NEWSLETTER

10 February 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week's Monday morning staff briefing saw us all listening to the amazing achievements over the last week of a number of the school's sporting teams (including some truly outstanding scores by year groups and individuals), the results of the regional competition of the Bar Mock Trial (read on for more), and a reminder of the rehearsal schedule for those talented young people involved in the school's production of Bugsy Malone. Tomorrow we also celebrate a number of our young people attending the Jack Petchey award ceremony at Greenford Hall as award winners. There is no limit to what can be achieved with determination and commitment.

Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

As we go into the half term break, we need to rest well and also then to prepare for a successful term ahead. This should include reflecting on the targets from Target Setting Day, but also taking time at home to ensuring the basics are in place ready for a successful start to next half term. This includes correct uniform and equipment so that we start the half term with pace and purpose. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 21 February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

13 FEB — HALF TERM HOLIDAYS BEGIN — ALL DAY

20 FEB — STAFF TRAINING DAY — ALL DAY

21 FEB — START OF TERM — 8:40AM

23 FEB — YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING — 4:30-7:30PM

27 FEB — YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS BEGIN — ALL DAY

09 MAR — YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING — 4:30-7:30PM

VIEW FULL CALENDAR | VIEW TERM DATES

BUGSY MALONE TAKES AUDIENCE BY STORM

ALL YEARS

It has been a long time since we were able to perform a live school production, but this was so worth the wait! Huge congratulations to all the students who demonstrated talent, commitment, team skills and resilience as they prepared for this year's production of Bugsy Malone.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the drama and music staff for all their hard work in making this happen, to parents for helping with costumes and lines, and to friends at Brentside for their support with refreshments.

BRENTSIDE ALUMNI SHARE THEIR SUCCESS STORIES

ALL YEARS

How do we know that we are a successful school? One way is by keeping in touch with our alumni students and hearing first hand how Brentside supported and motivated them to become the successes they are today.

We were delighted that Sulay Muhidin (a multi-award winning engagement lead, specialising in communication, projects and leadership) and Kalu Onwuka (a Cambridge University graduate, now working as a trader for JP Morgan) agreed to visit us. **READ MORE**

BUDDING LAWYERS REACH THE FINALS!

YEARS 10-13

We are thrilled to announce that our Brentside team of budding lawyers won the regional competition for the Bar Mock Trial! After many months of preparation, our team presented their case, based on evidence from an actual case, to a real judge in court. They now enter the finals for the national competition in March.

This was a unique opportunity for students to analyse evidence, work across a range of year groups and gain first hand experience of the role of a barrister. Plans are underway for our students to receive training from lawyers at Keating Chambers in preparation for the finals.

Thanks to Miss Kass and Mr Martin for leading this exciting new project.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

ALL YEARS

This month Year 10 and Year 13 students commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day with assemblies delivered by Year 13 history students who visited Auschwitz last summer. Wafa and Findlay talked about their tour around the concentration camp and shared the lessons they learnt from this powerful and moving experience. As historians, they shared the importance of always learning from the past to improve the future.

QUALITY IN CAREERS STANDARD

ALL YEARS

We pride ourselves in the opportunities we offer our students to help them prepare for their future, and are excited to be applying for re-accreditation for the Quality In Careers Standard as a sign of our commitment to careers education at Brentside.

As parents/carers, you can play an important role in the delivery of our careers programme. Our next big event is Mock Interview Day for Years 10 and 12 on Wednesday, 29 March.

If you are able to offer a few hours on this day to conduct mock interviews, please contact Ms Rosenblatt, careers leader on m.rosenblatt@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk. You can play a big part in supporting our students prepare for working life.

LOVE LITERATURE, LOVE THE LIBRARY

ALL YEARS

There are so many reasons to visit our library and to pick up a book. Did you know that reading is good for you because it improves your focus, memory, empathy, and communication skills? It can reduce stress, improve your mental health and help you live longer? With half term holidays just around the corner, there is no better time to find yourself that perfect book. What will be your next read?

HOMEWORK

ALL YEARS

Getting into good learning routines is vital to becoming an effective learner. You can play a key role in your child's success by helping them to work independently beyond the classroom. If you've not yet downloaded Satchel One, this is the first step to supporting your child's independent learning. Routine is key. You can help by encouraging your child to:

- utilise the library and homework clubs available to get support with homework
- talk with subject teachers in class if you are unsure of a task...

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YOUR VIEWS MATTER

ALL YEARS

Thanks to all who completed the survey about our newsletter. If you've not yet completed it, there is still time: **SHORT SURVEY**.

The survey will close by the end of school on Monday, 20 February, and we will share the results in our next newsletter.