



1 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Welcome Back and Updates

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all Year 9 students back to school as we begin the summer term.

This term is an important and exciting time for our Year 9 students as they continue their journey through their first year of Key Stage 4.

At the start of the summer term, Year 9 students took part in their first set of formal assessments. This is a valuable experience, as it helps them to understand examination expectations, routines, and behaviour in a formal setting. Starting this process early ensures that by the time students sit their GCSE examinations, these formalities feel familiar and students can approach them with confidence. Their results will help us identify strengths and areas for development and will inform upcoming conversations with both students and parents/carers.

Our Year 9 Parents' Evening was held on Thursday, 30 April and we met many parents/carers. It provided an important opportunity for parents/carers and teachers to discuss each child's progress, attitude to learning, and next steps in their first GCSE year. We strongly encourage all families to attend online in future and where possible attend Information Evenings and other key events at the school. Working together is essential in supporting students to achieve their full potential.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events later this term:

Awards Evening – Thursday, 2 July

This is a special event where we celebrate students' achievements across the year, including academic progress, effort, attendance, and contributions to the school community. It is an opportunity to recognise and reward the hard work and commitment shown by our students.

Sports Day – Tuesday, 14 July

A key highlight of the school calendar, promoting teamwork, resilience, and participation.

Applied Learning Day – Friday, 10 July

The final Applied Learning Day of the year will be delivered by the art and design department and will enrich students' current projects. There will be a programme in place for all students not taking art and design at GCSE (i.e., drama, music, media studies, etc).

International Market Day – Monday, 20 July

A vibrant and unique celebration of the diversity within our school community, where students and staff come together to share and experience different cultures.

We will also continue our strong focus on recognising and celebrating student success. This includes our '**Zero Heroes**', who demonstrate excellent behaviour by having no poor behaviour points (below expected behaviour), and students who achieve **100% attendance**. Excellent attendance is vital, every lesson counts. Students who attend regularly are more likely to achieve strong academic outcomes, maintain positive routines, and feel confident in their learning.

In addition, we will continue with our Green Band initiative, recognising students who demonstrate a well-rounded commitment to their education through:

- Over 90% attendance
- Strong academic progress
- Fewer than 25 behaviour points
- An Attitude to Learning score average of 3 or above

These students are excellent role models and truly embody our school motto of **Learning and Achieving Together**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing c.busingye@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Busingye', written in a cursive style.

Miss Busingye
Year Leader for Year 9