



BRENTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent and Carers' Newsletter

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Dear Student, Parent or Carer,

This week at Brentside has been an emotional one, as we have celebrated the experiences and successes of our Year 11, Year 12 one-year course, and Year 13 students in their **Leavers' Assemblies**. These assemblies provide an opportunity to reflect on the journey, celebrate the achievements and cement the memories that we hope will last a lifetime. We are so proud of our examination year students. They are working hard, and we are sure that their determination and focus will bring its rewards. We send all of our Year 11, Year 12 one-year and Year 13 students and their families our **very best wishes** for the remainder of the exam period and beyond. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back in September as they begin their new journey with us in the Sixth Form.



We are also delighted to announce the launch of our new **social media** accounts across various platforms. Please follow for regular updates on what your children are doing and like, share and comment on our posts. We would love your support and look forward to interacting with you virtually!



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<https://twitter.com/Brentside>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Brentside-High-School-104270118813360>



There continues to be so **much to be proud of** at school, and you will find many examples in this newsletter. We continue to see record numbers of students achieving **Gold and Platinum Awards** for the number of merits they have earned in lessons, extra-curricular activities, and form time. For many students, this reflects real progress in their learning and approach to their studies, for others, this rewards their continued excellence. We congratulate all of our award winners.



Recently, students have also been sharing their reflections in response to the question **'What makes Brentside awesome?'** The most frequently repeated answers are the kind and helpful teachers, the respect shown, students' form groups, the variety of subjects studied, success in lessons, friends, and the AstroTurf! (Football clearly retains a special place in the hearts of many of our young people...) I have also enjoyed students' reflections on the one the thing they would change if they could.



We would like to thank students and families for supporting our **charity cake sales**. Each year group has held their own, from Year 7 to Year 10 and even the staff have held their own cake sale. It is wonderful to be raising money to support those in need and some of our students have been particularly generous with their time, baking and stall running.

Yesterday was **National Thank a Teacher Day** and so many of our staff were delighted to receive the Thank You postcards that students sent to us. We pass those thanks on now to the parents and carers and of course to our wonderful students.

Finally, to you all, we wish you a restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming our students and staff back on Monday 6 June. We hope that you all enjoy any Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the extended Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

Year 7 News:

Well done for accomplishing another successful half-term at Brentside High School. We have a few events to celebrate this term. Year 7 students enjoyed their first cake sale, where students and staff were able to buy a variety of cakes, doughnuts and treats, raising money for charity. The event was successful and is a brilliant reminder of the generosity and teamwork of our students as they really do get involved in the opportunities that are available to them, such as the charity work.

Students continue to attend their Mathematics and English interventions to support them in their learning, and the attendance has been fantastic, demonstrating that students are extremely keen to do well in their learning.

Our sixth form peer mentors are continuing to build their relationships with our Year 7 students.

Year 7 students have also experienced a new level of maturity, by sitting their first set of internal assessments. They used their revision resources and revision tips well and we do wish them all the success with their results.

Have a lovely half term Year 7 and we look forward to the reward trip in the summer term.

Year 8 News:

Year 8 have made a wonderful start to the summer term and they are enjoying the first ever Merit Premier League. This is a competition where tutor groups compete against other tutor groups to see who can gain the most merits with the focus changing every week. Tutor groups have gained over 4,000 merits in their focus areas. It is all change at the top of the overall achievement board as 8D climb to the top of the overall standings, with it being incredibly close at the top.

Elsewhere around the school, the summer sports season got off to a fantastic start for our Year 8 rounders team who got off to a winning start to their season with a victory. The boys' cricket team suffered a first game defeat but are looking to continue their improvement with regular training. I am thoroughly looking to the summer term, where the Year 8 students have a lot to look forward to with Borough Athletics, Applied Learning Day, International Market Day and sports day all on the horizon.



Year 8 Rounders team after their victorious 4 rounders to 3 1/2 rounders v Ada Lovelace.

Year 9 News:

It has been a busy half term for the Year 9. From the get-go, the Year 9s were busy completing their internal assessments, and it was fantastic to see so many focused and determined to do their best.

Well done to all of you and we hope it provided a good learning experience.

Many have continued to represent Brentside High School in sports, and I would like to especially thank the students who represent Brentside High School at the Ealing Borough Athletics, notably we would like to congratulate Kian 9G for winning gold in the 800 meters.

It is always brilliant to see the hard work being achieved by so many in the classroom and I know this was reflected in the constructive feedback during Parents' Evening. It has also been a privilege to see so many embrace the challenges provided in their studies.

Year 10 News:

The Year 10 students have been consolidating their learning over the past term in preparation for their end of Year 10 assessments, which begin on Monday, 13 June 2022. During this half term, all students have been supported with their revision, with guidance during assemblies. In addition, during Wednesday form times, students have worked through a series of resources created by the Year 10 well-being ambassadors. Students have identified their learning style; how to create revision resources and how to create a revision timetable.

A fortnight ago, 40 students went on a reward trip to watch *Back to the Future – the Musical* at the Adelphi theatre in Covent Garden. These students were shortlisted from a large number of students that have the best attitude to learning figures, are meeting their target grades, and have excellent attendance and merits.

I would like to congratulate all students that met with the Headteacher this half term to receive their Gold and Platinum Awards; this is an excellent achievement!

Year 11 News:

Year 11 have made a very positive start to their GCSE examinations over the last two weeks, arriving early each morning to make the most of the time with their teachers, being fully equipped and using their revision time well. It has been wonderful to see all the different types of revision resources the students have used, from flash cards, mind maps, diagrams, questions, and answer sheets, as well as the study support groups they have formed.

We have also seen a very positive use of GCSE Pod and Satchel One (previously Show My Homework,) as well as other online resources. Students' focus, preparation and resilience has been wonderful to see, and we look forward to it continuing as we move through the examination season. We are really proud of how hard you are all working Year 11. Keep it up!

Year 12 News:

Year 12 students have shown themselves to be independent learners, who have a drive to succeed and a wish to prove themselves academically. They have exams immediately after half term which informs them and us of their progress throughout Year 12 and helps us determine their UCAS aspirational grades for each of their subjects.

Next term is an important time for Year 12 to start the process of applying for university, college, and apprenticeships. It is essential that they attend school right up until the end of this academic year, so they do not miss out on new learning and trips and workshops designed to help them with their future choices.

Thursday, 23 June, is our annual Futures Day where students begin their university applications. We have invited two speakers, attached to the Admission Offices of Oxford and Cambridge universities, to advise students on their applications. We also have a speaker to talk about alternatives, such as apprenticeships.

Friday, 24 June, Year 12 students will attend a University and Apprenticeship Fair at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Here they will meet with representatives of all UK universities and many apprenticeship schemes so that students can ask questions about what they have to offer.

The May half term holiday is an important time for students to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of their subjects. The library will be open, as a silent study space, between 09:00-15:00 Monday - Wednesday for all sixth form students.

Year 13 News:

Year 13 students have started their final A level and BTEC exams which will continue until the 24 June. We wish them all the best for their exams and that their results enable them to follow their ambitions.

We had our Year 13 Leavers Assembly this week where tutors, the Sixth Form Leadership Team and Ms Hames spoke about how proud we are of our Year 13 students and the way they have dealt with the difficulties of the last

couple of years. They have demonstrated great resilience and determination in facing the challenges that all students nationally have experienced.

On the evening of the 24 June our Sixth Form Committee will host the Year 13 Prom (theme: masquerade ball) which will be their last opportunity to meet, as a whole year group, and celebrate their time at Brentside.

Business Trip Celebration

A group of business students participated in a special workshop run by Upskill, where multiple schools competed to create a business idea and present it to a panel of judges, under the supervision of professional mentors. The ideas were innovative and amazing, but who won in the end? Brentside High of course! – our students walked away humbly with first prize!



This is what our students had to say about the workshop:

I found the trip to King's really insightful. I had initially gone into this with a lot of pressure however the presenters were really welcoming, which I appreciated a lot.

The Upskill programme was a fun experience, as I was able to use my creativity and share ideas with my team. It allowed me to learn new skills such as brand ideas and marketing. In the programme we created a business idea with a team mentor who was experienced. He was able to help my team and I with thinking outside the box and planning the business idea efficiently.

My team created a virtual reality game that helps with different aspects of health; this consist of both fitness and mental health. We also developed an idea to create a solar panelled bin to save the environment and sea creatures. The aim was to be more environmentally friendly whilst rewarding people for effectively using the bins. I now have the confidence to express myself to my team members also. I got taught by my mentor to share my ideas and engage with the other members in the program.

Abdullahi, Hafsa, David, Najah, Priya – Year 12

The Mozartists Workshop

Year 7 and 8 were lucky enough to participate in a workshop by The Mozartists.



They took part in a range of activities, from directing a professional opera singer to learning a short part of *Toreador* from Bizet's *Carmen*. Thank you to Ealing Music

Service for offering our students this free workshop and to The Mozartists for engaging our students so wonderfully in the world of opera. The Music Department are already in discussions to offer future workshops with our students.

Brentside Charity Cake Sales

Now that restrictions have been lifted, it has been fantastic to start raising money for charity again. We are running weekly cake sales for different year groups every Friday, and we are so pleased to announce that Years 7 and 8 have raised a fantastic **£281.12**. Watch this space to find out which charities will benefit from Brentside student and staff generosity and how much the other year groups have managed to raise.



Two of our fantastic students, Josh and Amy, who have supported at all of our cake sales by running stalls.

We are always looking for any donations of cakes and treats to sell to the students when we have our cake sales. If you can help by donating cakes for our next charity sales when we post on social media, email or communicate through the student bulletin, please can you ensure that there are no nuts and send them in with your child to F17 on the morning of the cake sale. Thank you so much.

Chess Club

Chess club has been running in S16 since the end of the winter term and has now worked up a considerable number of students.



Many of these students did not know how to play chess or were very much beginners at the start of this club and have now grown into fully fledged players through the help of their fellow competitors. It is our hope that soon we will be able to run a tournament for the members of the club, and eventually expand to play in inter-school matches in the future.

I would please like to do a shout out to Ms Manu for the use of her room twice a week and for her support of the club from the very beginning.

Platinum Awards



We are delighted to share a picture of a group of our Year 7 students receiving their Platinum Award badges and certificates from the Headteacher. This is in recognition of the students' achievement of over 200 merits this school year and follows on from their Gold Award certificates for achieving 100 merits earlier in the year. Well done to our Brentside students!

'The Town of the Future Will'



Sophie in Year 12 will have her essay published in the 2022 book entitled 'The Town of the Future Will'...

This features essays by 30 students and 20 industry figures and will be sent to 3,000 UK schools, UK universities and leading employers within the industry of Real Estate and Assets. She has been invited to attend the launch party for the book on the morning of 29 July in London. We are very proud of this achievement, and it is testament to Sophie's hard work and creativity.

Senior Borough Athletics



On the 29 April 2022, a number of exceptionally talented students were put forward to represent Brentside at the Senior Borough Athletics tournament. All students who attended showed outstanding levels of self-efficacy, sportsmanship, and perseverance. This dedication to achieve produced many outstanding results including, but not exclusive to:

Year 8

Tianna - 2nd in the Junior Girls 200m.

Year 9

Kian - 1st in the Junior Boys' 800m.
Tyler - 2nd in the Junior Boys' Javelin.
Nina - 2nd in the Junior Girls' Javelin.
Jori - 2nd in the Junior Girls' Discus.
Shayden - 3rd in the Junior Boys' 300m.
Dominic - 3rd in the Junior Boys' Triple Jump.

Year 10

Amy - 2nd in both the Intermediate Girls' 200m and 300m.
Sam, Ali, Sam, and Jakub - 2nd in the Intermediate Boys' Relay.
Edward - 3rd in the Intermediate Boys' Discus.

Other students who attended the borough athletics also performed excellently. These included:

Year 8

Ash, Noah, Olivia, and Maja

Year 9

Mia, Jessica, and Amelie

Year 10

Oskar, Elias, Judy, and Shreya.

Overall, the whole school, and the P.E. team more specifically, would like to thank the students who were involved.

We are extremely proud of all our athletes; their hard work and dedication has provided us with several fantastic placings.

Merit Achievement Board Winners

Congratulations to the winning tutor groups for leading on the merit achievement board this week:

A graphic for the Merit Achievement Board. It features a red header with the Brentside High School logo and the motto "LEARNING & ACHIEVING TOGETHER". Below the header, the text reads "Well done to everyone in their positive achievements so far!" and "The winning tutor groups in each year group are:". A list of winning tutor groups and their merit counts is provided: 7E with 10430 merits, 8D with 10528 merits, 9G with 5884 merits, 10S with 6172 merits, 11T with 6267 merits, 12S with 2737 merits, and 13N with 4608 merits. The background is decorated with yellow stars.

School Cabinet



The School Cabinet have been having a very busy half term working with Ms Gent to prepare for our long-awaited International Food Market. We are delighted to be supporting this wonderful event where we celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our school. We've discussed lots of ways to develop International Food Market even further, including the introduction of henna painting! We'll be in touch via email next term asking for your support in making dishes from your country of origin. We look forward to tasting the delights of home cooked food from around the world!

Year 8 Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Year 8 Music students have spent time in their lessons this week learning about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and its importance to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Students have learnt to play the introduction of 'I Was Glad' by Hubert Parry that has been performed at every coronation since its composition in 1902. Congratulations ma'am as you celebrate your seventy-year reign.

The Junior Mathematical Challenge (UKMT)

This is a national event which is open to Year 7 and Year 8 mathematicians, with the intention of opening young people's minds to the breadth and depth within problem solving and the application of mathematical skills.

We had a total of 77 participants and are delighted to share that 33 achieved a bronze certificate, 11 achieved a silver certificate, and 2 achieved a gold certificate.

Year 7 - Marwa achieved 'Best in School' as well as the gold winner.



Year 8 - Amelia achieved 'Best in Year' as well as the gold winner.

Gold certificate winners



Silver certificate winners -

Year 7 - Goda, Kiana, Elena.

Year 8 - Nikola, William, Pedro, Dheya, Linda, Rafah, Dorian and Samiha.

Bronze certificate winners -

Year 7 - Philip, Nicholas, Daiana, Tyler, Yousef, Aarav, Sajad, Ahmad, Louie.

Year 8 - Thomas, Nikodem, Mohib, Hessa, Krish, Awss, Yousra, Asha, Nayla, Josh, Myles, Murtaza, Shireen, Hayyan, Mateusz, Ahmad, Noah, Nawel, Sacho, Gia, Jessica, Yara, Siyaman, Avha.

Very well done to everyone who participated in the Junior Maths Challenge.

Careers



Preparing students for key transitions in their life, has always been a real focus at Brentside and we are absolutely committed to constantly strengthening our careers offer to support each and every one of our students. We are very pleased to be reviewing our careers provision at our next Parent Forum meeting and have been working with a careers consultant, Bob Neame, to evaluate our provision. Feedback has been incredibly positive.

Careers education is embedded within the life of the school, and we see evidence of this everywhere: from the success of the Business studies team, who won first prize

demonstrating a range of employability skills at the Upskill competition, to the Catering hospitality trip to West London College. At a recent school review, Challenge Partners praised our strong careers programme and our Enterprise Coordinator asked to share photographs of our departments careers displays with other schools as examples of great practice.

Congratulations also go to Gunveen, Charlotte and Paolo in the Sixth Form, who were identified by our Business Partner and Enterprise Advisor, Elliott Murphy, as great ambassadors to the school and who have been offered work experience at BBVJSJ as a result of the skills they demonstrated.

If you would like to support our careers programme, by talking in an assembly or hosting a trip to your place of work, please contact our careers leader by emailing info@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk.



Parent Forum

We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our last Parent Forum meeting of this academic year. **We will meet on Microsoft Teams from 18:30-19:30 on Wednesday, 8 June 2022.**

Our agenda will include:

- Evaluation of Target Review Day
 - Review of our careers provision
 - Workshops: How to support your child's learning.
- To propose an agenda item and to access the Teams login, please email info@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk. We look forward to seeing you then.

Friends at Brentside (F@B)

Our next Friends@Brentside meeting takes place on **Wednesday, 8 June from 19:30-20:30 on Microsoft Teams**, immediately after the Parent Forum meeting. Our focus will be planning for the New Intake Evening on Tuesday, 14 June. We are delighted to be back in person supporting at school events and look forward to welcoming parents/carers of Year 6 into 7 students with refreshments and the sale of second-hand uniform at this event.



How can you get involved?

We would love to see you online at the F@B meeting to help us plan for New Intake Evening and future events. Please email info@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk to access the Teams login.

If you can't make the meeting, but would like to support our PTA, please email hello@friendsatbrentside.org.uk and our team will be in touch with further details.

Second hand uniform sale

Do you have a child who has grown out of their uniform? Friends@Brentside are looking for donations of second-hand uniform. We'll be running a second-hand uniform sale at New Intake Evening. We also make donations to the school to support those students who may require help with purchasing uniform.

Summer Raffle

And finally, after the success of our Christmas Raffle, F@B will be running a summer raffle organised by Parent Kind. There are great cash prizes to be won! Watch out for an email next half term with details of when tickets go on sale!

Library News

Ealing Teen Read

Certificates were awarded to Ayaan (9N) and Amal (9G) for participating in the Ealing Teen Read.

The boys chose books from a shortlist of six, reading books they may not otherwise have attempted. Some books were inspired by real events such as the great eastern Japan earthquake and tsunami of 2011, while others delved into topical issues such as climate protests and bullying. The book *Ace of Spades* by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé was a firm favourite. It was not surprising then, that this book won first prize, voted for by students from across the borough.

Well done to both boys for developing their reading experience! Read more about the award at [News - Brentside High School Library London - Oliver \(oliverasp.co.uk\)](https://www.brentsidehighschool.org.uk/news-articles/brentside-high-school-library-london-oliver-oliverasp-co-uk)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2022

May 2022

Friday, 27 May 2022

- Last Day of Half Term

Monday, 30 May 2022 to Friday, 3 June 2022

- Half Term Holiday

June 2022

Monday, 6 June 2022

- Start of Term

Wednesday, 8 June 2022

- Parent Forum (18:30-19:30) via MS Teams
- Friends at Brentside (F@B) (19:30-20:30) via MS Teams

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

- New Intake Evening (parents 18:00-19:00)

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

- Staff Training (Early Closure for staff training 13:25)

Friday, 24 June 2022

- Year 12 Futures Day

July 2022

Friday, 1 July 2022

- Y6 into Y7 Induction Day

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

- Year 8 2nd HPV vaccinations

Friday, 8 July 2022

- Applied Learning Day

Friday, 15 July 2022

- International Market Day
- New Staff Induction Day

Thursday, 21 July 2022

- Last day of term

Friday, 22 July 2022

- Staff Training Day

Monday, 25 July 2022 to Wednesday, 31 August 2022

- Summer Holiday

AUTUMN TERM 2022

September 2022

Wednesday, 1 September 2022

- Staff Training Day

Thursday, 2 September 2022

- Start of Term for Y7 and Y12

Monday, 5 September 2022

- Start of Term for Y8—Y11 and Y13

Tuesday, 27 September 2022

- Early Closure

October 2022

Friday, 7 October 2022

- Early Closure

Friday, 21 October 2022

- Last Day of Term

Monday, 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022

Half Term Holiday

Monday 31 October 2022

- Staff Training Day

November 2022

Tuesday, 1 November 2022

- Start of Term

Friday, 25 November 2022

- Staff Training Day

December 2022

Friday, 16 December 2022

- Last Day of Term (Early Closure)

Monday 19 December 2022 to Friday 30 December 2022

- Christmas Holiday