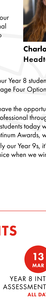
NEWSLETTER

7 March 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

This issue of the newsletter is jam-packed with exciting news, opportunities and successes. I commend all those students who have taken part in and made the most of the opportunities available to them and thank our staff, visitors, Friends@Brentside and external partners for enabling these opportunities to exist.

To our Year 11 students, congratulations on your efforts in your latest round of assessments which help staff and students prepare for the final examinations and to our Year 8 students with their upcoming assessments and exciting Key Stage Four Option processes ahead, I wish you the very best.

To our Year 10 and Year 12 students, you have the opportunity to gain individual feedback and support from a professional through your mock interview on 29 March, and to our Year 7 students today who were the second group this year to achieve their platinum Awards, well done!

To all of our sporting teams, and particularly our Year 9s, it's definitely the taking part that matters (but it is also very nice when we win). Well done all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

09 MAR
YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING
4.30PM-7.30PM

13 MAR
YEAR 8 INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS BEGIN
ALL DAY

17 MAR
YEAR 8 INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS END
ALL DAY

21 MAR
EARLY CLOSURE
1.35PM

23 MAR
YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING
4.30PM-6.30PM

29 MAR
YEAR 10 &12 MOCK INTERVIEWS
ALL DAY

VIEW FULL CALENDAR | VIEW TERM DATES



JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CELEBRATION EVENING

YEAR 12 AND 13

We are delighted to share the official photograph from the Jack Petchey awards ceremony that took place just before half term.

There is nothing better than seeing our students succeed by going over and above all expectations. The motto for the evening was 'If you think you can, you can!' and our award winners really did think positively and showed that they could do anything they set their minds to.

Special congratulations go to Amy, Emilia and Vinda who formally received their Jack Petchey awards in recognition of their outstanding effort, achievement and public service.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

ALL YEARS

We don't just want our students to read, we want to inspire our students to love reading. Ms Mohammed, our librarian, is full of fantastic ideas that do just that. This Valentine's Day, she introduced Blind Date with a Book, an event that encouraged students to collect a book for free, from the library, beautifully wrapped with an enticing summary of the book's genre and content on the front. The shelves were empty by break time!



PARENT FORUM AND FRIENDS AT BRENTSIDE AGM

ALL YEARS

Our second Parent Forum of the year takes place on Wednesday, 15 March from 18:30-19:30 in the library.

We will be:

- Sharing feedback from our last meeting
- Reviewing our careers provision and how we can best prepare your child for life beyond Brentside

Please email **info@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk** if you'd like to attend.

The meeting will be followed by Friends at Brentside's AGM and planning meeting from 19:30-20:30.

FRIENDS AT BRENTSIDE F@B

ALL YEARS

Friends at Brentside were delighted to raise over £200 for our students at the two evening performances of Bugsy Malone before half term. A huge thank you to all our wonderful helpers and customers!

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale before the end of term, so if you have any uniform you're happy to donate, please drop them off at the school office, clean with a plastic bag, labelled 'Donation for FiB'.

Don't forget you can support FiB by choosing us as your Co-op community cause: **https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/74973**. Raise money every time you purchase Co-op branded products and services at no extra cost to you.

You can also raise money for FiB every time you shop online through Easyfundraising, again at no extra cost to you. Choose from over 7,000 brands at **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbrentside**.

We always welcome more volunteers, so if you're able to help in any way, we'd love to hear from you at **hello@friendsatbrentside.org.uk**.

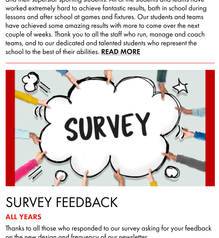


NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

ALL YEARS

At Brentside High School, we believe all students should have a clear understanding of the range of pathways open to them to enable them to make informed decisions about their future. Our Year 10 and Sixth Form students learnt in assembly about how apprenticeships allow people to study and earn money at the same time. They also learnt how apprenticeships are offered at a range of levels, including level 7, the equivalent of a Masters Degree. Sixth Form students heard from a local employer who discussed a range of apprenticeships currently on offer in West London. All other year groups will be learning about apprenticeships during tutor time over the next few weeks.

Do you know what apprenticeships are and how they work? Check out the Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships. **What's next? | The Parents' Guide to (theparentsguideto.co.uk)**



SPORTING NEWS

ALL YEARS

2023 has been jam-packed for the Brentside High School PE department and their superstar sporting students. All of the students and teams have worked extremely hard to achieve fantastic results, both in school during lessons and after school at games and fixtures. Our students and teams have achieved some amazing results with more to come over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to all the staff who run, manage and coach teams, and to our dedicated and talented students who represent the school to the best of their abilities. **READ MORE**



SURVEY FEEDBACK

ALL YEARS

Thanks to all those who responded to our survey asking for your feedback on the new design and frequency of our newsletter.

- 91% of responses found the new format easier to read.
- 82% of responses preferred receiving the newsletter fortnightly.
- 86% of respondents said they are more likely to read the newsletter in the new format.

You found the new design user-friendly, you liked the bigger font, the brightness and layout, and found the information more timely.

You would like more information about recent sporting events, so we will feature regular sporting news moving forwards. Please do check our website for future dates and information detailing our extra-curricular clubs.



HARROW SCHOOL CAREERS CONVENTION

YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13

Our Sixth Formers were invited to attend a prestigious careers convention at our partner school: Harrow School for Boys, Harrow on the Hill.

The format of the convention had careers representatives sitting around the open-plan Dining Hall and engaging with students about careers that interest them.

A wide range of industries and careers were championed by leaders in their field including investment management, aviation, cyber security, fashion design, architecture, medicine, law, marketing and advertising.

Students found the event motivational and inspiring as they could target conversations with employers that linked to their own areas of interest.