



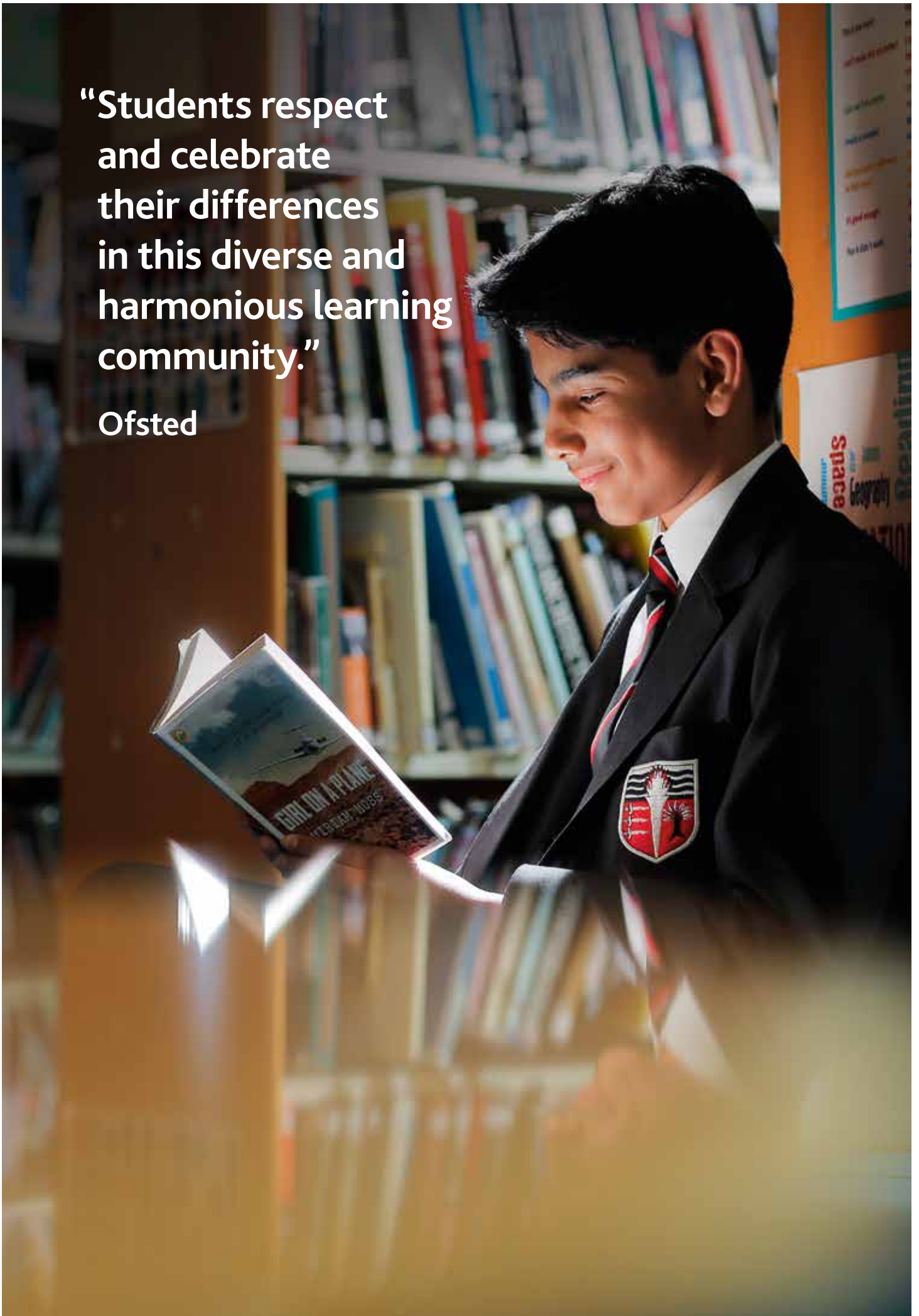
**BRENTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

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LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

**“Students respect  
and celebrate  
their differences  
in this diverse and  
harmonious learning  
community.”**

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# Welcome to Brentside High School



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Brentside High School is a high achieving, vibrant, successful secondary school, which provides high quality education for the young people in our care. It is a place where students' talents and abilities are fostered and inspired and where the unique capabilities, gifts and needs of each individual are recognised and supported.

Our school vision reads "Brentside High School challenges all to achieve excellence as lifelong learners with the highest expectations of themselves and others. No exceptions, no excuses. "We believe that every child can achieve their full potential and our staff team are committed to enabling this. We recognise that excellence is personal and specific to each individual and we celebrate a wide range of academic, practical and personal achievements.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure that our students have access to a breadth of knowledge and understanding and to high quality, well-respected qualifications, whilst ensuring the flexibility to enable additional support where appropriate. The breadth of our curriculum enables our students to progress to the next stage of their journey in education, employment or training with confidence, creativity, skill, knowledge and understanding.

The excellent progress that our students make is reflected in their GCSE results, which have, for many years, been significantly above those of students nationally. The achievement of our sixth form students continues this success and is exceptional, (in the top 2% in the country twice in recent years).

Our motto, "learning and achieving together", encapsulates our approach at Brentside. We believe that every member of our school community contributes to our success and that learning is collaborative. We are an inclusive school, supporting students of all abilities. We seek to develop students' sense of responsibility and community and provide opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills, confidence and involvement.

Our school community is rich and diverse, and we represent a wide range of cultures, beliefs and experiences and gain from each other's contributions. Our students' attendance is strong, reflecting their enjoyment and commitment to our school. We provide a happy learning environment where students feel safe, learning is interactive and vibrant and relationships are excellent. The exceptional care, guidance and support our staff team provide are recognised well beyond the school.

The staff and young people in our school community are what make Brentside special, but we are also supported by excellent facilities, including many IT and Mac suites, science laboratories, art studios (including a dark room,) a fitness suite and a full-size Astroturf pitch.

I am delighted that you have shown interest in our vibrant learning community and hope that our prospectus, website and your visit to the school give you all the information you need to make an informed choice for your child's future education.

**Charlotte Hames, Headteacher**



# Our Vision

Brentside High School challenges all to achieve excellence as lifelong learners with the highest expectations of themselves and others. No exceptions, no excuses.

**Learning and  
Achieving Together.**

Our motto underpins everything we do in school, from ensuring that all our students are encouraged to achieve their full potential, in and out of the classroom, to supporting the continual professional development of our highly qualified staff.



# Challenge for all

We want nothing but the very best for all members of our learning community.

At Brentside we place the individual at the heart of what we do. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and personalised to engage and offer the right level of challenge for everyone. High quality teaching ensures all students are motivated, inspired and supported to achieve excellence across a range of subjects.

**“Brentside High School lives up to its vision of high expectations for all, with ‘no exceptions, no excuses.’ Equality of opportunity sits at the heart of that ambition.”**

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# Striving for excellence

We set achievable and challenging targets for all students and carefully monitor their progress.

We offer personalised support to meet the needs of individuals, developing them with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in meeting their targets.

We believe that communication with parents/carers is essential and we share information about each student's progress at key points throughout the year through written reports, Parents' Evenings and other opportunities.

A student's time in school is precious and lays the foundations for the future. We recognise that students have one chance at a secondary school education and that it is our job to ensure that they make the most of that chance, achieving their best both within and beyond the classroom.

**"Pupils make excellent progress."**

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# Developing lifelong learners

We have a long tradition of providing a wide range of enrichment activities.

We offer an enrichment programme across curriculum areas including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); sports; enterprise and the arts.

Our Applied Learning Days offer a diverse range of opportunities including visits within London, the UK and overseas. All students are encouraged to take part in clubs and activities to broaden their horizons and develop the skills and experiences they need to prepare them for adult life.

Parents, students and other visitors all comment on the high quality pastoral care at Brentside. On joining, all students are assigned to a tutor group where they are supported by a form tutor and strong pastoral team who give generously of their time to monitor individual progress and maintain regular contact with parents.

Welcoming new students is very important to us and we believe that achieving success is supported by a happy and confident beginning in a new school. We have close links with our feeder schools and all students are visited in their primary school before they join us. Year 6 students also enjoy a visit to Brentside before starting in September so that they familiarise themselves with school.

**“Leaders organise many opportunities for pupils to pursue new interests and to take part in a wide range of trips and subject clubs.”**

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## Sixth Form

Our large and successful Sixth Form offers students the opportunity to extend their academic and vocational studies, supported by excellent teaching and facilities.

In Year 12, students choose from a broad range of subjects and are offered extensive opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills, bridging the gap between GCSEs and life beyond Brentside High School. The quality of teaching and learning in the Sixth Form, both within and beyond the classroom, is outstanding.

In preparation for their next steps, Sixth Form students participate in work experience and are encouraged to develop leadership skills, for example, through acting as peer mentors and heads of house. They also support younger students around the school.

**“Care, guidance and support for students are exceptional.”**

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# Maintaining the highest expectations

Our students are challenged to have the highest expectations of themselves and others.

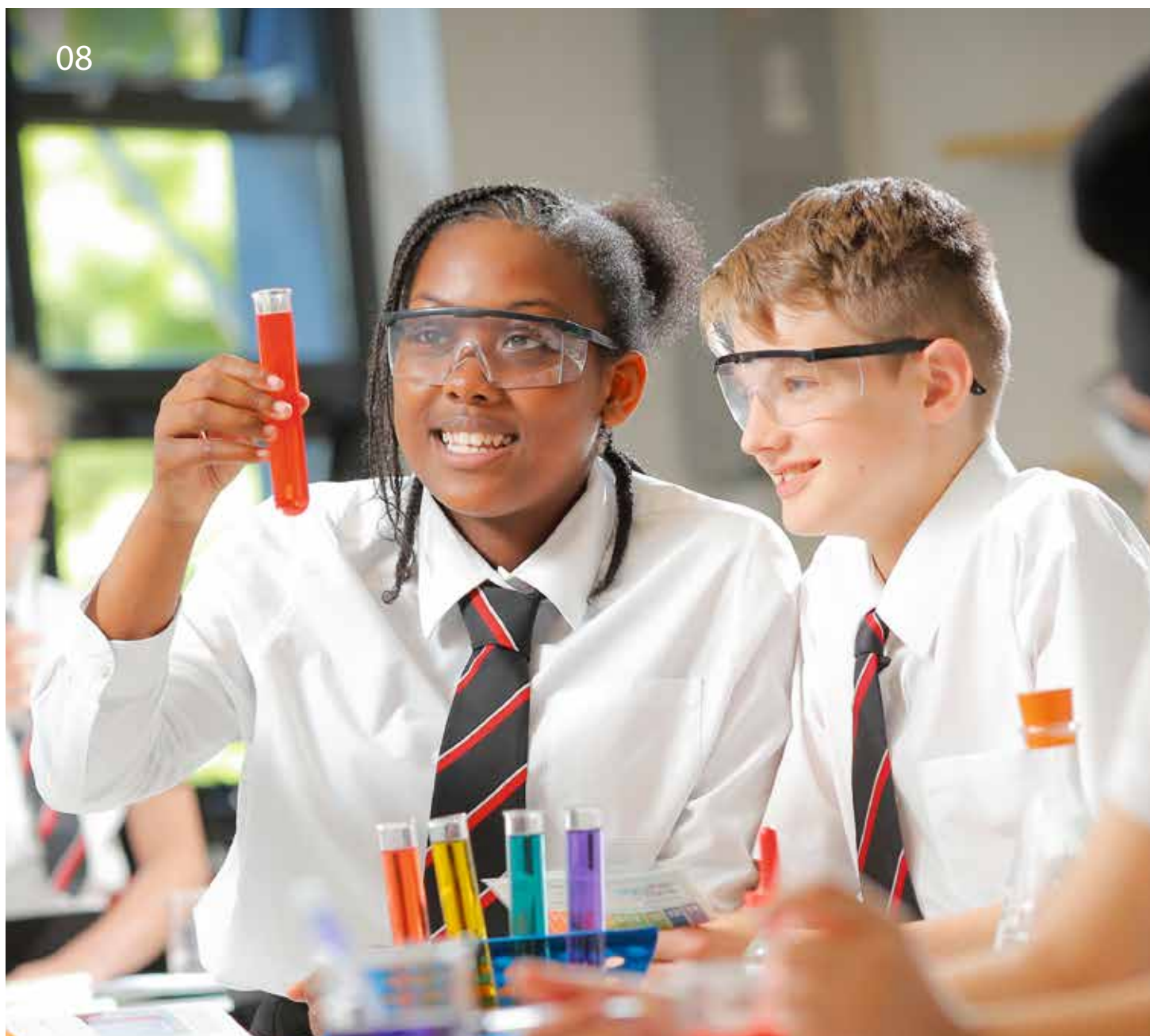
We believe that the most effective way of motivating students is by celebrating and rewarding their success and achievements. Students regularly take part in achievement assemblies and they draw great pride from each other's successes. Once a year we have a formal Awards Evening where prizes are presented for attainment and outstanding effort.

“The effectiveness of leadership can be seen in the loyalty of staff, the behaviour and pride students show in their school and the outcomes they achieve.”

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“Teachers’ strong and confident subject knowledge captivates and inspires pupils.”

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## A culture of “no exceptions, no excuses”

Brentside is a diverse community. Our students respect one another and celebrate their differences making their experiences at school rich and varied.



**“We felt immediately that Brentside High School was right for both of our children. It is genuine and welcoming with a really positive energy.”**

**Parent**



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