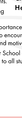
BRENTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER

30 June 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Charlotte Hames
Headteacher

Transition and achievement are key themes in this week's newsletter. As our Year 11 students celebrated the end of Year Stage 4 and GCSE exams in style, soled and booted and partying at the Year 11 prom, our Year 6 students stepped up to the role of Year 7 students on their transition day.

This newsletter also celebrates many student achievements, from public speaking to sporting prowess; there is no end to our students' talents. As always, literacy is a key feature of teaching and learning at Brentside and this newsletter edition offers useful information about the importance of literacy and some favourite reads for all year groups. Please do encourage your child to visit our library and find a book that will inspire and motivate them to read.

We read news of our Oxford Inspire Summer School and are reminded of the wonderful enrichment opportunities open to all students, including the Creative Arts Festival to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **7 JULY** — APPLIED LEARNING DAY — ALL DAY
- **10 JULY** — CREATIVE ARTS WEEK — 10-14 JULY
- **11 JULY** — ROMEO & JULIET PERFORMANCE — 6PM-7PM
- **14 JULY** — SPORTS DAY — ALL DAY
- **18 JULY** — AWARDS EVENING — FROM 6PM
- **20 JULY** — LAST DAY OF TERM — ALL DAY

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YEAR 11 PROM

YEAR 11

At the end of five years of schooling and three years of preparation for GCSE/IBTEC exams, the Year 11 students were finally able to let their hair down, dress up and mark the end of Key Stage 4. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time to be together, dance longer and celebrate together as a year group. Special thanks go to all the staff volunteers who helped to make this such a fantastic rite of passage for our students.

It has been a pleasure to support Year 11 for the past five years and we are so proud of all their achievements. We look forward to seeing them for their Sixth Form taster sessions and again on results day, when we will start the formal on-rolling for our high achieving Brentside Sixth Form.

For further information about results day, please visit the exam section of our website. For further information about our Sixth Form, please visit the Sixth Form section of our website.

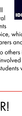
YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

ALL YEARS

On 30 June, all Year 6 students across the borough took part in Year 6 induction day. We warmly welcomed 282 students from 60 primary schools to Brentside, and were very pleased to see them settle so quickly to their taster sessions in science and maths. The students also enjoyed learning about the achievement programme and visiting the library.

Students left us feeling happy and confident, ready to start Year 7 in September. They went home with a smile on their face and a Brentside Oyster Card holder in their pocket!

TED TALKS



YEAR 7

This year 18 students were involved in intervention sessions to develop their skills in speech and language. This programme gives students the opportunity to work in small groups, building confidence in written and oral literacy. The programme culminated in students delivering a Ted Talk on a subject of their choice, which they delivered to an audience made up of students, parents/carers and staff.

Developing the confidence to present ideas to others is an important employability skill. Well done to all students involved and many thanks to Mr Wharton and the team for supporting students with this successful event.

ATHLETICS SUPERSTAR!

ALL YEARS

Succeeding in sport takes a huge amount of determination, commitment and resilience. To make it into any sports team is a real challenge, let alone to juggle sporting commitments with GCSE exam revision. We were absolutely thrilled to hear that Kyrah in Year 11 had been selected to represent Middlesex in the English Athletics Competition in June in the 200 metre sprint and the relay. What a fantastic achievement We wish her all the best in this weekend's national championships in Birmingham.

DEVELOPING YOUR CHILD'S LITERACY

ALL YEARS

Did you know....?

Children who read are three times more likely to have good mental wellbeing than children who don't.

Children who say they have a book of their own are six times more likely to read above the level expected for their age than their peers who don't own a book.

1 in 5 children and young people said that listening to an audiobook or podcast has got them interested in reading books.

Does your child have a reading book at home? If not, encourage them to visit our library.

Don't know what to choose? Here are some recommendations from our students!

Year 7 - *Darth Paper Strikes Back!* by Tom Angleberger (Daniel 7N)

Year 8 - *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer (Marion 8R)

Year 9 - *The School of Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani (Zahra 9B)

Year 10 - *You Think You Know Me* by Ayaan Mohamud (Aza 10R)

Year 11 - *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black (Sumedha 11D)

Year 12 - *Beloved* by Toni Morrison (Maryama 12B)

Year 13 - *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (Emilia 13S)

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

ALL YEARS

We look forward to welcoming you to our Creative Arts Festival on Tuesday, 11 July.

Don't forget to book your free ticket for our promenade adaptation of Romeo and Juliet via Eventbrite.

Refreshments will be available for a donation to our Friends of Brentside (FIBI) PTA.

We look forward to seeing you there.

OXFORD INSPIRE SUMMER SCHOOL

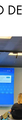
YEAR 9

It gives us great pleasure to share the news that Dhaya, Gia and Tianna, Brentside High School Inspire scholars, have been selected to attend this year's St John's College Inspire Year 9 Summer School.

The Inspire Summer School for Year 9s runs for three days from **Sunday, 23 July** to **Tuesday, 25 July** at St John's College, Oxford.

The Summer School is entirely free and activities on the Summer School include:

- Exciting academic sessions on STEM, Arts and Humanities subjects
- A lecture on Forensic Anthropology from President, Professor Dame Sue Black
- The chance to learn about university and talk to current students
- Games and movie nights
- A BBQ and a formal dinner in the Hall
- Meeting new friends from the 32 schools enrolled on the Inspire Scholars Programme!



What a fantastic opportunity. Well done to our students who have successfully been chosen to participate in this fantastic initiative.

WORKPLACE VISIT TO DENTSU HEAD OFFICE

YEARS 10 AND 12

A group of 25 Year 10 and Year 12 students visited Dentsu's London head office this week. Dentsu is one of our long-standing business partners who deliver workshops and other workplace visits for our GCSE and A Level graphics and Level 3 BTEC students. Their itinerary included:

- An introduction to Dentsu and the world of marketing – what makes a good marketing campaign?
- A tour of the building
- A talk by Merkle employee, Abdullatif, who spoke about apprenticeship opportunities, his role and an insight into coding
- An introduction to the STAR technique for answering interview questions

Giving students the opportunity to visit places of work really helps prepare students for their futures, giving them a clear taster of the work environment and roles within the marketing industry.

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for leading this trip and this partnership.