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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: End of Academic Year Letter – Year 7

As we reach the end of this academic year, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to all Year 7 students on completing their first year of secondary school and becoming valued members of our Brentford community. This has been a year of remarkable growth, increasing confidence and new challenges embraced with enthusiasm. Every student should feel incredibly proud of the progress they have made and the positive contribution they have brought to our school.

This year has also been filled with celebration and success. Our students have shone across a wide range of sporting opportunities, demonstrating teamwork, determination and real talent in basketball, rounders, netball and athletics, among many others. We are also excited for our upcoming end-of-year celebration trip to Gunnersbury Park, where students will explore the 100-year centenary blanket, take part in an art workshop, enjoy orienteering activities and come together for a joyful year-group picnic. These shared experiences reflect our vision: *We are a team, who work as one — a patchwork quilt of individuals who make up one amazing community of caring, trusting and kind young people.*

We are equally proud of the academic achievements shown in students' Data Point Three (DP3) reports. Many pupils have demonstrated impressive progress across a wide range of subjects, with some achieving above expected levels in several areas. These accomplishments deserve real celebration and reflect the hard work, resilience and ambition that Year 7 have shown throughout the year.

Looking ahead to Year 8, we are delighted that tutors will remain the same, ensuring continuity and strong relationships as students continue to flourish. Year 8 also promises even more opportunities for students to grow both personally and academically. There will be a wider range of trips, clubs and enrichment activities for students to explore new interests and develop their strengths. It is also the year in which your daughter will begin thinking about the subjects she may choose as she moves towards Year 9 and her GCSE pathways — an exciting stage in her educational journey.

A reminder that our school continues to operate as a mobile-phone-free environment, in line with the most recent government guidance. Students are expected to keep phones switched off and stored in their bags throughout the school day. If a phone is seen, it will be confiscated; a second incident within the same half term will result in the phone being held in school for five days. Your ongoing support in reinforcing this expectation is greatly appreciated.

We also strongly encourage all parents and carers to download and regularly use the Arbor Parent App if you have not already done so. This platform enables you to monitor your child's house points, behaviour (including detentions), club attendance and more. From next year, the app will also be used to book parents' evening appointments, so having access will be essential.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, I would like to remind families of our school uniform policy, which remains an important part of maintaining high standards and a strong sense of belonging.

"TOP 100 NON-SELECTIVE STATE-FUNDED SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY" NICK GIBB, MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOLS (FEBRUARY 2016)



We are pleased to share that 'city shorts' have now been added as an approved uniform option and can be purchased from SANCO. Please ensure that all uniform items meet the school's expectations when students return in September.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Year 7 has been a truly fantastic cohort — energetic, resilient, creative and full of promise. It has been a privilege to watch them grow, and we are very much looking forward to supporting them as they move into Year 8. Looking ahead to the start of Year 8, please find below some key dates for the autumn term:

Key Dates

- **2 and 3 September** - INSET Days - no school for students
- **4 September** - Year 7 only
- **7 September** - Year 8 return to school at break time (10:50am)
- **26 October - 3 November** - October Half Term
- **Wednesday 4th October** - Students return to school after half term (8:35)
- **Friday 27th November** - Occasional Day
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Reports Sent Home
- **Friday 18th December** - Last day of term - finish at 12:30
- **Tuesday 5th January** - Students return after Christmas break

We wish you and your family a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss Gooding
Head of Year 7