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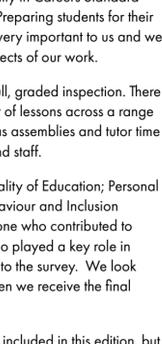


27 May 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we head towards our final half term of the year, we have much exciting news to share.

This half term saw the start of external exams for Years 11 and 13, as well as the continuation of internal assessments for Key Stage 3. Revision sessions during the April and May holidays, as well as ongoing sessions have provided students with reminders of key information before their important exams. We wish them all the very best and look forward to celebrating with them on results days.



Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

Please do read about our commitment to the Quality in Careers Standard as well as the Family School Partnership Award. Preparing students for their future and working closely with parents/carers is very important to us and we look forward to further developing both these aspects of our work.

At the start of this half term, Ofsted conducted a full, graded inspection. There were 6 inspectors on site who observed a number of lessons across a range of subjects, visited break and lunch times as well as assemblies and tutor time and evaluated feedback from parents, students and staff.

Brentside was graded on the following areas: Quality of Education; Personal Development; Leadership and Management; Behaviour and Inclusion and the Sixth Form Provision. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this process, in particular the students and staff who played a key role in this inspection and those parents who contributed to the survey. We look forward to sharing the results of the inspection when we receive the final report.

I won't spoil the suspense by mentioning all that is included in this edition, but I do hope you enjoy reading about the achievements of both students and staff, inside the classroom and beyond as you read on....

Ms Hames

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SPRING HALF TERM 2

- Monday, 26 May:** Spring Bank Holiday
- Tuesday, 27 May:** School Holiday
- Monday, 2 June:** Summer Term begins
- Monday, 16 June:** Year 12 exams begin
- Wednesday, 4 June:** Early closure: 12:25
- Thursday 12 June:** Year 12 Futures Day
- Friday 13 June:** UCAS/Apprenticeship Fair
- Monday, 16 June:** Year 10 exams begin
- Monday, 23 June:** Year 13 Prom
- Tuesday, 24 June:** New Intake Evening 16:00-17:30
- Monday, 26 June:** Level 2 Careers Fair for selected students
- Friday, 27 June:** Year 6 into 7 Induction Day
- Friday, 27 June:** Year 11 Prom
- Thursday, 3 July:** Awards Evening
- Monday, 7 July:** Year 10 English Speaking Exams
- Monday, 14 July:** Creative Arts Week
- Wednesday, 16 July:** Year 8 immunisations
- Friday, 18 July:** International Market Day
- Monday, 21 July:** Applied Learning Day
- Tuesday, 22 July:** End of Term- Early Closure

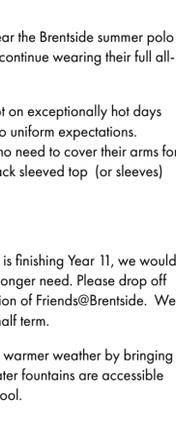
SCHOOL UNIFORM YEARS 7-11



You can view the price list for our uniform sold at Kevin's Schoolwear on our website:

Brentside High School - School Uniform

We are very pleased to say that for the second consecutive year, Kevin's have frozen the prices of the main school uniform items, such as the blazer, shirts, trousers, summer polo shirt, and PE kit. They are also continuing their summer pre-order scheme, which started 1 May and allows parents to spread the cost of uniform up to 14 weeks. As a caring community business, they hope these actions help lessen the burden on parents.



Home - Kevin's Schoolwear

A reminder also that white shirts, black trousers and black blazers can be purchased from a wide range of shops as long as they match the type illustrated on our website and in the student planner.

Summer uniform

After May half term, students are allowed to wear the Brentside summer polo shirt. This is not a requirement and students can continue wearing their full all-year uniform and white shirt, tie and blazer.

Blazers must be worn over the polo shirts except on exceptionally hot days when the school will notify parents of changes to uniform expectations. Students choosing to wear the polo shirt and who need to cover their arms for religious reasons must wear a plain white or black sleeved top (or sleeves) under their polo shirts.

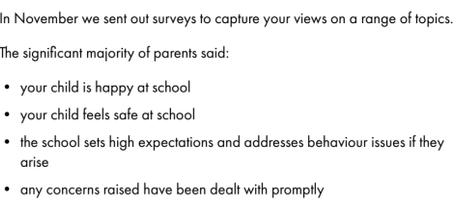
Donations

If your student has grown out of their uniform or is finishing Year 11, we would be very grateful to receive any uniform you no longer need. Please drop off all washed donations to reception for the attention of Friends@Brentside. We will be hosting a pre-owned uniform sale next half term.

Please do help your child to remain hydrated in warmer weather by bringing a refillable water bottle to school each day. Water fountains are accessible before school, at break and lunch and after school.

YEAR 9 AND 10 CAREERS WORKSHOPS

April 22



Over the course of 10 weeks, Year 9 and Year 10 girls have worked closely with two expert role models from Routes2Success to build their skills as peer mentors. Each week, students explored key techniques of active listening, empathy and leadership, whilst also growing in confidence and learning how to support others effectively.

Our student mentors will now put their skills into practice, working with their younger peers by offering guidance and support. Well done to all our student mentors who have shown commitment and resilience throughout this process.

QUALITY IN CAREERS STANDARD



We are delighted to confirm our commitment to achieving the Quality in Careers Standard.

The Quality in Careers Standard is the single national quality award for overall careers education and guidance provision in secondary and special schools, colleges and Independent Training Providers.

In England, all state-funded secondary and special schools, academies, sixth form colleges and further education colleges are "strongly recommended" by the Department for Education to work towards, achieve, and maintain the national Quality in Careers Standard as part of its careers strategy.

The Standard is fully aligned with the **Gatsby Benchmarks for "Good Career Guidance"** and complies with the DfE's Statutory Guidance.

We pride ourselves in our careers programme which plays a key role at Brentside High School as we prepare our students for life beyond school and into the world of work.

For further information about our Provider Access Statement, Careers Education Information and Guidance provision, or resources to support discussions with your child about their next steps, please take a look at our careers information on our website: **Brentside High School – Careers** or: contact our careers leader, Ms Rosenblatt m.rosenblatt@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk

FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP AWARD



Brentside High School is committed to working with our parents and carers to ensure all our students make the best possible progress and all their needs are met. As part of our commitment, we are working towards the Family School Partnership Award.

In November we sent out surveys to capture your views on a range of topics.

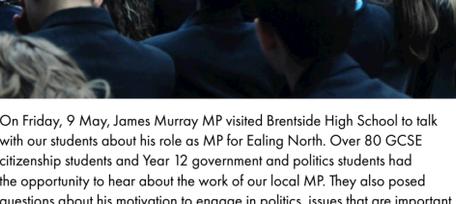
The significant majority of parents said:

- your child is happy at school
- your child feels safe at school
- the school sets high expectations and addresses behaviour issues if they arise
- any concerns raised have been dealt with promptly
- the school makes you aware of what your child will learn during the year
- the school has supported your child with SEND needs
- the school has high expectations for your child
- your child does well at school
- the school lets you know how your child is doing
- your child can take part in clubs and activities
- the school supports your child's wider personal development
- your child's successes are recognised and celebrated
- you would recommend this school to another parent

You said we could improve on the following...	We did ...
Informing parents/carers where to find copies of school policies and who to ask if you need help to understand them.	Policies can be found on our website here: Brentside Policies You can email info@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk or contact your child's form tutor if you need further help accessing these, or contact the policy owner. Form tutors are a key point of contact if you have any queries. Details of form tutors are on our website and can be found here: Contact Form Tutors
Informing you of who the governors are and what they do.	Information about our governing body can be found on our website and by using this link: Governors
The school takes into account the needs of all parents when planning events.	We had three Parent Forums a year and hosted a survey to invite parents to a range of workshops on offer. We expanded our workshop from one workshop to a range of workshops, including presentations in Arabic and Polish. An invite was also sent to parents to break fast at Iftar to take into account Ramadan celebrated by our Muslim parents. Parents were asked if they were not able to attend, what the barriers were, e.g. date, time, topic. Our next Parent Forum will focus on academic and vocational educational pathways. This is based on requests from parents to learn more about educational levels and different pathways available to students.
The school provides information or runs workshops which help me support my child's learning at home.	Parent Forum workshop in Autumn Term included strategies for parents to support students' home learning. Year Ahead evenings for all year groups in the Autumn Term gave detailed examples of how parents can support with home learning.

UNIVERSITY OF BATH TEACHER CHAMPION AWARDS 2025

24 April



A huge well done to Mr Uddin who has been shortlisted for the University of Bath Teacher Awards 2025.

These awards recognise and celebrate teachers who have gone above and beyond to support their students; guiding them on their path to university; inspiring them to aim high; offering pastoral support to their well-being and of course nurturing their talents by providing them with exceptional learning opportunities.

All teachers are nominated for the University of Bath Teacher Champion Awards by their own students.

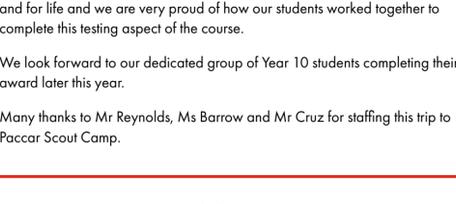
What a fantastic achievement!

SPORTING NEWS ALL YEARS

On Friday, 2 May, 35 students were chosen across Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 to represent Brentside High School at the Junior Borough Athletics at Perivale Athletics Track. We congratulate all those who were selected and who gave it their all.

Some standout performances:

- Saif (Year 10) – 200m – 3rd Place
- Ranveer (Year 9) – 300m – 3rd Place
- Malik (Year 9) – Long Jump – 1st Place
- Noah Levy (Year 11) – 1500m – 1st Place



LIBRARY NEWS YEAR 8

7 May



We were thrilled to welcome acclaimed author **Sarah J. Harris** to our school for a special visit with our Year 8 students. Best known for her gripping novels, Sarah spent the afternoon discussing her latest book, *The Murder Hypothesis*, and sharing insights into the writing process, the power of storytelling, and the importance of perseverance and creativity.

As a special treat, every Year 8 student received a **free, signed copy** of *The Murder Hypothesis*—an unforgettable keepsake and a great way to encourage a love of reading.

It was a fantastic experience that left students inspired, engaged, and eager to dive into their new books. A huge thank you to Sarah for her time, warmth, and generosity!

JAMES MURRAY MP VISIT YEAR 10 AND YEAR 12

9 May

On Friday, 9 May, James Murray MP visited Brentside High School to talk with our students about his role as MP for Ealing North. Over 80 GCSE citizenship students and Year 12 government and politics students had the opportunity to hear about the work of our local MP. They also posed questions about his motivation to engage in politics, issues that are important to him and actions he has taken to bring about change.

Student questions were thought provoking and challenging. This experience will inevitably have a positive impact when students write about democracy in their future exams. We were also pleased to hear how motivated students are to vote in the next general election when they are old enough to do so.

You can read the full article in Ealing News: **Ealing North MP James Murray inspires Brentside students - EALING.NEWS - The Voice of Ealing's 7 towns - Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt, Perivale, Southall.**

Here's to our voters and politicians of the future!

PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION WORKSHOPS YEAR 8

As part of our commitment to empowering students and to supporting their wellbeing, Year 8 students participated in Project Scholar, a series of workshops run by the police force. These workshops taught students about county lines and offered key reminders of how to keep safe. Students found the workshops really informative and impactful.

Please do ask your child about the key points they learnt in these workshops to support them in continuing these important conversations at home.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD EXPEDITION YEAR 10

22 May

We were delighted with our group of students who successfully completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) expedition this week. This is just one aspect of the DofE scheme which tested students planning, map-reading, team skills and endurance. These are fantastic skills for future employment and for life and we are very proud of how our students worked together to complete this testing aspect of the course.

We look forward to our dedicated group of Year 10 students completing their award later this year.

Many thanks to Mr Reynolds, Ms Barrow and Mr Cruz for staffing this trip to Paccar Scout Camp.

PARENT FORUM ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME

Tuesday, 10 June 18:30-19:30

Meet in the library. Light refreshments will be available.

Workshops include:

- Understanding different academic pathways: Meeting an employer to find out what employers look for: meet an apprenticeship provider to find out more about apprenticeships.
- Computer Programming with your child
- Practice speaking English whilst cooking with your child
- Race Equality meeting with Ms Nagra

This workshop will be provided in English, Arabic, Somali and Punjabi

If you have any requests for particular workshop topics, please email m.rosenblatt@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk and we will endeavour to meet your needs.