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Dear Parents and Guardians,

#### **RE: End of Academic Year Letter – Year 10**

As we come to the close of this academic year, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to all our Year 10 students for their hard work, resilience, and commitment. This has been a significant year of growth and achievement, and the students should feel proud of everything they have accomplished.

One of the standout milestones has been the completion of their first GCSE examination in English Literature. Sitting their first formal GCSE is no small task, and our students approached it with maturity, determination, and a strong work ethic. Their efforts reflect the values we uphold as a school community, and we look forward to seeing them build on this success next year.

We also celebrate the many ways Year 10 students have contributed to the wider school community. Whether through participation in school events, volunteering, or supporting younger students, they have demonstrated leadership and a genuine sense of responsibility. This spirit of service is a defining strength of Brentford School for Girls.

A special congratulations goes to the students selected as Prefects for the upcoming year. We are confident they will be excellent role models for their peers.

As we prepare for the next academic year, we would like to remind families of our school uniform policy, which remains an important part of maintaining high standards and a sense of belonging. We are pleased to introduce 'city shorts' as an additional uniform option, now available for purchase from SANCO. We encourage parents and guardians to ensure that all uniform items meet the school's expectations when students return in September.

We also ask that all families download and regularly use the Arbor Parent App, which provides essential updates, attendance information, and communication from the school. Staying connected through the app helps ensure that you remain informed and engaged with your child's progress and school life. Next year the app will be used to book parents evening appointments. Therefore, please download over the summer if you have not done so already to be ready for September.

In line with new UK government guidelines, we will be reinforcing our expectations regarding the use of mobile phones in school. 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.

Looking ahead, the next academic year will be a crucial one for Year 10 as they move into Year 11 and begin preparing for their full set of GCSE examinations. Consistent attendance, strong study habits, and a positive mindset will be essential. We are committed to supporting every student as they take this important step toward their future pathways.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

**Key Dates for Autumn Half Term 1**

- Wednesday 2nd September - INSET
- Thursday 3rd September - INSET
- Friday 4th September - Only Year 7 students in school for Induction
- Monday 7th September - Year 11 return 8:35am
- Friday 23rd October - last day of Autumn Half Term

Yours sincerely,

*C St Paul*

Miss C St. Paul  
**Head of Year 10**