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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: End of Academic Year Letter – Year 9

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an outstanding year for our Year 9 students and to thank you for your continued support.

This year has been filled with achievements, challenges, and memorable experiences. Our students have demonstrated exceptional commitment and enthusiasm across all aspects of school life. We have celebrated fantastic sporting successes throughout the year, with many students representing the school with pride, determination, and excellent sportsmanship. Their achievements have been a real credit to themselves and to Brentford School. With outstanding achievements....

- Football league 2nd
- Netball League 1st
- Borough athletics champions- absolutely amazing!!!

Academically, Year 9 students have shown remarkable resilience and growing confidence, particularly during their English PPE examinations. Sitting these assessments under formal exam conditions was an important milestone, and the maturity and perseverance they demonstrated throughout the process was extremely impressive. They approached the challenge with determination and gained valuable experience that will support them throughout their GCSE journey.

Beyond the classroom, students have embraced a range of enriching opportunities. Many took part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme, developing independence, teamwork and resilience. The St Mary's Residential Trip provided students with opportunities to challenge themselves, build friendships and create lasting memories. These experiences have contributed significantly to their personal development and confidence.

Students had the exciting end-of-term departmental summer trip to enjoy, the MFL Spanish trip and our exciting sports day at Osterley sports ground. A fantastic way to conclude the academic year.

Most importantly, this year marks an amazing first year of GCSE study. Students have adapted well to the increased demands of GCSE courses and have shown great potential. I am incredibly proud of the progress they have made and the positive attitude they have displayed. As they move into Year 10, I look forward to seeing them continue to mature, remain focused and build upon the strong foundations they have established this year, particularly as they prepare for the English Literature GCSE examination and the challenges ahead.

As you may be aware, the government has recently announced new legislation regarding the use of mobile phones in schools. At Brentford School, we have maintained a strict no-phone policy for a number of years and therefore already have clear expectations in place. Students are required to ensure that mobile phones are switched off and kept in their bags throughout the school day until they have left the school premises at the end of the day. Any student found using a mobile phone

during the school day will have the device confiscated and will receive a detention. Should a student be found using a mobile phone on a second occasion, the device will be confiscated for a period of five school days. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child.

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would also like to remind parents and carers about our uniform expectations. We are pleased to introduce 'City Shorts' as an all-year-round uniform option. These are available to purchase exclusively from Sanco and provide an additional smart and practical choice for students.

Please also ensure that you have downloaded and regularly access the Arbor Parent App, which remains our primary method of communication for attendance, achievement, behaviour updates and important school information. Next year, parents evenings will be booked via the parent app so please download over summer if you have not done so already.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year ahead, with new opportunities, experiences and achievements for our students. Further information regarding tutor groups and staffing updates for September, including introductions to any new tutors joining the Year 10 team, will be shared before the start of the new academic year.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout this year. I wish you and your families a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break.

Autumn Term

- **Monday 7th September** - Year 10's return to school at break time (10:50)
- **Friday 16th October** - Inset Day
- **Monday 26th October - Tuesday 3rd November** - October Half Term
- **Wednesday 4th October** - Students return to school after half term (8:35)
- **Tuesday 1st December** – Year 10 reports sent home
- **Thursday 3rd December** - Year 10 Parents Evening (4:30-7)
- **Friday 27th November** - Occasional Day
- **Friday 18th December** - Last day of term - finish at 12:30
- **Tuesday 5th January** - Students return after Christmas break

Yours sincerely,

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Ms F Minors
Head of Year 9