BRENTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Charlotte Humes
Headteacher

As we have now come to the end of our second term, we have long and well deserved break ahead, it is time for us to relax, refresh and recharge our batteries, ready for the final term of the academic year. Helping our students to revise past content and recall information over Easter holidays is key. Students will also be running booster sessions during the break, so students should be encouraged to attend and prepare for their upcoming exams by ensuring that they attend these revision sessions so that they can have clear routines at home. Making sure is important eating well and sleeping well and getting outside is important.

Sleep, I know, is a huge concern for us as children, with our most recent being our fantastic school production of Blood Brothers which was both witty, thought provoking and gripping in equal measure with a great performance. This was followed by our Year 10 and 12 Mock interview week, which was incredibly busy for our students, but they all rose to the challenge and were ended with a huge sigh of relief and celebration during our Applied Learning Day to enrich the learning of all year groups which will be detailed in our next newsletter.

We also say farewell to Mr Adlis who is leaving to take up a well-deserved promotion at a local school. We have enjoyed his time at Brentside but might point out that Kevin has his fun contribution to our school in support of our students and staff. Kevin will miss many years. Mr Adlis has left us the well-run classes and the well-run Sixth Form in a building forward to the challenges that await him. Mr O'Donnell, from our support team, and Miss Ward, from our Sixth Form, have taken on the responsibility of Kevin and the fun each supporting students and staff in different ways.

Thank you for your contribution to Target Review Day. This is always about celebrating the things our students achieved and identifying those next steps that will help us move even further forward, and all of us, no matter what age, experience, skills or knowledge, have the right to grow and develop. Staff support us to develop further and reach our greatest potential. Below is a reminder of the key dates for the remainder of the term and beyond. Students in Year 10 will be given this time to check your child has the correct uniform and all the learning equipment needed to support them to succeed. A list of equipment and uniform is included in this newsletter as an reminder.

I won't start the surprise by highlighting everything that is noted in this edition, but please read about all the wonderful achievements and events, many of our students have taken this term as well as celebrating their many successes across the school.

As always, thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure the success of your child.

Ms Humes

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 START OF TERM ALL DAY	**16** YR9 EXAM WEEK STARTS ALL DAY
9 BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	**9** YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING BETWEEN 4.30PM-7.30PM
12 YR7 EXAM WEEK STARTS ALL DAY	**12** YR8 EXAM WEEK STARTS ALL DAY

VIEW FULL CALENDAR | VIEW TERM DATES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024

Tuesday 2 April	Year 11 GCSE interview week (open bookings) (by invitation only)
Monday 15 April	Year 9 Exam Week
Monday 15 April	Year 7 Exam Week
Tuesday 16 April	Careers talk: The Arts Industry
Monday 22 April	Financial express bus for Year 9 and 12 (Visit our website for further details **Brentside High School - Examinations & Assessments**)
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 May	Year 7 Exam week
Monday 20 May	Year 8 Exam week
Tuesday 21 May	Year 8 PE Examination week
Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	**half Term**
Monday 3 June	School Closed

STUDENT SUCCESS

ALL YEARS

At Brentside High School, students are rewarded grades and points for their hard work and achievements. Students can collect points for a higher grade. To reach a grade, students need to demonstrate they are the best learners they can be by:

- having attendance over 95%
- always conducting themself calmly and respectfully around the day, supporting and considering others whose being personal, fully equipped and correctly dressed
- completing all homework to the best of their ability and presented with homework, having read their book, sometimes completing homework in advance, setting down quickly, engaging and focusing for the entirety of the lesson, asking key questions and completing independent learning tasks
- always conducting themself calmly and respectfully with staff and students, using listening without interruption and constructively with formal language when necessary
- ensuring that everything they do and their is a presentation of a high standard so that they can see their work as a reflection of themself
- always being a positive, hardworking and clever resilience when faced with a problem
- always being a positive, hardworking and clever resilience when faced with a challenge
- always striving to better themself by reading daily, participating in many extra-curricular activities, and taking an interest in local and global events

Congratulations to the following students who have the highest (or joint highest) grade points in each year group for the last half term:

Year 7: Ayden Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali
Year 8: Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali
Year 9: Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali
Year 10: Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali
Year 11: Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali, Ethan Ali

EXAM PREPARATION

ALL YEARS

Exam timetables begin for Year 7! and 12

Year 9, 8 and 7! also have Exam Weeks coming up!

Tips to support your child with revision

- **Revision timetable** - Encourage your child to use their revision timetable with planned breaks to reach better their revising for hours at a time.
- **Space** - Help your child find a quiet place to revise that is free from distractions. You may need to be creative with this!
- **Exam timetable** - Make sure you have a copy of your child's exam timetable somewhere visible, such as on the fridge.
- **Revision techniques** - Encourage your child to use active revisions strategies such as flashcards, mind maps, practice questions and past papers. For more revision techniques and strategies, please visit our website **Brentside High School - Learning Resources**
- **Support** - Be around in much as possible. Offer support by listening to your child and ensuring they have a quiet place to work and the right resources.
- **Healthy routines** - Encourage your child to stick to healthy routines. Sleeping well, eating regular healthy meals and relaxation are important for their wellbeing. Make sure your child has enough time for relaxation and hobbies to ensure they are not only revising, they need to have a life.
- **Rewards** - Reward your child for revising and preparing for their exams. Rewards do not necessarily have to be big or costly. Big or small, the rewards should be meaningful to your child and motivate them to keep revising.

For information about external revision and internal assessments, including revision timetables and techniques, please visit our website **Brentside High School - Examinations & Internal Assessments**

IS ENGLISH AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE?

ALL YEARS

Are your child or their parents/carers/guardians spoken by families at Brentside High School not English as their first language?

We also recognise that for some families, speaking English as an additional language can be a challenge. Not to worry, we have added a **translate** function to our website.

We hope you will find this easier to read key information.

If your child or their parents/carers/guardians are completing any documents for parents, please contact us on **info@brentsidehigh.sutton.sch.uk**

SO YOU'D LIKE TO WORK IN THE ARTS?

CAREERS TALK

ALL YEARS

Are you interested in architecture, stage craft or design? Do you want to be a dancer, actor, musician, artist or designer and want to know more about what our Careers Talks sessions next term, starting on Tuesday 16 April, will be about? Our Careers Talk on Tuesday 16 April will be about the Arts Industry. Stage or Windsor College of Arts, for example, will be attending.

Book your place on Careers Talk on **Tuesday 16 April** in **Ms Kenny's** room **10.15-10.50**

Look in the library to find out more.

Our careers talks take place every two weeks in the Hub.

Our next Careers Talk, on Tuesday 30 April, is about how to apply for apprenticeships, please contact our careers leader, Ms Rosenfeld, emailing **info@brentsidehigh.sutton.sch.uk**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EXAM INVIGILATION

Are you looking for a new job? Do you like working with young people? Are you looking for a job that fits around your commitments? Are you looking for a job that gives you the opportunities to develop your own skills? Are you looking for a job that will be rewarding?

Brentside is currently recruiting for exam invigilators, any employment, please contact our careers leader, Ms Rosenfeld, emailing **info@brentsidehigh.sutton.sch.uk**

LIBRARY NEWS

ALL YEARS

Thank you so much to first year students, who have **donated 1,000 Extra Extra Extra** books to our school library and celebrating the 100 days of school with a book day. Our Year 7 students had the unique opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character, bring in their own scanners from the classic Scholastic book fair, and participate in a book scavenger hunt - Harpy! Hard by such a fantastic donation!

Year 7 students have enjoyed participating in our fortnightly book club, Wednesdays, at lunch. Students were treated to an insightful and inspiring Q&A session with the author after reading his brilliant novel, An Olive Grove in Exile, a story of hope and love in the midst of war. Students have enjoyed their brilliant verbal review with enthusiasm and a typical surge of the Brentside Spirit!

ALUMNI TALK

YEARS 10 AND 12

The sociology and psychology departments were pleased to welcome Ms Rosenfeld back to our Brentside Sixth Form. Diana delivered a talk to our students on her journey from Brentside student to academic. She prioritises a lot of her teaching time to a teenage Victoria, and the experience of being a teenager in Victoria's care has shaped her academic interests. Diana's talk was very well received by our students and students showed how useful it was to hear from someone who had been successful after a transition from A levels into higher education.

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

YEARS 10 AND 12

Preparing students for the next stage in their lives is a key part of the work we do at Brentside. Having been successful in their GCSE exams, we gave our Year 10 and Year 12 students, University, Apprenticeship and College mock interviews.

Students were delighted to welcome back ex-students who came back to school to share their experiences of applying and interviewing for universities, apprenticeships and colleges.

Students were asked questions, participated in a mock interview and were given feedback on their strengths and next steps.

Thank you to all those who participated, who really invested in the process and showing so much pride in their Brentside school.

Thank you to all the employers who supported this fantastic event and well done to Year 10 and Year 12 students.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION: BLOOD BROTHERS

ALL YEARS

Have you watched the hit story of the Johnstone twins?

As they each other as two new years.

Life is up in the Brentside for the self-same day.

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What a success! The year production of Blood Brothers was comical, moving and dramatic. We saw amazing performances from our experienced actors and fantastic debut performances from our Year 7 students. Our Year 7 and 8 students showed incredible commitment to the production, rehearsing and learning their lines and performances. Our Year 9 students helped to make the Hospital, with special thanks to the drama and music teams.

ONE IN A MILLION

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

Congratulations to **Mr Wembley Annie** who has been selected for a special trip to the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith! Annie, a talented actor, has been selected to perform in a local drama production for various scenarios.

Annie was selected to run

The workshop gives her an insight into the financial industry and the different aspects of the industry, including the roles of the people who work in the industry and the skills needed to succeed in the industry. I have chosen Annie because she is a student who has been always the most enthusiastic participant, whether she is actor or not! Well done Annie!

Mr Wembley, Assistant Headteacher, Brentside High School

Congratulations to you! Well done! Well done! Well done