NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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This month we have had not one, but two bank holidays. Many across the country were celebrating the King's coronation. In this week's newsletter, we share how the coronation links to our citizenship curriculum. After enjoying all the benefits of our time away from school and work, we are now re-focusing on our Brentside routines and expectations to enable all our students to make the best possible progress. We have included some tips for supporting your child when in school too. This week we share the incredible achievements of our sporting teams and athletics champions, as well as news of our drama production that is being performed next this term. And finally from me, as our Year 11 and 13 students move into their GCSE, BTEC and A level exams next week, we wish them all the very best for the weeks ahead and we look forward to sharing their successes on Results Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 MAY — PUBLIC EXAMS BEGIN

26 MAY — LAST DAY OF TERM

29 MAY — HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS

5 JUNE — START OF TERM ALL DAY

5 JUNE — YEAR 12 EXAMS BEGIN

12 JUNE — YEAR 10 EXAMS BEGIN ALL DAY

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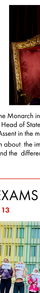
THE KING'S CORONATION

ALL YEARS



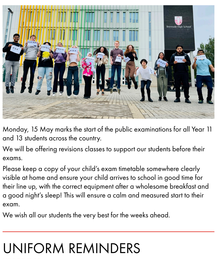
Many people across the country celebrated the King's Coronation last weekend. This key moment in British history is closely linked to our citizenship curriculum.

All students at Brentside learn about the role of the Monarch in relation to the British Constitution, the Monarch's role as Head of State, leader of the Commonwealth and the function of Royal Assent in the making of laws.

Students also learn about the impact of Magna Carta on the power held by the monarch, and the difference between absolute and constitutional monarchies.

PUBLIC EXAMS

YEARS 11 AND 13



Monday, 15 May marks the start of the public examinations for all Year 11 and 13 students across the country.

We will be offering revisions classes to support our students before their exams.

Please keep a copy of your child's exam timetable somewhere clearly visible at home and ensure your child arrives to school in good time for their line up, with the correct equipment after a wholesome breakfast and a good night's sleep! This will ensure a calm and measured start to their exam.

We wish all our students the very best for the weeks ahead.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

YEARS 7-11

Our award winners are a wonderful example of how to wear our uniform with pride!

As we head into the summer season, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our uniform rules and expectations. Parents/carers, please check the uniform code on our website and ensure that any new items purchased meet these requirements.

Brentside High School - School Uniform

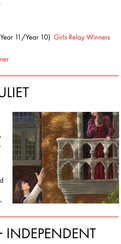
All students in Years 7–11 must wear the following:

- A shirt tucked in with a top button fastened
- A school tie
- A blazer
- Skirt (knee length) or trousers (not leggings)
- Black socks/tights (no white socks over black tights)
- Polishable shoes (not trainers)

Our uniform policy remains in place during the exam season.To prevent confiscation, please do not bring hooded tops into school.

SPORTING CHAMPIONS!

ALL YEARS



We are incredibly proud of the fantastic sporting achievements of our students. Here are some recent key highlights worth celebrating. Taking part in extra-curricular sporting activities demonstrates commitment, resilience, dedication, perseverance and a lot of determination. Well done to all our students who demonstrate such fantastic skills and qualities.

Football

- Year 10 Boys League and Cup Winners
- Year 8 Boys League Winners
- Year 9 Boys Promoted
- Year 7 Boys Qualified for 1st Division
- Under 14 Girls League Finalists
- Senior Boys Basketball Finalists
- Junior Boys Basketball Semi Finalists
- Netball Y9 Girls Promoted to 1st Division

Ealing Borough Athletics Champions

Dwitee (Year 10) 100m Winner
Kyrah (Year 11) 200m Winner
Amy (Year 11) 300m Winner
Kyrah, Amy, Dwitee and **Mia** (Year 11/Year 10) Girls Relay Winners
Tyler (Year 10) Javelin Winner
Kairallah (Year 9) Shot Put Winner

ROMEO AND JULIET

ALL YEARS

After the success of last year's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and this year's *Bugsy Malone*, we are delighted to share that rehearsals are underway for our summer promenade of *Romeo and Juliet*. Our abridged version will take place in different locations around the school.

Watch this space for more details.

CONNEXIONS- INDEPENDENT CAREERS ADVICE

YEAR 11, 12 AND 13

We offer one-to-one independent careers advice to all our Year 11 and Year 16 students. Our Careers Advisor is Ms Patel, who is based in G82 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

These meetings offer important, independent careers guidance to help students to devise a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C for their next steps.

We will be offering careers meetings to Year 10 students once Year 11 begin their GCSE exams.

Please support your child by talking with them about their plans for the future. We have lots of helpful careers links on our school website to help with these conversations: **Brentside High School - Careers**.

FRIENDS@BRENTSIDE FUND BIDS

ALL YEARS

Friends@Brentside (FitB) are delighted to be funding items for the Diversity Alliance and the art and geography departments to the tune of over £1,000 for the benefit of all our students. Through the Co-op Local Community Fund we have raised over £300 so far, so please continue to support our students by choosing FitB when shopping at the Co-op.

We would welcome further donations of second-hand uniform for another sale this term, please drop any items off at the school office, clean and in a plastic bag, labelled 'Donation for FitB'.

Finally, if you're able to help FitB in any way, please get in touch at hello@friendsatbrentside.org.uk. In particular, we are looking for helpers for a few hours on New Intake Evening, Tuesday, 13 June.

MESSAGING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

ALL YEARS

If you need to get an urgent message to your child in the school day, please call the school office who will ensure this message is passed on to your child.

Mobile phones should not be seen at Brentside High School. If a parent/carer contacts their child on a mobile phone, then students are placed in a difficult position of either ignoring their parent/carer or checking and using their phone, which goes against our mobile phone policy.

Please support us to avoid confiscations by not contacting your child on their mobile during the school day.

At the end of the school day, once in the playground, we allow all students to safely check their mobile phone for any messages before leaving the school site.

Thank you for working with us.