

NEWSLETTER

22 May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another incredibly successful half term, let's take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and experiences that have enriched our school community. Building on last half term's Mock Interview Day, we are incredibly proud of their outstanding professionalism shown by Year 10 during their work experience placements, employer-led workshops and Insight Days to universities, colleges, and places of work. It has been a half term defined by ambition, responsibility and growth.

We have also seen remarkable sporting success, including borough-wide athletics achievements and a European championship title in Jujitsu, alongside strong student leadership through our Sports Leaders programme. Our younger students continue to thrive, embracing new opportunities with enthusiasm, while our wider community partnerships have been strengthened through awards and recognition.

Staff successes, such as Mrs Kader's national cooking competition win and our Somali Community Achievement Award, further highlight the breadth of talent within our school. As exams begin, we are immensely proud of the resilience and commitment shown by our students and grateful to parents and carers for their ongoing support. Together, these successes reflect a vibrant, aspirational and inclusive school community of which we can all be proud. We look forward to welcoming parents to our Parent Forum on 9 June. But for now, I hope you find the half term break restful and that students use the time to ensure they are fully prepared with the correct equipment and uniform ready for another half term!

To our Year 11 and Year 13 students and their families, we know that the half term will continue to be a learning focussed one, either through our on-site revision sessions or at home. We are cheering you on and grateful to families for your work in partnership with us. We recognise just how much everyone is doing to support success.



Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

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KEY DATES

SUMMER TERM

- Monday, 25 May - Friday, 29 May: **School Holiday**
 - Monday, 1 June: **School Starts**
 - Wednesday, 3 June: **Early Closure for Staff INSET (Lessons finish 12:25 - lunch is then available for students)**
 - Tuesday, 9 June: **Parent Forum Workshops: Please note earlier start time (18:00-19:00)**
 - Thursday, 11 June: **Trip to House of Lords for selected Year 9 students**
 - Monday, 15 June: **Year 10 Exams**
 - Thursday, 18 June: **Futures Day (Year 12)**
 - Friday, 19 June: **UCAS Trip**
 - Tuesday, 23 June: **New Intake Evening (16:00-17:30)**
 - Friday, 26 June: **Year 6 into 7 Induction Day**
 - Tuesday, 30 June: **Careers Fair (Years 10 and 12)**
 - Thursday, 2 July: **Awards Evening (18:00-20:00)**
 - Monday, 10 July: **Applied Learning Day**
 - Monday, 13 July-Friday, 17 July: **Creative Arts Week**
 - Tuesday, 14 July: **Sports Day**
 - Monday, 20 July: **International Market Day**
 - Tuesday, 21 July: **Last Day of Term - Early Closure**
 - Thursday, 13 August: **A Level Results Day**
 - Thursday, 20 August: **GCSE Results Day and on site enrolment for Sixth Form**
- Please see our website for more detailed information.

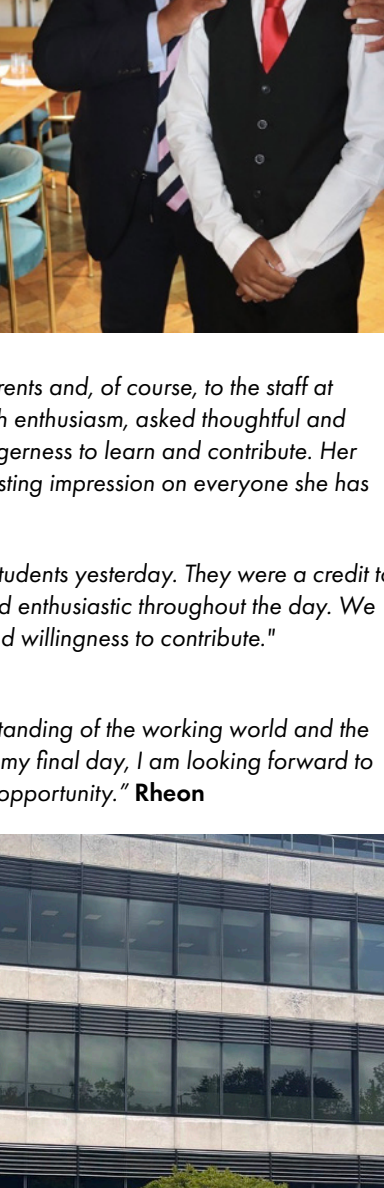


GOOD LUCK IN YOUR EXAMS

YEARS 11, 12 AND 13

Now that we have approached the exam season, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students the very best of luck in their upcoming assessments.

Exams are an important milestone, and we recognise the hard work, dedication, and resilience that students have shown in preparing for them. We encourage everyone to stay focused, maintain a healthy balance between study and rest, and approach each exam with confidence.



- Remember:
- Preparation matters** – keep revising and practising past questions.
 - Look after yourself** – get plenty of sleep, eat well, and take short breaks.
 - Stay positive** – believe in your abilities and the progress you've made.
- Parents and carers, thank you for the continued support you provide at home - it truly makes a difference.
- We are proud of all our students and wish you every success.
- Go in, do your best, and show what you know. **You've got this!**
- We look forward to celebrating your results with you in August!

HOT OFF THE PRESS: EXCEPTIONAL SIXTH FORM OUTCOMES CONFIRMED IN LATEST DFE DATA

At the end of last term, we celebrated the exceptional outcomes achieved by our students last year, following the release of the most recent Department for Education (DFE) performance data. We are delighted to share with students, parents and carers that the **2025 A Level and BTEC results should place Brentside High School in the top few percent of schools nationally for student progress.**



In March 2025, we wrote to you to when we learned from the DfE that our **2024 A Level outcomes were within the top 15% in the country.** This was a significant achievement and reflected the **hard work and dedication of our students** and staff and the support of their families. However, the newly published data confirms that students' **2025 A Level outcomes were significantly higher again**, exceeding the already outstanding performance of the previous year. Although no percentile rankings are being published for 2025, the strength of our value-added data, almost twice as strong as 2024's top 15% nationally, suggests that Brentside students' performance in A Level would be in the top few percent.

Our students' BTEC results tell an equally impressive story. In 2024, BTEC outcomes at Level 3 and Level 2 placed the school in the **top 16% and top 5% in the country.** In 2025, student performance in BTEC qualifications was **significantly stronger**, representing **outstanding achievement from our students** and reinforcing our position of **strength amongst post-16 providers for BTEC and A Level both locally and nationally.**

What makes these accomplishments even more rewarding is that **Brentside's Sixth Form is large and inclusive**, welcoming students with a range of starting points and aspirations. Achieving outcomes of this calibre is something of which our entire school community can be proud, but we recognise and celebrate in particular, **all of those young people who worked so hard to make such progress.** The school's **Ofsted Outstanding grade in 2025** captures this consistency of exceptional achievement by Brentside students.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all students involved, and our sincere thanks to their families for their work in partnership with us over the years as well as to the staff for their dedication, expertise and commitment.

To all of our current Year 11 and Year 13 students, we know that you will go on to do your very best and of that we are always proud.

PREPARING FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

YEAR 10

27 April - 1 May



We are delighted to congratulate our Year 10 students on their fantastic achievements during their Work Experience Programme.

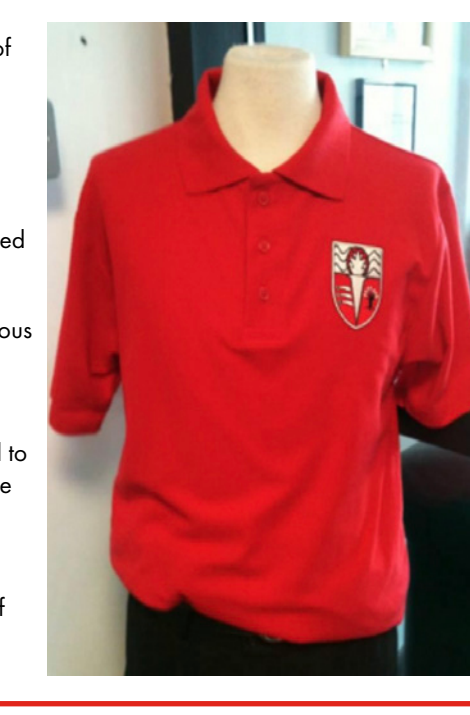
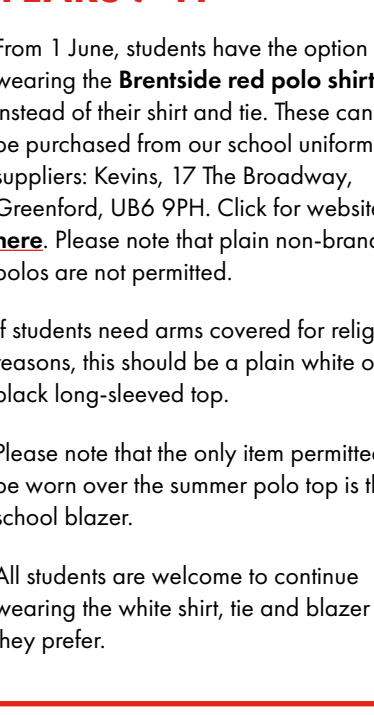
Throughout the week, students represented the school with professionalism, enthusiasm, and maturity in a wide range of workplaces. From local businesses and primary schools to healthcare settings and creative industries, to a barrister-led workshop and even the Libyan Embassy, students embraced new challenges, developed valuable skills, and gained real insight into the world of work.

Employers were full of praise for our students, highlighting their developed attitudes, willingness to learn, and ability to contribute meaningfully to their teams. Many students stepped outside their comfort zones, building confidence, communication skills, and a clearer understanding of future career pathways.

We are incredibly proud of how well Year 10 rose to this opportunity and the excellent impression they made on the wider community.

A huge thank you also goes to parents and carers for their support, to the employers who generously provided such valuable placements and to our workshop leaders and Insight Day providers for strengthening our students' employability skills and inspiring and motivating them to prepare for their future.

Well done, Year 10 – you should be very proud of your achievements!

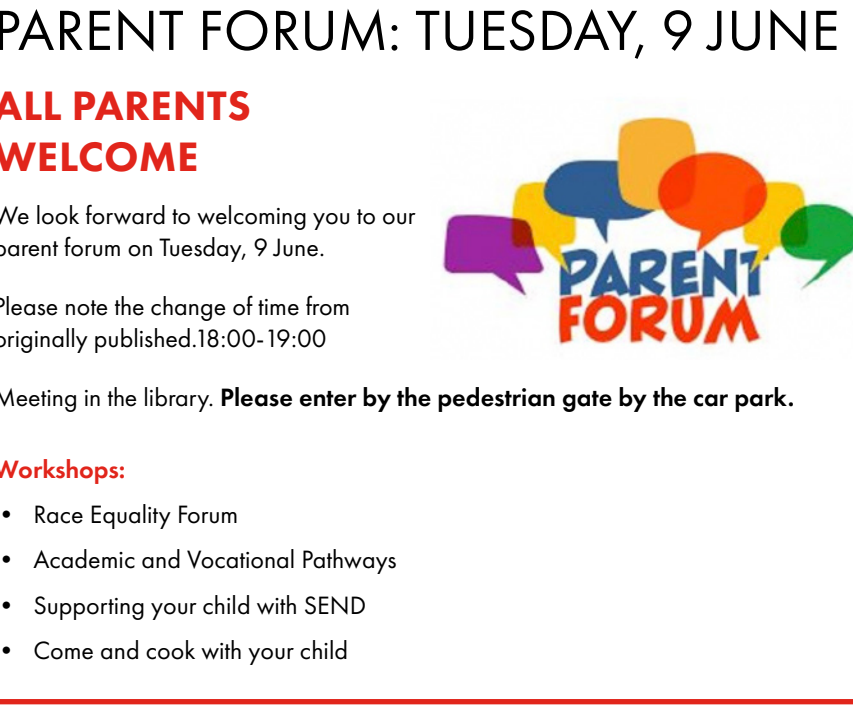


"Kamilah has been an absolute credit to her parents and, of course, to the staff at Brentside High. She approached every task with enthusiasm, asked thoughtful and intelligent questions, and showed a genuine eagerness to learn and contribute. Her positive attitude and professionalism made a lasting impression on everyone she has worked with this week."

"It was an absolute pleasure to welcome your students yesterday. They were a credit to your school, they were engaged, thoughtful, and enthusiastic throughout the day. We were impressed by their curiosity, teamwork, and willingness to contribute."

The Haven Clinic

"This experience has given me a clearer understanding of the working world and the responsibilities that come with it. As I approach my final day, I am looking forward to continuing to learn and making the most of this opportunity." **Rheon**



SPORTING NEWS

ALL YEARS

Sports Leaders

15 students from Years 8 and 10 were chosen to lead 7 primary schools from across the borough in a Years 5/6 football competition at Goals in Alperton. The students had responsibilities including refereeing, game coordination, score keeping and end of tournament awards. Well done to all the students who demonstrated those important leadership skills.

Inter Borough Athletics



On Friday, 1 May a group of 15 students represented Brentside at the Inter Borough Athletics at Perivale Athletics Club. Some standout performances were: Lola 1st in High Jump, Ezekiel 1st in Shot and Discus, Elijah 2nd in High Jump, Jalal 2nd in 200 meters and the Year 9 boys 2nd in the relay. This really is an incredible achievement and shows absolute skill, talent and determination!

European Championships in Jujitsu- 1st Place

In April, Ezekiel travelled to Jublitz to compete in the European championships in Jujitsu. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that he won every single one of his fights and took the gold medal, winning the title of European Champion. Simply outstanding!



We wish him all the best in July for the next major title in America- Good luck Ezekiel!

WHAT'S BEST ABOUT YEAR 7 AT BRENTSIDE?

YEAR 7

We asked our Year 7 students what they liked best about being in Year 7 at Brentside High School.

Here's what Amaya loves best:

"I really enjoy learning about new things which I didn't learn in Primary School. I like having different teachers for different subjects, the teachers are really helpful and supportive. I love going to a range of clubs like Art club, netball and rounders club and being part of the drama production. I like the trips and especially enjoyed taking part in Voice in a Million where we sang at Wembley Arena!

I love that Brentside is so diverse and how you can meet people from all different backgrounds.

In the future, I want to be an astronomer because learning about the stars and planets is so interesting. I'm sure Brentside will help me to reach that goal. This is definitely the right school for me!"

Amaya- 7E

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD

ALL YEARS

This term, we were delighted to welcome Mr Ahmed, from the local charity Somali Community Concern, into school. Mr Ahmed organised and hosted the Somali Community Achievement Awards in November, an event which celebrated the successes of young people from across the community, including the exceptional achievement at GCSE, BTEC and A Level of a number of Brentside High School students who received awards on the evening.

During his visit to Brentside, Mr Ahmed proudly presented the school with an Achievement Award on behalf of Somali Community Concern, in recognition of our role in supporting and celebrating young people and their achievements. We are honoured to receive this award and grateful for the ongoing partnership with the community. Mr Ahmed also presented letters for each of the award winners from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mohamed.

We look forward to nominating our students for this recognition of exceptional character and achievement again in the Autumn Term.

BRENTSIDE STAFF WINS COOKING COMPETITION AND TRIP TO HONG KONG!

ALL YEARS

Recently, Mrs Kader took part in an Advanced Healthy Chinese Cooking workshop and competition run in collaboration with Lee Kum Kee, where she represented Brentside High School. We are thrilled to announce that she was selected as one of the winners!

As part of the prize, Mrs Kader has been invited to take part in a trip to Hong Kong in August! She was delighted to be offered such an invaluable opportunity and when asked about her success, she reflected: "It was a fantastic experience and a valuable opportunity to further develop my skills and subject knowledge."

Mrs Kader is particularly keen to bring this experience back into school, both through enrichment opportunities such as after school cooking club and to continue to extend culturally diverse food education into our provision.

This reflects the kind of enrichment and external engagement the art team are building throughout their department.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ALL YEARS

Huge congratulations to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students on achieving their Triple Platinum Award! Over 600 merits awarded for sustained excellence, commitment to learning, and a fantastic contribution to our school community. What an impressive year. And a special shoutout to our Quadruple Platinum superstar - we cheer you on and are rooting for you on the journey to 1000!

SUMMER UNIFORM

YEARS 7-11

From 1 June, students have the option of wearing the **Brentside red polo shirt** instead of their shirt and tie. These can be purchased from our school uniform suppliers: Keivins, 17 The Broadway, Greenford, UB6 9PH. Click for website [here](#). Please note that plain non-branded polos are not permitted.

If students need arms covered for religious reasons, this should be a plain white or black long-sleeved top.

Please note that the only item permitted to be worn over the summer polo top is the school blazer.

All students are welcome to continue wearing the white shirt, tie and blazer if they prefer.

WORKSHOPS - ONLINE SAFETY AND CONSENT

YEAR 10

As part of our ongoing personal development programme, Year 10 students participated in workshops run by Talk Consent. Their aim is to end sexual violence through 'extraordinary and effective consent education'. Students engaged very well in the discussions and found the sessions informative and empowering.

PARENT FORUM: TUESDAY, 9 JUNE

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent forum on Tuesday, 9 June.

Please note the change of time from originally published. 18:00-19:00

Meeting in the library. **Please enter by the pedestrian gate by the car park.**

- Workshops:**
- Race Equality Forum
 - Academic and Vocational Pathways
 - Supporting your child with SEND
 - Come and cook with your child

THE ULTIMATE PARENTS' GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

The report offers families a comprehensive look at the professional world today, featuring:

- The options and pathways available to students
- The rise of AI and advanced technology
- How to engage in career-focused conversations with your child
- Advice from our network of industry professionals
- Top tips for parents and carers.

A Parents' Guide to Life After School

VOLUNTEER MENTORS - CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

ALL PARENTS

Are you a good listener who enjoys supporting young people to reach their potential?

MCR Pathways is looking for volunteer mentors to join the mentoring community at Brentside High School. Being a mentor isn't about having all the answers. It's simply about being someone who can listen and turn up consistently.

MCR Pathways is looking for volunteers who:

- Are aged 21 or over
- Can commit to one hour per week during school hours, term time only
- Can offer consistency and reliability over at least one academic year
- Are willing to listen, encourage and build a positive 1:1 relationship with a young person

How MCR Pathways will support you:

- Full training before you start
- Ongoing support from a Programme Coordinator
- Regular check-ins and mentor meet-ups
- Access to additional resources and guidance throughout your mentoring journey

Sign up today: <https://mcrpathways.org/become-a-mentor/> or contact Alice at alice.chalret@mcrpathways.org

CONSIDERATE PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

A polite reminder from the school and the local police that drivers must not park at any time, even to drop off children from the car, on the zig zag up to the zebra crossings, outside school gates or in cycle lanes. When parking in nearby roads, we must not park blocking residents' driveways.

Many thanks for your consideration regarding this important health and safety issue. We therefore ask all parents/carers that if you are visiting the school, or even just dropping off your child in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon, that you park legally and with consideration for others to ensure the safety of our school and local community. Traffic enforcement officers do operate in the area!