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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: End of Year 12 Letter

As we approach the end of a productive and eventful academic year, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 12 students on their hard work, resilience, and progress throughout the year. The summer break is now fast approaching, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment your daughter/son has shown during this important stage of their academic journey.

Personal Development (Aspiration):

This term, our Year 12 students embraced a range of valuable opportunities to prepare for life 'Beyond Brentford'. During Work Experience Week, students gained first-hand insight into a variety of professional environments, from law, education and healthcare to marketing and business, developing vital skills and confidence.

Furthermore, our three 'Beyond Brentford' drop down days provided targeted sessions on UCAS, apprenticeships, personal statements, and career planning, helping students make informed decisions about their futures. We are proud of their maturity, ambition, and engagement throughout, and look forward to continuing this momentum into Year 13.

Attendance and Punctuality (Reflection and resilience):

Students' attendance to school will always be a key priority for us at Brentford. We know that everyday at school is important for students' academic progress but also in providing an enriching, supportive environment that helps develop their physical, social and mental wellbeing. We know that positive attendance makes a significant difference to academic outcomes.

Summer preparation and Year 12 consolidation work (Aspiration and Empowerment):

While the summer holidays are a time to rest and recharge, we also ask students to use this break as a time to **consolidate their learning** and prepare for the challenges of Year 13. At the start of the autumn term, students will sit a series of baseline assessments to gauge their understanding and readiness for the final year of their A-level studies. Subject teachers will be setting **summer consolidation work**, which will reinforce key knowledge and develop the independent study habits that are vital for Year 13 success. We strongly encourage all students to take this seriously and organise their time over the break to complete revision to a high standard. The outcomes of the Year 13 baseline assessments will be the only data available to inform **any updates to UCAS predicted grades**, as these must reflect a realistic and evidence-based trajectory of progress. Without clear and sustained evidence of improvement, predictions cannot be amended.

Looking ahead to Year 13

As students transition into Year 13, we want to emphasise the importance of starting the year with the right **mindset**, **organisation**, and **work ethic**. This final year will be demanding, but with consistency, support, and focus, every student can succeed. We look forward to welcoming all the students back in September and details of their specific return dates are detailed below.

Please find below some important upcoming dates in the first term of the new academic calendar:

- **7th - 9th September - STEM bridging the gaps and booster sessions**
 - **A level Biology students only:** Monday 7th September (9.15am - 3.00pm)
 - **A level Chemistry students only:** Tuesday 8th September (9.15am - 3.00pm)
 - **A level Maths students only:** Wednesday 9th September (9.15am - 3.00pm)
- **14th - 18th September 2026:** Year 13 baseline assessments
- **Thursday 17th September 2026:** Year 13 Expectations Evening 6.00 - 7.00pm
- **Friday 9th October 2026:** BSfG deadline for early entry UCAS applications (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary)
- **October - DP1** (Data Point 1)
- **4th -13th November - PPE 1** (Pre-public examinations)

You will also receive a copy of the updated Sixth Form Student Handbook along with the Home-School Agreement, which we kindly ask you to review, sign, and return by **Friday 25th September**.

As this academic year comes to a close, I would also like to let you know that I will not be returning as Head of Sixth Form in September. It has been an absolute privilege to lead the Sixth Form over the past seven years, and supporting our students through this important stage of their education has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my role. Whilst I will remain at the school in a different leadership position and will greatly miss leading the Sixth Form, I leave knowing it is in very capable hands.

From Tuesday 2nd September, **Mr Colin Rance** will take on the role of Head of Sixth Form and will be your main point of contact. Should you need to get in touch from this date onwards, please contact Mr Rance on crance@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk. I know that Mr Rance is committed to ensuring that every student continues to receive the support, guidance and challenge needed to achieve their full potential, and I am confident that the Sixth Form will continue to go from strength to strength under their leadership.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout your child's Year 12 journey. We wish all our Year 12 students a restful yet purposeful summer break. This is a valuable time to reflect on their progress, explore future pathways, and return in September ready to embrace the challenges of Year 13 with focus and determination.

Yours faithfully,



Ms G. Agnihotri
Head of Sixth Form