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HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

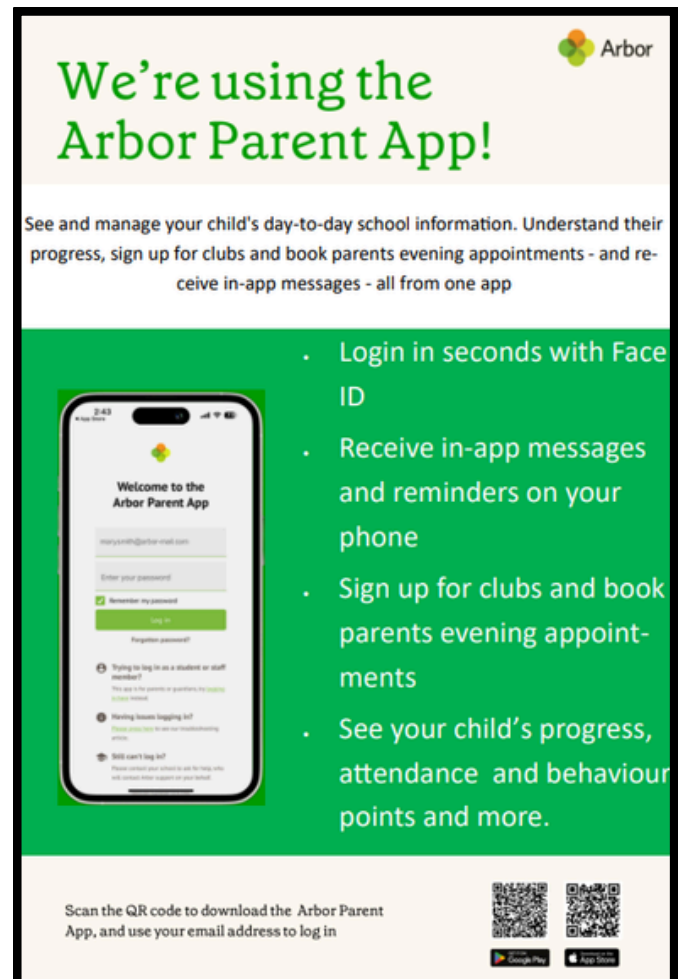
As we approach the end of this half term, we are pleased to report that our pupils have been diligently preparing for their public examinations. Year 10 students have been gearing up for their literature GCSEs, Year 11 students are preparing for their GCSEs, and Year 13 students are focused on their A levels. The enthusiasm and readiness displayed by our students have been truly commendable, with plenty of smiles and positivity throughout the process!

This last half term was bustling with year group activities and a fantastic Diversity Week, which concluded our term on a high note.

Looking ahead, there are numerous trips and events planned for this half term. We encourage everyone to follow us on social media and read the bulletin thoroughly to stay informed about all happenings across the school.

At the leadership team level, we will be concentrating on planning for the next academic year. We aim to understand what is going well in the school and identify areas for improvement. We have also enjoyed reading the girls' feedback, which will guide our actions moving forward.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you a lovely half term when it arrives!







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Ms Leenders

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Executive Headteacher

PASTORAL UPDATE

As we enjoy the summer term- each year group has its own focus that reflects their own journey and priorities.

Year 7 are now fully settled into secondary school life and have adapted to the new surroundings and routines well. Ms Gooding and the tutor team have worked tirelessly to set high expectations with all students to ensure success in their Brentford years. To support this we ask parents and carers to refamiliarise themselves with the expectations around behaviour expectations and the home school agreement.

Year 8 have had a very busy time as they have been selecting their options and looking at future career paths. Ms Curr and the tutor team have been integral in allowing the students to consider all options and held incredibly important discussions. To support with this we ask parents and carers to engage with students around their choices and prepare them for studying these subjects at GCSE.

Year 9 have established a strong work ethic in their approach to their GCSE subjects and have enjoyed exploring the requirements of each topic. Ms Minors and the tutors have led with the enhanced curriculum lessons allowing students to still have access to subjects they haven't chosen at GCSE through digital code making, architecture and more. As we move into another important year we ask parents and carers to revisit the uniform policy and ensure all students are following all the requirements.

Year 10 are fully immersed in GCSEs and have been working hard in preparation for the English Literature exam. In tutor time, alongside revision, they have been looking at the challenges of digital dependency and ensuring that their screen time is not impacting their studies and social lives. Ms St Paul and the tutor team have led engaging discussions on screen time and the importance of being present.

Year 11 and year 13 are now in the midst of exam season and Ms Hennesey and Ms Agnihotri have prepared them well for being resilient in the face of exams. We wish all of them good luck and can't wait to see them and celebrate their successes at their Proms, leaving dinners and celebration ROAs.

YEAR 12 HUMAN FIELDWORK 3 - CANARY WHARF

Year 12 Geographers will be heading to Canary Wharf to explore how the land use has changed over time. Students will investigate how the area has changed from its historical roots as a dock yard into a modern financial hub. The aim is to gain a deeper understanding of urban regeneration whilst developing their important fieldwork and data collection skills. The trip is a valuable opportunity for students to connect classroom content with the real world.

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

We look forward to welcoming all Year 7 parents into school to meet with their daughter's teachers between 4:30pm - 7:00pm. You will be sent a link to book the appointments on ParentCloud, but your meetings will take place in school. Please let Miss Gooding or your tutors form tutor know if you are unable to make it this evening.

YEAR 12 UCAS TRIP

UCAS exhibitions help students explore a wide range of academic and career opportunities, and discover a future that's right for them and we are delighted to be taking our Year 12 students to an in-person event in Birmingham. Students will have the opportunity to talk to employers, universities and apprenticeship providers, attend live application clinics and personal statement workshops, take part in course and careers taster sessions and gain expert advice on how to research and choose what's right for them. This is a free and compulsory trip for all Year 12 students.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH ASSESSED EXPEDITION

The big event is the first weekend in June and consists of gruelling walks, orienteering and sleeping under the stars. At the end of the weekend, their assessor will decide if students has been awarded the prestigious award or will be deferred to try again another year! We wish them all the best of luck.

YEAR 9 FIELDTRIP TO STRATFORD

Year 9 students will be visiting Stratford as part of their geography curriculum to investigate the lasting legacy of the Olympic regeneration following the London 2012 Games. During the trip, students will explore how the area has been transformed and consider the social, economic, and environmental impacts of this redevelopment. Students will also develop their fieldwork skills by collecting data, making observations, and recording their findings in a real-world urban environment.

YEAR 9 TRIP TO OLD OPERATING THEATRE

Fifty Year 9 history students will be visiting an old operating theatre. This links to their "Health and the People" unit where they study the developments in surgery over a thousand year period. This trip will allow students to see a mock demonstration of surgery in the Victorian era whilst sitting in one of the most famous operating theatres of the time. It will really help to bring the subject to life for the students.

A LEVEL BIOLOGY TRIP TO KEW GARDENS

Year 12 Biologists will spend the day at Kew Gardens completing fieldwork. They will have first hand experience investigating the existing biodiversity at various locations around the gardens . The trip supports the delivery of Units 4 and 6 as well as their practical certification. We are hoping for good weather and a wonderful day in one of the world's largest botanical collection .

POETRY SLAM

I am delighted to announce that the Year 7 Poetry Slam will begin on 17th June. Thirty students will be invited to take part in the first workshop. The students are usually given a theme to start with and working in small groups they will begin to draft their poem. They will be supported by a visiting professional performance poet. Ten students will be selected from this workshop to take part in the Poetry Slam final. It is always a fun experience and encourages the students to see poetry in a new light.

This event is supported by Lead Poet Adam Kamemerling and his vision to enable more students to be involved and hosted by School Library Services in Hounslow.

YEAR 6 INTO 7 TASTER SESSIONS

On Wednesday 10th June, our new students who will be joining us as Year 7 in September will be invited to enjoy a taster lesson in a subject of their choice. They will have the chance to meet our lovely Brentford girls, helping during the event. They will also have the chance to make friends with other new joiners with similar interests, helping them to already feel part of our Brentford School community.

HUNGER GAMES THEATRE TRIP

On 10th June 2026 - Year 9 and 10 GCSE Drama students are lucky enough to be attending a performance of 'Hunger Games' at the Canary Wharf Theatre, London. Students will be able to see how the Director, Matthew Dunster, and creative team have adapted the novel written by Suzanne Collins into a stage show.

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Monday 22nd June, Year 10 students will take part in mock interviews. This provides a valuable opportunity to practise interview skills, build confidence, and experience a realistic interview setting.

These skills are essential for future applications to jobs, college, and apprenticeships, helping students understand expectations and prepare for life beyond school.

YEAR 10 CYCLING TRIP

Y10 GCSE PE students will be doing a two day course of cycling going towards one of their sports for GCSE PE. Students will meet at school at 7:30am and will be finished by 1pm. Dates are Thursday 11th June & Friday 12th June.

YEAR 12 BEYOND BRENTFORD

On Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June, all Year 12 students will be off timetable and involved in several talks and activities preparing them for their post-18 choices. During these days they will register with UCAS, have external organisations speaking to them about apprenticeships and what future employers will be looking for.

ST MARY'S RESIDENTIAL TRIP

We are excited to offer fifteen Year 9 students the opportunity to gain valuable insight into further education. During this three-day, two-night residential programme, pupils live on campus to experience life as a university student and participate in a range of taster sessions on academic and extracurricular life at university.

YEAR 13 GRADUATION AND PROM

We are excited to celebrate the journey of our Year 13 students with one final event, Monday 22nd June at the Galata Pera 6.00pm – 11.00pm.

This will be an evening of awards, tutor and staff speeches and the sharing of photographs that captures the students time at BSfG. We will also be providing students with food and photo opportunities. We will continue the celebration with music, food, drinks and photo opportunities.

YEAR 8 HPV VACCINATIONS

The Year 8 HPV immunisation catch up date is scheduled for Thursday 8th June. If your daughter is in Year 8 and did not receive the immunisation earlier in the term, please take this opportunity to sign her up for this potentially life saving immunisation.

ARTS FESTIVAL

On Thursday 25th June we will be hosting our annual Arts Festival. The evening will run from 5pm-7:30pm and will include an exhibition of the wonderful work from our art, photography and textiles students. There will be a textiles fashion show and live performances from our Music and Drama departments. Local primary schools will have the opportunity to participate in our Art competition linked to this year's National Gallery project, also displayed on the day. If this wasn't enough, there will also be stalls galore, with local artists selling their crafts, face painting and more. A great variety of food and drink will be available to buy, even including an ice cream van. Car parking will be £1 - cash only - using our Clifden Road entrance.

All are welcome to come and celebrate the amazing talents and creativity of our Brentford Girls.

YEAR 9 ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP TO KEW GARDENS

Year 9 art and photography students are invited to attend a trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday 1st July. Through the course of Year 9, photographers have been exploring how Form can be portrayed, whether Natural or Man-made. Having access to the beautiful gardens at Kew, students will take photographs that will contribute to their coursework. They will also be able to collect resources in the gardens that they may use for workshops back in school later in the day.

YEAR 11 PROM

On the 3rd of July the Holiday Inn will be transformed into the party of the century marking our Year 11's exit from Brentford.

MFL VALENCIA TRIP

Hola! We are taking thirty four lucky Year 9 and 10 students to Valencia, Spain for an MFL residential between 6th-9th July. The students will put their amazing Spanish speaking skills to the test and explore the old and new parts of the city. They will also watch a flamenco show and taste delicious Valencian paella as well as a variety of tapas. Qué suerte!

YEAR 6 INTO 7 INDUCTION DAY

On Tuesday 7th July all Year 6 students from across the borough will be attending their new Secondary schools for the day. We will be welcoming our new students as they experience their first full day here.

At BSfG we pride ourselves on our transition programme, with many events to ensure our new Brentford girls join the school already feeling confident, included and excited for the adventures to come. Our Year 10 transition helpers will be supporting the girls on the day to make sure they settle in and can't wait to rejoin their new friends in September.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

We are proud to be running our Work Experience (WEX) programme again following its successful launch last year. This will take place from Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July.

This is a valuable opportunity for students to develop key employability skills, build confidence and gain a real insight into the world of work as they prepare for life beyond school.

Through WEX, students will further strengthen their character and personal development by demonstrating independence, resilience, communication and professionalism in a workplace setting.

YEAR 12 ARD

The school will be holding an Academic Review Day (ARD) for selected Year 12 students based on their PPE outcomes. This will take place on Wednesday 8th July. As parents and carers you will have the opportunity to have a face to face meeting with a member of staff to discuss your daughters progress. A letter will be sent home via email with your appointment time.

MILLIONAIRE CUPCAKE PARTY

Students from Year 7 and 8 are working towards reading 1,000,000 words and more! Some of our previous winners have read more than 5 million words! This is celebrated by inviting those students to a cupcake party. They will be rewarded with fancy cakes and hopefully the chance to win some book related gifts with the prize draw!

SPORTS DAY

Friday 10th July is our annual sports day. Students will meet at Osterley athletics track where it is held. They will compete in a range of events for their houses. Attendance is compulsory for students. However, no parent spectators are allowed.

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Year 10 students will be visiting The River Wye as part of their GCSE geography studies. This fieldwork supports their exam preparation by allowing them to investigate river processes and how a river's characteristics change downstream.

During the trip, students will measure key features such as width, depth, velocity, and sediment size at different points along the river. They will use a range of fieldwork techniques to collect and record data, helping them understand how rivers evolve from their upper to lower courses.

ACTIVITIES DAY 2

As part of our commitment to ensuring all students develop cultural capital each year, all students in Years 7-10 will have the choice of trips to attend. To ensure inclusivity, trips will be free to all students and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Information about each trip and how to sign up will be given to parents.

YEAR 12 TRIP

To celebrate the end of Year 12, we are planning a low-cost end-of-year trip for students; further details and payment information will be shared with parents/carers shortly.

NAVY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

We are delighted to welcome the Royal Navy into school to offer training for our student leadership teams on the 3rd and 4th June. The day will involve numerous student leaders to experience activities led by the Navy instructors to develop the understanding of what leadership is and the importance of team work.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SUMMER TERM 2

- Monday 1st June: INSET DAY
- Tuesday 2nd June: Year 12 Human Fieldwork 3, Canary Wharf
- Wednesday 3rd-4th June: Navy Leadership Training
- Thursday 4th June: Year 7 Parents Evening (4:30-7pm)
- Thursday 4th June: Year 12 UCAS Trip
- Friday 5th-7th June: Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition Weekend
- Monday 8th June: Year 9 Fieldtrip to Stratford
- Tuesday 9th June: A Level Biology Trip to Kew Gardens
- Tuesday 9th June: Year 9 Trip to Old Operating Theatre
- Wednesday 10th June: Year 6 into 7 Taster Sessions
- Wednesday 10th June: Hunger Games Theatre Trip
- Thursday 11th June: Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Thursday 11th-12th June: Year 10 PE Cycling Trip
- Friday 12th June: Year 8 Informed of Options Choices
- Wednesday 17th June: Year 12 Beyond Brentford
- Wednesday 17th-19th June: St Mary's Residential Trip
- Friday 19th June: Year 13 Graduation and Prom
- Monday 22nd June: Year 10 Mock Interviews
- Thursday 25th June: Arts Festival
- Friday 26th June: Students Visiting the Arts Exhibition
- Monday 29th June: Year 11 Brentford Futures
- Wednesday 1st July: Year 9 Art and Photography Trip to Kew Gardens
- Friday 3rd July: Year 11 Prom
- Monday 6th-9th July: MFL Valencia Trip
- Tuesday 7th July: Year 6 into 7 Induction Day
- Tuesday 7th July: Year 12 into 13 Parent Event (6-7pm)
- Wednesday 8th July: Year 12 ARD
- Friday 10th July: Millionaire Cupcake Party
- Friday 10th July: Sports Day
- Monday 13th July: Year 10 Geography Field Trip
- Thursday 16th July: Activities Day 2
- Thursday 16th July: Year 12 Trip
- Friday 17th July: School Closes 12:30pm
- Monday 20th July: INSET Day