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**BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

**BRENTFORD 6<sup>th</sup> FORM**

**SPRING HIGHLIGHTS 2020**

# *IMAGINE THE FUTURE BRENTFORD GIRL...*

*SHE THRIVES ON CHALLENGE AND HAS A DESIRE TO FULFIL HER LEARNING POTENTIAL.  
SHE IS ABLE TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND IS CONFIDENT IN HER SOCIAL AND  
ACADEMIC CAPABILITY.*

*SHE IS EMOTIONALLY AWARE AND EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT.*

*SHE IS CAPABLE AND DEPENDABLE.*

*SHE IS RESOURCEFUL AND INQUISITIVE.*

*SHE EMBRACES THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD AS A GLOBAL VILLAGE AND IS READY TO  
INTERACT WITH OTHERS IN THE LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY.*

*SHE ACCEPTS THE WELFARE OF OTHERS AS HER RESPONSIBILITY.*

*SHE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.*

*SHE IS READY FOR LIFE IN THE FUTURE - WHATEVER THAT MAY BE.*

*SHE IS THE CENTRE OF OUR VISION*

*AND WILL REMAIN THE VERY CORE OF  
OUR BEING AND PURPOSE.*

# HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents / Carers,

Who would have thought that the world would have changed so much since the last highlights magazine was sent home to you! From daily school life, the voices and laughter of children, the hundreds of lessons taught each week, thousands of lunches consumed each lunchtime, the assemblies, sports fixtures, music lessons all of the very special things that make a school such a wonderful hubb of life, and work, all put on hold for the time being.

For most the stopping of the school day is a seismic halt! For staff, enormous disappointment at having worked hard all year with the girls, with suddenly limited focus. Then, the disappointment for those sitting end of year examinations and the cancellation of GCSE and A level examinations. The younger girls whose education is one to be delivered at home! These are difficult times, but we will do everything we can to support the girls through this.

So with all this change, what can we take forward and what can we learn. Learning never ends and should certainly not be confined to the classroom. Here is an opportunity for you and your daughter to learn something new, something of interest and maybe something which is outside of the curriculum. Physical activity can be done anywhere, and there are numerous exercise programmes online to help you get motivated. Our school website is also full of work packs for the girls and lots of suggestions for alternative learning to take place.

The coronavirus is many things, but it certainly reminds us how important friends and family are. Bill gates says 'the virus is forcing us back into our houses so we can rebuild them into our home and strengthen our family unit'. So, here is an opportunity for us to embrace our families and care for those that we can. Nothing can be more important than this and we are reminded of this even more so in this crisis.

This terms highlights magazine reminds us of all of the fantastic events and opportunities that have taken place across the school over the last term. They remind us- that I am certain it won't be too long before we can return as a community, stronger and brighter than ever!

In the meantime, look after yourselves and your family

Thinking of you all

Best wishes



Marais Leenders

Headteacher



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# MOUNTAIN MEMORIES

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***Resilience, stamina and enthusiasm*** were shown by all the students who attended the Brentford School 2020 half term ski trip to MONTAFON ski resort in Austria.

Despite a physically demanding week in the snow, the girls had an amazing time and were an absolute credit to the school during their trip.

The weather was great, with mostly beautiful, clear and sunny days. The girls were put through their paces on the slopes by their instructors and were delighted to make significant progress by the end of the week.

They even rose to the challenge of navigating the mountains in white-out conditions - no fair weather riders in sight! *(continued overleaf)*.

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# APRES SKI

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***Fun, football and friendships.*** Off the mountains, the girls were able to take each other on at 10 pin bowling, table football and challenge the mind as well as the body during an apres ski quiz evening. All good for the mind, body and soul!

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# NEW YORK

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***Fun, fearless and free!*** Our sixth form students who attended the Brentford School 2020 half term trip to NYC enjoyed every minute of their time there.

The weather was fresh but sunny. The girls enjoyed exploring the Statue of Liberty, Ground 0, Grand Central Station, Little Italy, Tribeca, Brooklyn Bridge, Rockafella Centre, The Empire State Building and of course some shopping! They definitely had sore feet!

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## NEW YORK!

***"A memorable experience to last a lifetime."***

New York was everything I thought it would be and more. Everyday was packed full of places to go, morning and night and we were able to take in the masses of culture." **TINA SATTA, Brentford School Sixth Form**



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# IT'S ALL IN THE MIND....

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*An introduction to Schizophrenia and a better understanding about the realities of mental health* and the social implications of effective treatment was high up on the learning agenda for Year 13 Psychology students visiting The Bethlem Museum of Mind.

The Museum was the UK's first institution to specialise in the care of the mentally ill and continues to care for in-patients with a mental illness.

Our students learnt about the history of Bethlem; experienced artwork produced by artists who suffered from a mental illness and met with a Nurse Consultant who helped them probe deeper with questions on the different treatments offered to patients.

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*Everyone deserves their moment*  
and our students radiated confidence  
and talent during our Christmas Talent  
Show.

LET ME  
ENTERTAIN  
YOU!





## CENTRE STAGE

*“With students who are so passionate about the arts,*

it is an honour to provide them with a platform to grow in confidence and show the community how talented they are” Ms Marsh, Head of Drama. The girls were incredible in The Lion King 2020 school production.





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# FULL OF CHARACTER

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*So inspiring to see how creative* our students have been with their costumes and how diverse an array of characters there were throughout the school. Another fantastic World Book Day with some incredible costumes!

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Hetty Feather



Nina The Birthday Fairy





Dorothy & Harley Quinn



The Queen of Hearts



Klaus Baudelaire

Alice in Wonderland



Kitty from The Light Jar & Cruella De Vil



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**ALL FOR  
A GREAT  
CAUSE!**

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***Roll up, roll up!*** Over the festive period the different Houses strived to raise the most money from their Christmas fair stalls.

The whole day was a real success with the lunchtime activities raising over £500 for the school's charity, The Queen Elizabeth Foundation for Disabled Children.

Congratulations to the Ambitious House who were, on this occasion, the overall winners!







***Grateful for the time, support, insight and knowledge*** Leia-Janine offers our students as she now plays a really important role in helping our girls understand the vast opportunities that exist for them in the work place.

Leia- Janine Bromfield-Peltier left Brentford School (2008-2015) to go on to graduate from the University of Liverpool with a Master's degree in Civil and Structural Engineering where she was the President of the Civil Engineering Society (CivSoc).

She joined Atkins, a world leading Design and Consultation company, in August 2019 as a Graduate Civil Engineer working in all aspects of engineering; she has been involved in a number of projects such as Cross rail 2 and the remodelling of Croydon's rail system.

Working towards her Chartership with the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE), she also works with the ICE to promote engineering and STEM to under 19s.



# INSPIRATIONAL ROLE MODELS



***Benefiting substantially from a highly engaged alumni community,*** the students at Brentford School are able to access a vast amount of information on various career routes. Layosa Kakar (former student at Brentford School for Girls and 3rd year Pharmacy student at Portsmouth University), encouraged much discussion and debate through an interactive lab session with state of the art equipment (using synthetic urine dipsticks) and challenged the girls' minds further with exploring different ethical case studies.



# FULL STEM AHEAD!

***No holding back!*** Women make up only 14.4% of all people working in STEM in the UK, despite being about half of the workforce.

The aim of our recent **GIRLS INTO STEM & UNDERSTAND YOUR OPTIONS** speed networking event for Year 10 and Year 8 students, was to expose our students to a wide range of STEM professionals and give them the opportunity to question university students, STEM ambassadors, Scientists, Engineers and other STEM professionals about the range of different careers available to them.









# A PASSION FOR SWIMMING

*Sport teaches girls commitment, respect for others,* how to relax, concentrate under stress, set and achieve goals, accept responsibility and failure and be gracious winners. It forms an important part of life at Brentford School because of how positively it impacts young people's emotional and psychological health; social life and community involvement; academic performance and physical health.

Meet **Amani Miller** who is in Year 10 at Brentford School for Girls. Amani has been swimming since she was 2 years old. Her mother was not able to swim herself so she actively encouraged Amani and her siblings, at every opportunity, to get into the water as soon as they could walk. And so Amani's passion for swimming was born and she has been competitively swimming since the age of ten, competing in numerous swimming galas.

She has swum in 4 county championships, 3 regional championships and qualified for nationals last year! During her most recent gala she bought home 6 gold medals, 1 silver, 1 bronze and 2 trophies!

Her next major competition is the regionals where she will hopefully qualify for the nationals and maybe even get an Olympic trial time! Good luck Amani, we are proud you are part of the Brentford School for Girls community and such a positive role model for all our students.



# KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

***It was game on*** early March thanks to the dedication of the Brentford School PE department who organised and executed an action packed week of activities for the girls to enjoy and have fun in and raise funds for ***Sports Relief!***

It was really encouraging to see the turnout for each of the different activities planned, not to mention the focus and drive the girls showed during the 'staff against student football game' and the '30 second basketball shooting challenge'.

Mia Charbonnier and Isla Peel showed a real sense of purpose and creative thinking in setting up their own cupcake stand to sell outside of school. Top marks for initiative ladies! Thank you to all those who have taken part or donated towards the cause in anyway, shape or form.

Sports Relief Staff vs students football match



# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

***Proud to represent*** Hounslow Borough, 10 of our students from year 7 and 8 attended the London Youth Games Rugby Festival in March 2020.

***The girls were amazing sports ambassadors*** and played extremely well, putting into practice what their Harlequins coach had taught them.

Also in March, 7 of ***our girls represented the school and Harlequins Rugby Club at the England women's 6 nations match*** against Wales, playing on the pitch in front of 11,000 fans during half time. The students absolutely loved the experience!



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