ms Leenders

Executive Headteacher

GCSE PE CLIMBING TRIP

On the 20th & 28th April there will be a climbing trip for GCSE PE students in Year 9 and Year 10. We will be meeting at school at 7:45 and getting back at 5:30. This is for students to use as one of their three assessed sports.

YEAR 12 HUMAN FIELDWORK 1, BRICK LANE

Our Year 12 Geographers will be heading to East London to explore the history and regeneration of Brick Lane. Students will explore the history of migration to the area and how this has influenced culture, services and land use along Brick Lane.

They will be designing and implementing their own fieldwork data collection techniques to understand how this area has changed and regenerated over time. The students will be speaking to local business owners and residents to gather their opinions on the impact of this change over time.

YEAR 11 DRAMA TRIP (7PM-10PM)

For their component 3 assessment, students in the Year 11 GCSE Drama course must attend a live performance. Accordingly, Year 11 drama students will see "Stranger Things: The First Shadow" at the Phoenix Theatre, London on Tuesday 21st April.

As the story about Henry Creel and his connections to the upside down is revealed, they will have the chance to witness the amazing performances, sound, lighting, and spectacular effects. Year 11 Drama students will have plenty to write about in their exam!

GCSE ARTS EXAMS

After practicing in a few all day assessments (5 hours) our creative Y11s are now orientated on how much they can do independently in a given amount of time. Their next and final challenge is to work in exam conditions for ten hours.

This will be split over two days. Students will come in prepared with a plan, visual reference and would have told their teachers what equipment they need.

In these 10 hours, the Art and Photography and Textiles students will complete a final piece that will show their personal response to an externally set Assignment.

They are already busy researching inspirational artists, practicing different techniques and seeing how far they can explore their topics visually and creatively. Good luck Year 11s! We can't wait to see what you do.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Our Duke of Edinburgh teams will spend the weekend at the end of April finding their own way around the Dorking countryside to practice the skills they need to gain their full award later in the year. Both Bronze and Silver will take on the challenge spanning the whole weekend learning valuable skills on how to take on outdoor living!

YEAR 8 HPV IMMUNISATIONS

The Year 8 HPV immunisations are taking place on Thursday 23rd April. The immunisation team will be in touch with you to offer more information and to complete the consent form. The human papillomavirus is an extremely common, highly contagious group of over 200 viruses transmitted through skin to skin contact.

YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

On Thursday 23rd April we look forward to welcoming you to our year 8 virtual parents evening. This will be an opportunity for you and your daughters to meet with subject teachers online to discuss their progress, achievements and next steps.

Appointments will be held using our secure video platform SchoolCloud and booking details will be shared with you in due course. We greatly value your continued support and hope you are able to join us for this important event.

PSYCHOLOGY REVISION DAY TRIP

In preparation for their upcoming summer exams, the year 13 A-Level students have the opportunity to attend an interactive revision workshop at Westfield White City. This is an opportunity for our students to engage with various activities run throughout the day by AQA examiners to help support their revision ahead of their exam. This day is an expert led revision workshop giving students access to further online resources that can be used in their own time to support further independent revision

MATHS CHALLENGE

The UK Mathematics Challenge is a competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust to test students' Problem Solving Skills. Thousands of students from across the country take part and there are certificates and prizes to be won.

The Challenge is completed by the top two maths sets in Years 7 and 8 and is an excellent opportunity for them to show off their maths Skills.

YEAR 12 HAMPTON COURT TRIP

Our Year 12 historians will be spending the day at Hampton Court Palace at the end of April, exploring the history of the Tudor period and Henry VIII. Students will complete an educational workshop about the rise and fall of Cardinal Wolsey, which ties in with what they are learning within their lessons.

This is an amazing opportunity for pupils to experience history and understand their classroom learning in a new, real-world context!

YEAR 6 INTO 7 INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 6th June, we will be inviting the Year 6 students who will be joining us in Year 7 into school for one to one interviews. These interviews are an excellent opportunity for us to get to know the students before they start so that we can best support them during their transition from Primary to Secondary school. As well as picking the language they wish to study and friends to join them in their tutor group, we will also find out any information to ensure the school can best meet their needs inside and outside of the classroom.

YEAR 9 ENGLISH LIT PPE

The Year 9s will be sitting a full Paper 2 PPE to help prepare them to sit their English Literature GCSE at the end of Year 10. This practise of a full 2 hour 15 minute exam, helps them to try out their revision techniques and practise their timings and is an invaluable experience in helping them to learn strategies to manage any anxiety in sitting exams. The goal is to make them feel more comfortable with exam conditions and processes.

As Miss Downton always says: "Try your best and we will help you to make your best better." PPEs are a chance to reflect on what we know and what we can do, helping us to make steps towards improvement; they are opportunities for meaningful progress. Year 9s will benefit from this experience to help them learn how best to tackle future examinations in all of their subjects.

YEAR 13 LEAVERS LUNCH AND STUDY LEAVE

Year 13 study leave will begin on **11th May**, marking the start of the final stage of our students' A Level journey. On Friday 8th May, we will also be hosting a Leavers' Lunch to celebrate their time in the sixth form and wish them the very best as they prepare for their examinations.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and growth this cohort has shown during their time with us. Their journey has been filled with hard work and determination, and this is the moment when all of that effort begins to pay off.

During the study leave period, booster sessions for STEM subjects will continue and Year 13 students are also very welcome to come into school to revise, use the study spaces, and seek support from staff as they prepare for their exams. We wish all of our Year 13 students the very best of luck as they approach this important milestone.

YEAR 11 ROA AND STUDY LEAVE

We are sad to be saying goodbye to some Year 11s as they move on to their next chapter, with study leave starting on May 14th. A final celebration is scheduled on Friday 22nd May where we will share speeches and memories of their time at Brentford from 1pm. Please pop by if you have time!



MINDS TO MEDIA

YEH-1 Creative Futures!
4 weeks!

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Ages 12-18

Try-out:
Game Development,
& Sewing



When?
Mons & Weds, 9th -25th March 2026
5PM-7PM

Where?
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Brentford TW8 0DS



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SATURDAY 21 MARCH, 2-4PM

Minds to Media
Watermans Park
40a High Street
Brentford TW8 0BB



SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR COME BY ON EITHER OF THE LISTED DATES

Create Define Release is running music production workshops for 12-18 year olds in Hounslow in partnership with Minds to Media CIC and funded by Waterworks Festival. We want your feedback on what you'd want to make, the structure of the sessions, and how you'd like to share your music.



IMPORTANT DATES IN SUMMER TERM 1

- Monday 13th April: INSET DAY
- Monday 20th April: GCSE PE Climbing Trip
- Tuesday 21st April: Year 12 Human Fieldwork 1, Brick Lane
- Tuesday 21st April: Year 11 Drama Trip (7pm-10pm)
- Wednesday 22nd-23rd April: GCSE Arts Exams
- Thursday 23rd April: Year 8 HPV Immunisations
- Thursday 23rd April: Year 8 Parents Evening
- Thursday 23rd April: Psychology Revision Day Trip
- Friday 24th April: Maths Challenge
- Friday 24th-26th April: Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
- Thursday 30th April: Year 12 Hampton Court Trip
- Monday 4th May: BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
- Wednesday 6th May: Year 6 into 7 Interviews
- Friday 8th May: Year 13 Good Luck Lunch
- Monday 11th May: Year 13 Study Leave Begins
- Monday 11th May: Year 9 English Literature PPE
- Thursday 14th May: Year 11 Study Leave Begins
- Monday 18th May: Year 6 into 7 Mop up Interviews
- Friday 22nd May: Year 11 ROA (Afternoon)
- Friday 22nd May: Break up for Half Term



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