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BRENTFORD 6th FORM

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HEADTEACHER'S INTRODUCTION

Settling back into the New School Year

It has been another busy half term as our school community has settled back into the new school year. Alongside getting back into routines, we have been building towards the community activities and shared experiences that are such an important part of school life. Thank you for your support throughout the half term. We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful half term break.

Our Year 7 pupils have done exceptionally well as they have transitioned to secondary school. Building their confidence has been an important focus, as it is one of our key school values. It has been lovely to see how much the girls have grown in confidence over the past few weeks.

Every Monday morning, I have met with the Year 7 tutor groups over hot chocolate and a croissant. These informal meetings have given me the opportunity to chat with the girls about their experiences so far and hear directly from each tutor group.
The girls shared that they love their teachers, the welcoming feel of the school and the fantastic extracurricular activities. It has been lovely to hear such positive feedback and see how well they are settling into life at our school.

We have also held a number of parent events this term, giving us the chance to meet many parents and carers in person. It has been great to see so many families attending and to share in the strong sense of community across the school. Staying connected with our families is important to us, so thank you to everyone who has joined us at these events and helped strengthen the link between home and school.

As we move into the second half of the Autumn term, the girls will change into their winter uniform. Please check the school journal for details. This practical change signals the start of a new part of the term, bringing with it darker evenings and colder weather. Thankfully, the weeks ahead are always full of festivities and celebrations, with plenty of opportunities for our community to come together. Please keep an eye on the school calendar for upcoming events across the school.

Thank you again to our whole community for your continued support. The encouragement and involvement of our families, pupils and staff help make school life such a positive experience for everyone.

We wish you all a wonderful half-term break!

Ms Leenders
Executive Headteacher

BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

As we come to the end of our first half term, thank you to students and parents/carers for maintaining our high standards of behaviour.

This term we focused on getting the basics right: arriving on time, being fully equipped, wearing our uniform with pride, and choosing kindness day in and day out.

- **Uniform Reminder:**
We will no longer wear the summer uniform; students must return in a collared shirt and tie.

- **Phone Policy:**
The phone policy has been highly successful—thank you for reinforcing the "gate-to-gate" rule.

- **Travel Safety:**
As evenings get darker, please remind students to remain aware of surroundings and travel with others.

Our girls continue to make us proud with their attitude to their studies, how warm and welcoming they are to all school visitors and how they support their school community. They make Brentford School for Girls a lovely school environment. This year, four more members of staff passed their 20 year milestone at Brentford School for Girls - a testement to how wonderful Brentford Girls are.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE:
PROGRESS, PRIDE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A nationally recognised achievement. A stronger start. A shared ambition for every Brentford Girl.

94.25%
Current whole-school attendance

★ Top 25% most improved secondary schools nationally

▲ +2.24 percentage points vs Autumn 1 last year
▲ +0.84 points above the national benchmark

We are incredibly proud that Brentford School for Girls was recognised in the 2025/26 FFT National School Attendance Awards, placing us among the top 25% of the most improved secondary schools nationally. This fantastic achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, students and families, alongside our continued focus on early intervention, positive relationships and strong home-school partnerships.

We begin the 2026/27 academic year with further reasons to celebrate. Our current attendance stands at 94.25%, an increase of 2.24 percentage points compared with Autumn 1 last year (92.01%). We are also 0.84 percentage points above the current national benchmark of 93.41%, giving us a positive start to the year.
Our focus remains on ensuring every Brentford Girl has the opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive. Regular attendance helps students access high-quality teaching, build friendships and confidence, and make the most of the opportunities available to them. It also supports their academic progress, wellbeing and future success.

We understand that every family's circumstances are different, and we are committed to working with students and parents/carers to identify barriers to attendance and provide timely, appropriate support. By continuing to work together, we can build positive attendance habits and give every student the best possible opportunity to reach her full potential.

2025/26 Year Group Attendance Performance
Our end of year figures highlight the progress made across the school, with several year groups exceeding the FFT national average.

Behaviour Update

As we come to the end of our first half term (and mine at BSFG!), I would like to thank our students and parents/carers for their continued support in maintaining the high standards of behaviour we expect from our learners.
This term we focused on getting the basics right: arriving at school and lessons on time, being fully equipped to learn, wearing our uniform with pride and choosing to demonstrate respect and kindness day in and day out. These simple routines make an enormous difference to the calm and purposeful learning environment we want for every student.

Just a friendly reminder we will no longer be wearing the summer uniform into the second autumn term and students will be back to wearing the collared shirt and tie when they return. As well, the phone policy has been very successful this term so thank you for your support for reminding students to not have their phones out "gate-to-gate." As the evenings become darker, we would also like to remind students to take extra care when travelling to and from school. Please encourage your child to remain aware of their surroundings, travel with others where possible and make sensible, safe choices on their journey home.

Finally, your conversations at home about punctuality, uniform, equipment, respectful behaviour and attitudes to learning reinforce the same messages students hear in school and are incredibly valuable. We value your partnership this term and we look forward to building on the positive start next half term and continuing to ensure that our school remains safe, respectful and a purposeful place where every Brentford student can thrive.

Year Group	School attendance	FFT National Average / Difference
Year 7	96.59%	**96.33% / +0.26**
Year 8	92.76%	93.82% / -1.06
Year 9	95.65%	**92.78% / +2.87**
Year 10	93.26%	92.27% / +0.99
Year 11	93.75%	**91.86% / +1.89**
Year 12	94.60%	n/a / n/a
Year 13	92.20%	n/a / n/a
Whole School	94.25%	**93.41% / +0.84**

UPCOMING EVENTS

4–13 Nov

Year 13 PPE1

Year 13 PPE 1 will take place from Wednesday 4th to Friday 13th November.

When a student does not have an exam, they will not be required to come into school and can revise at home. Students may access the 6th form study area throughout the period if they choose to.

All written exams will take place in the Theatre.

Thu 5 Nov, 10–12:30

Hounslow Teen Read

BSfG is hosting the launch of this year's Hounslow Teen Read, where school from across the borough are invited to participate. Author Bex Hogan will be visiting to kick start this year's reading competition. A selection of our Year 10 students, including many of our Reading Ambassadors, will be taking part.

Thu 12 Nov

House Trip

With students competing year round for the most housepoints, the victors are rewarded with a house trip to an exciting location on Thursday 12th November. Taken to the London Dungeons, students are able to visit Central London, see some historic landmarks, and then embark on a thrilling, insightful, and interactive tour of bizarre and creepy parts of the capital. Students will receive a tour through the highly political attempted bombing by Guy Fawkes, the plague ridden streets, the prisons for those accused of witchcraft, and a judge presiding over strange cases.

Thu 19 Nov, 5–6pm

6th Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 19th November from 5-6pm, with registration from 4.45pm. Our current Y11 cohort and external students will get the opportunity to learn about life in the BSfG Sixth Form from subject teachers, current students and Head of Sixth Form Mr Rance.

School will finish at 2.20pm,, with Year 11 students invited to stay on site for some food and entertainment before the event begins.

The sixth form is a friendly, caring and ambitious community and the Open Evening is an opportunity for parents and prospective students to discover what we have to offer. To find out more, book to attend via our website https://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk/6thform

Wed 4 Nov

Yr7 Future Makers

This annual Year 7 music trip to the Royal Albert Hall (RAH) on Wednesday 4th November is a fantastic day out! Future Makers is the final of a competition whereby singer-songwriters aged 14 to 19 from across the country create their own song, in whatever style they wish. The chosen eight finalists perform at the RAH, and, rather like with X factor, there is a panel of judges and a presenter, as well as a performance from last year's winner. Last year it was a rap duo that won, but equally popular have been the punk bands, the solo classical singers at the piano, and the lively Jazz artists. The Year 7s will have a blast!

Fri 6 Nov

Yr7 Careers Day

On Friday 6th November, our Year 7 Students will be taking part in a Careers Day. This is a fantastic event, packed full of fun, careers related activities which really help the students to start thinking about the huge range of career paths available to them as they progress through education. Careers is an integral part of the curriculum and this early exposure, through fun activities, really helps the students to start thinking about and exploring different options.

Activities they will be taking part in include;

- Building Teamwork skills
- What is a Career?
- Exploring careers using the Unifrog careers platform
- writing a letter to their future self.

Thu 12 Nov, 4:30–7pm

Y9 Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers for our annual in person Y9 Parents Evening on Thursday 12th November, 4.30pm to 7pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with your daughter's teachers and discuss their progress in each subject including their new GCSE subjects. This is also a great opportunity to celebrate the progress they have made since the start of the academic year. I have been witness to some fantastic work in Textiles, Health and Social Care and many more subjects that you will hear from on the night.

Mon 23 Nov

Y13 Artist Trip

On Monday 23rd November, Year 13 Art, Photography and Textiles students will be visiting Art in Action at the Emmanuel Centre to observe Artist Talks by ceramicist Grayson Perry, fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, painter Stuart Pearson Wright, photographer Hannah Starkey and draughtsman Fraser Scarfe. Students will use these talks for inspiration in their coursework, exam unit and creative approaches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 24 Nov

Y9 Drop Down Day

Research shows that school attendance can begin to decline in Year 9. In response, Hounslow Council has launched an initiative to support pupils in maintaining high levels of attendance and staying motivated and engaged with their learning. As part of this initiative, local schools across the borough will host a full day of sessions for Year 9 pupils on 24 November. The sessions will focus on resilience, the importance of regular school attendance and effective study skills, helping pupils develop the strategies they need to remain motivated, overcome challenges and make the most of their education. Pupils will not attend their usual lessons on this day, as they will take part in these sessions instead. All sessions will be taking place at Brentford School for Girls.

Thu 26 Nov

Winter Sports Day

Y7 & Y8 will be off timetable on 26th November 2026 for our annual Winter House Sports day where they will compete in their houses in netball, football, basketball and watch a sports documentary. This will take place in school and students will be in their PE kit all day.

Thu 3 Dec, 4:30–7pm

Y10 Parents Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 3rd December, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in person. This will be a great opportunity to meet your daughter's teachers and discuss the year ahead. Further information on how to book your appointment slots will be shared closer to the date.Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tue 8 Dec

Yr7 Panto Trip

Year 7 are excited to head to a wonderfully festive panto at the Hammersmith Lyric on December 8th - we have been practicing our heckling and hope to make it a fabulous day!

Fri 11 Dec

Yr11 6th Former for a Day

Following on from the 6th Form Open Evening in November, on Friday 11th December our Year 11 students will get the opportunity to shed their normal BSfG uniform and take up the role of 'Sixth Former for a Day'.
In addition to coming to school in smart-casual dress, they will attend specially designed lessons in three subjects of their choosing that will be delivered by our expert Key Stage 5 teachers. They will also have the opportunity to hang out in the 6th Form social and study areas to fully experience what it means to be a 6th Form Student at Brentford Sixth Form.

Wed 25 Nov

Jack Petchey Workshops

Every year BSfG hosts workshops delivered by the Speakout trust, in partnership with Jack Petchey. On Wednesday 25th November 2026 there will be 2 public speaking workshops running for up to 60 Year 10 students to support them in the development of their public speaking skills and to build their confidence in public speaking, ready for their GCSE Spoken Language exams at the end of Year 10. The free workshops run throughout the day and are a lot of fun and the student feedback each year is incredibly positive. If your daughter is in Year 10, make sure she signs up for this incredible opportunity.

Furthermore, the top speakers on the day will be awarded an opportunity to compete in an Assembly Final where a speaker will be chosen to represent the school at the Jack Petchey Speakout Hounslow Regional Final. Having won in 2025, with our representative going on to the National Final, we were chosen to host the Regional Final last year and were allowed to have 2 speakers compete; our amazingly confident and articulate speakers won both 2nd and 3rd place. The winner from the previous year was also the MC and was so good that she was asked to be the MC at the National Final. This year we hope to continue our winning streak, as our Brentford Girls never fail to impress!

30 Nov – 4 Dec

Year 11 PPE1

Year 11 students Pre-Public Examinations (PPE 1) will take place from Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December

These assessments play a crucial role in their academic journey. Beyond serving as a key practice opportunity, the PPEs are designed to help students build essential exam confidence, refine their revision techniques, and identify areas for growth ahead of the summer exams. Furthermore, the results achieved in these PPEs will be pivotal in securing strong predicted grades, opening doors and providing a solid foundation for their chosen Post-16 pathways.
We encourage all Year 11s to approach these exams with focus and ambition!

All written exams will take place in Curie Gym.

Mon 7 Dec

Y8 Heathrow STEM

On Monday 7th December, our Year 8 students will be attending a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) generation focus workshop at school, in partnership with Heathrow Airport. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to build on their skills around the STEM subjects, learning from a team of employees, volunteers and apprentices from Heathrow Airport, who will be leading the workshops. This will include a really exciting STEM related challenge involving mini robots and if the students are successful in this challenge, an amazing prize awaits them! We don't want to give too much away , so more will be revealed on the day.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Wed 16th Dec, 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert takes place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 16th December. The evening will showcase the musical talent across the school, from soloists to the choir and music ensembles. All parents are invited to join teachers and students in attending, so please don't miss this opportunity to celebrate with us! If you need further persuading, there will also be some Christmas goodies to give some good cheer to all!

Final Week

SIXTH FORM FESTIVITIES

Student-led sweet bag sales, a festive bake sale, and Christmas Jumper Day with all proceeds going to charity.



Years 12 & 13

COMMUNITY CARE HAMPERS

Years 12 & 13 pack and hand-deliver gift boxes, food packs, and handwritten cards to nearby care homes to spread warmth.

Thu 17th Dec

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT SHOW

As the term draws to a close, Brentford is excited to continue with our much-loved annual Christmas festivities during the final week of term. Our celebrations will include the sales of the Christmas Sweet Bags, a Christmas Entertainment Show, Christmas Jumper Day and a Christmas Bake sale.. These events are being organised and led by our Student Senior Leadership Team alongside Sixth Form students, with all proceeds supporting charity and the Year 13 end-of-year celebrations.

The highlight of the week will be the Christmas Entertainment Show on Thursday 17th December, where our students will showcase their incredible talents – always a joyful way to bring our community together.

We are also proud to continue our tradition of giving back to the local community. Our Year 12 and 13 students will be preparing hampers filled with gifts, non-perishable food, puzzle packs, and handwritten letters and christmas cards, to deliver to nearby care homes – a small gesture to spread warmth and kindness this festive season.

Thu 17th Dec

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our annual traditional Christmas dinner will be taking place on Thursday 17th December with turkey and all the trimmings! Make sure you book a hot meal on SCOPAY in the usual way. This will be the dish of the day.

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUTUMN 2 TERM

NOVEMBER DATES

Mon 2nd Nov	Occasional Day (School Closed)
Tue 3rd Nov	Occasional Day (School Closed)
Wed 4th – Fri 13th Nov	Year 13 PPE1 Exams
Wed 4th Nov	Year 7 Future Makers Music Trip
Fri 6th Nov	Year 7 Careers Day
Thu 12th Nov	House Trip to London Dungeons
Thu 12th Nov	Year 9 Parents Evening (4:30pm to 7pm)
Fri 13th Nov	Year 9 Assembly with St Mary's University
Thu 19th Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening (Early dismissal at 2:20pm)
Fri 20th – Thu 26th Nov	Year 11 MFL Speaking PPE1
Mon 23rd Nov	Year 13 Meet the Artist Trip
Tue 24th Nov	Year 9 Drop Down Day
Wed 25th Nov	Jack Petchey Speakout Workshops
Thu 26th Nov	Winter Sports Day
Fri 27th Nov	Occasional Day (School Closed)
Mon 30th Nov	Choir Concert at Southwark Cathedral
Mon 30th Nov – Fri 4th Dec	Year 11 PPE1 Exams

DECEMBER DATES

Thu 3rd Dec	Year 10 Parents Evening (4:30pm to 7pm)
Sat 5th Dec	Year 13 Exam Resits
Mon 7th Dec	Year 8 Heathrow STEM Generation Workshop
Tue 8th Dec	Year 7 Panto Trip
Fri 11th Dec	Year 11 Sixth Former for a Day
Sun 13th Dec	Concert with Kew Sinfonia
Wed 16th Dec	School Christmas Concert
Thu 17th Dec	Christmas Entertainment Show
Thu 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 18th Dec	Sixth Form Visit to Care Homes
Fri 18th Dec	School Ends at 12:30pm



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