



22 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by wishing all families a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. Students have worked extremely hard throughout the first half of the Summer Term and we are proud of the commitment they continue to show in all year groups.

Year 11 and Year 13 students have now begun their GCSE, A Level and final assessments, and we know they will continue to approach this important period with determination and resilience. Other year groups have also completed assessments and will receive their final reports later in the Summer Term. Year 10 students will begin their mock examinations once the GCSE and A Level examinations have concluded. As always, this remains a busy and important term for all students.

Attendance and Supporting Student Success

We are pleased that most students at Brentside maintain attendance above 95%, and we continue to celebrate and recognise strong attendance each half term. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping students feel confident, settled and successful in school. Each day builds on the last, both academically and socially, and being present helps students make the most of every opportunity available to them.

We remain committed to working closely with families to support good attendance and to help remove any barriers that may affect a student attending school regularly. As part of this supportive approach, we may carry out home visits for students whose attendance falls below 90%, particularly where communication with school has been limited or where patterns of absence cause concern.

By the end of the school year, attendance below 90% means a student will have missed approximately 19 school days. Over time, this can have a significant impact on learning, progress and wellbeing unless there are exceptional or medical circumstances involved.

Home visits form part of a rolling programme of support designed to strengthen communication between school and home and to ensure that students and families receive the help they may need. Visits may focus on students with absences around holiday periods, ongoing unexplained absences, or situations where the school has been unable to establish regular contact with families. In some cases, colleagues from the Borough of Ealing may accompany staff as part of this supportive process.

We appreciate the continued partnership of families in helping students attend regularly, enjoy school and achieve their best.

Summer Uniform

From Monday, 1 June 2026, students may wear the summer uniform. This consists of the red polo shirt together with the blazer and school trousers or skirt. Students may also continue to wear the full school uniform if they prefer.

On particularly warm days, students may remove their blazers during the school day. We will continue to monitor the weather forecast and will advise families if blazers and/or ties are not required on specific days.

We ask families to continue supporting students in meeting uniform expectations. Hoodies and sportswear are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn instead of a blazer. Any non-uniform items brought into school may be confiscated and returned via the Year Team.

Lanyards and Safeguarding

Lanyards remain compulsory for all students from arrival to departure each day, except for when students are participating in sports activities during social times. This applies to all students in Years 7-11 and Sixth Form and is an important part of our safeguarding procedures.

Students who do not have a lanyard should speak to their Year Team as soon as possible. We ask families to support students in remembering to wear their lanyards daily so that everyone can continue to feel safe and secure on site.

Hydration and Safe Conduct During Warm Weather

As temperatures rise, it is important that students remain hydrated, especially when travelling to and from school. Water fountains are available around the school site for students to refill bottles during break, lunchtime and before travelling home.

We also ask students to continue demonstrating the high standards of behaviour expected throughout the school day. Water balloons, water pistols and deliberately spraying or throwing water are prohibited items, as outlined in the student planner and Behaviour for Learning Policy.

While these actions may sometimes be viewed as harmless, in a large school community they can create health and safety concerns, disrupt learning and negatively affect the comfort and wellbeing of others. Wet floors may create slip hazards and water can damage displays and school property. Students are therefore expected to always use water bottles responsibly and respectfully.

We appreciate families reinforcing these expectations so that all students and staff can continue to enjoy a safe, calm and positive environment.

Expected standards of behaviour, both in school and while travelling to and from school, are outlined in the student planner and within the [Behaviour for Learning Policy 2025-26](#). Students should continue to follow staff instructions and represent the school positively whenever wearing school uniform.

Staff Training Afternoon – Wednesday, 3 June 2026

A reminder that on Wednesday, 3 June 2026, students will be dismissed at 12:25 to allow for a staff training afternoon.

Students eligible for Free School Meals, or those wishing to purchase food from the canteen, may do so during breaktime or use the “grab and go” service before leaving site.

A normal school day will resume on **Thursday, 4 June 2026 at 08:40**.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school at **08:40 on Monday, 1 June 2026**, and thank families for their continued support and partnership throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Duffy
Deputy Headteacher