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BRENTFORD BULLETIN

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

I am delighted to welcome you back to the final half of the summer term. Last half term was an incredibly busy one, with students in the upper part of the school busily revising and sitting their public examinations. We have worked actively to support our Year 10 girls, who are sitting some of their exams a year early. This has really paid off for previous students, as getting a good grade now means less revision next year. We only enter a student when we think that she is ready, as we recognise that this approach is not suitable for all. Well done to Year 10, 11 and 6th Form students who have behaved impeccably during this year's exam season. They have been on time and incredibly focused throughout - we will be keeping our fingers crossed for the results days.

Over the course of the last year, I have met with so many of you during parents' evenings and at various school events. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to us that you are involved and interested in your daughter's education and I thank you for your on-going commitment. Parents' evenings are attended by over 85% of parents/carers in each year group, which is fantastic, but there are always occasions when you may be unable to attend for a variety of reasons. If you are unable to attend a parents' evening, please contact your daughter's tutor and we will endeavour to meet you at a more suitable time.

Over the next half term, we will be setting our priorities for the next academic year. We truly believe that BSfG is an outstanding school and we are looking forward to our next Ofsted visit. In September, it will be three years since our last inspection and we are probably one of the very few schools who are keen to have them visit again! Our focus next year will be in developing our vision of the Brentford girl, ensuring that not only does she achieve academically, but that she continues to be happy at school and develops the wider skills that she will need when going out into the world.

Best wishes
Marais Leenders

SUMMER FAYRE

This year's Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 28th June. Last year's event was a fantastic community success and a lot of money was raised for the school fund and other charitable causes. This year's promises to be bigger and better, with a tremendous variety of stalls and events for visitors to enjoy, such as cake sales, a BBQ, traditional stalls, music and dance, and sporting and arts activities for children.

If you are interested in helping at the Summer Fayre, or if you would like to run a stall, please contact Liz Gers, Community Coordinator - lgers@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk.

ART, TEXTILES AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Our Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition takes place from Friday 27th (8.50am-3.20pm) - Saturday 28th June (11am-3pm). The girls have created some truly extraordinary work this year, so please come along to support them.

ACTIVITIES' WEEK

From Wednesday 9th-Friday 11th July, Year 7-9 students will have the opportunity to take part in three days of activities as part of this year's Activities' Week. This is an important part of our school calendar and there are a tremendous number of activities for your daughter to try, including Bollywood dancing, a Spanish language and culture day, T-shirt printing and ice-skating. All Year 9 students will be visiting a university and there is an optional trip to Thorpe Park on offer as well. Please look out for a letter about Activities' Week and encourage your daughter to return her form quickly to avoid disappointment - the activities fill up fast!

RESULTS DAYS

This year's A-Level and Level 3 BTEC results will be issued on Thursday 14th August. School will be open from 9am to 11am for students to collect their results. GCSE results will be issued on Thursday 21st August. School will be open from 10am to 12pm for students to collect their results. A letter will be sent out later this term with further details of these days.

YEAR 13 GRADUATION EVENT

On Monday 23rd June, Year 13 students are invited to an exclusive graduation event. This will take place in the theatre from 5-6pm and will be followed by a party in the 6th Form Centre from 6-8pm. 'Dress to impress' and we hope to see as many students as possible.

BRENTFORD UNIVERSITY

Year 12 students will attend Brentford University from Monday 16th June - Friday 4th July. They will have the following opportunities:

- A two day UCAS conference to draft their first university application
- Taster sessions and A2 projects for all their AS subject choices
- Meet different people from Russell Group universities, who will discuss their experiences in order to help support applications
- Two university open days and two tutorial slots with each subject teacher

They will then hand in their projects and UCAS statement on Thursday 3rd July. On the following day, there will be a celebration BBQ to mark their time at Brentford University. On Friday 4th July, students will attend a 'freshers' day out' on Bournemouth beach - Please return monies for this trip asap.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 12 work experience takes place from Monday 7th-Friday 18th July. Good luck to all of those students who have worked really hard to secure some fantastic placements. This will aid your application to university.

6TH FORM TRANSITION

Year 11 students are fast approaching their transition into 6th Form so in order to fully prepare for this transition, they will attend two compulsory Head Start days on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July. All attendees are required to dress in business attire and meet in the theatre at 8.30am on both days. During this time, students will be given vital information regarding the A levels that they have chosen. They will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and will be given summer work to be completed during the summer break. We would ask that holidays are not booked during this important period.

SIXTH FORM ENROLMENT

Enrolment will take place on Thursday 4th September in the 6th Form Centre. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

BEHAVIOUR & UNIFORM

We work hard to maintain a positive reputation within the local community, so it is important that all students behave appropriately when travelling to and from school. If there are any incidents, please advise your daughter not to get involved. Good behaviour outside of school is extremely important and there will be sanctions if students do not behave appropriately.

Please remind your daughter that she must wear full school uniform on her way to and from school. Summer shirts may be worn but if she continues to wear winter shirts she must also wear a tie. Hair dye, make up, PE kit and other clothes are not permitted.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

PUNCTUALITY

Being late for school makes it hard for your daughter to learn. If she is 30 minutes late each day, it means she is missing a half day of school each week. If she is late by 10 minutes each day, she will miss the equivalent of a whole week's learning in a year.

Punctuality helps good learning because:

- It gets the day off to a good start
- It establishes positive work patterns for the future
- It helps your daughter develop
- It helps your daughter make and keep friends
- It leads to self-confidence and success
- It is good training for adult life and work

Lateness hinders good learning because:

- It gets the day off to a bad start
- It can be embarrassing for your daughter
- It may damage her confidence
- It can affect friendship patterns
- It disrupts learning for everyone
- It creates gaps in your daughter's learning and experience

VIVO MILES

Congratulations to Artemis House who collected the most Vivos last half term. The race is now on to see which house will be the overall winners and lift the House Rewards Trophy.

ARTEMIS - 4039

HERA - 4007

DEMETER - 3785

APHRODITE - 3513

ATHENA - 3373

Currently, Demeter House have a narrow lead, but all houses still have a chance of being the 2013/14 Vivo Champions. Vivo Reward Year to Date Totals Per House:

DEMETER - 27710

HERA - 26760

ARTEMIS - 26714

ATHENA - 25643

APHRODITE - 25013

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM 2014: 23RD APRIL - 18TH JULY

- END OF TERM: 18TH JULY
- A LEVEL RESULTS DAY: 14TH AUGUST
- GCSE RESULTS DAY: 21ST AUGUST

AUTUMN TERM 2014: TUES 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014 - FRI 19TH DECEMBER

- HALF TERM: MON 27TH OCTOBER - FRI 31ST OCTOBER
- CHRISTMAS BREAK: MON 22ND DECEMBER - FRI 2ND JANUARY

SPRING TERM 2015: MON 5TH JANUARY - FRI 27TH MARCH

- HALF TERM: MON 16TH FEBRUARY - FRI 20TH FEBRUARY 2015
- SPRING HOLIDAY BREAK: MON 30TH MARCH - FRI 10TH APRIL
- GOOD FRIDAY: FRI 3RD APRIL
- EASTER MONDAY: MON 6TH APRIL

SUMMER TERM 2015: MON 13TH APRIL - MON 20TH JULY

- MAY DAY: MON 4TH MAY
- HALF TERM: MON 25TH MAY - FRI 29TH MAY
- END OF TERM: FRI 18TH JULY

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