



Dormers Diary



From the Headteacher

Our penultimate edition of Dormers Diary this academic year promises to be another bumper issue, reflecting a very eventful and exciting term. We are now very firmly in the midst of exams season, with our senior students having already sat some of their exams. They will sit the remainder after the half term break.

I am delighted to announce that once again this year we are offering our Year 11s a free breakfast on the mornings of their exams. We will be encouraging our students to avail of this offer as the link between nutrition and enhanced learning ability is well established.

Additionally, along with the inherent nutritional benefits, it also provides an opportunity for them to meet their fellow students and teachers and begin their day in a purposeful manner, feeling supported and ready for the challenge that lays ahead. We would like to thank Equans for providing free bottles of water and fruit to all students taking part in the summer exams.

Elsewhere, our exciting new relationship with MiSST (Music in Secondary Schools Trust) continues to grow. The Music in Secondary Schools Trust, which was established with funding from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and the Charles Wolfson Trust, promises every child an entitlement to study a classical musical instrument on entry into secondary school, as well as tuition and performance opportunities.

Some of our students and staff were recently invited to the MiSST 10th Anniversary Concert at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, where they got to mix with some famous faces from the world of music and musicals such as Gareth Malone and Jason Donovan.

Away from the glitzy world of showbiz, but no less exciting, our Year 12s got to showcase their work at the National History Museum while Aleyna, Tkayah and Ms Blakebrough watched the Women's FA Cup Final from a private box at

Wembley Stadium.

Also, out and about, though in far more challenging conditions, were our Duke of Edinburgh students, successfully navigating their way across the South Downs over 3 days and doing DWHS proud in the process.

While all this was going-on, back at school Dhruv in Year 8, Simarjit in Year 11 and ex-student Isha were hard at work, utilising all their talents and producing very impressive results. Read all about them further on.

Not forgetting Ameer, Arschi, Aysha, Naima and Oliver whose collaborative efforts resulted in a magazine! Proof that when people pool their talents, the outcome can be both powerful and inspirational. Well worth a read.

Before I sign-off, I want to draw your attention to two items.

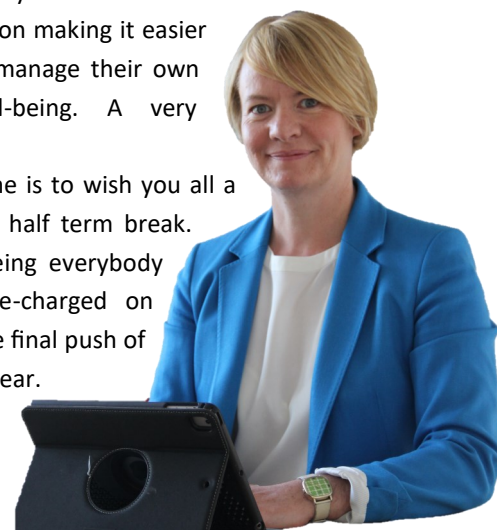
Firstly, Brentford's fabulous educational programme initiative for those boys and girls interested in pursuing their love of football while continuing their studies. All the necessary information, dates, contact nos. etc available in the full article further on in this issue.

Secondly, the timely and wonderfully- produced free digital resources designed by the Anna Freud Centre which focuses on making it easier for young people to manage their own mental health well-being. A very welcome resource.

All that remains for me is to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing half term break.

I look forward to seeing everybody return rested and re-charged on June 5th, ready for the final push of this academic school year.

Ms Walsh
Headteacher



From the Head Boy and Head Girl

After a remarkably successful few weeks, we are eager to conclude the half term by presenting a summary of the outstanding activities and achievements that have taken place at our school. Throughout this period, trips and excursions have played a vital role in broadening our students' horizons. One notable example is The Duke of Edinburgh program, which has further nurtured our students' personal and leadership skills, fostering resilience, teamwork, and self-reliance. These immersive experiences have provided them with practical knowledge and a deeper understanding of various subjects.

Moreover, we are immensely grateful for the opportunity to offer our dedicated and talented students football trials at the prestigious Premier League club, Brentford FC. This experience presents a significant opportunity for them to display their talent, gain exposure, and potentially open doors to future football endeavors. It promotes personal growth, character development, and valuable life skills that will contribute to their future successes.

We would like to close off by wishing students in Years 11 and 13 sitting their final exams in the upcoming weeks the utmost success. Remember, "Exams are not a measure of your worth, but a testament to your determination." May your hard work and dedication shine through during this crucial period. We hope everyone has a safe and restful half-term.



MiSST

What an amazing night! Some of our students and staff attended the MiSST 10th Anniversary Concert at Theatre Royal Drury Lane. MiSST have given us a fantastic opportunity to become a partner, we will be the first school in West London to join with 248 students in Year 7 learning the flute and violin from September 2023.



Trips and excursions

Students from Year 12 went to the GreenSTEM challenge event at the Natural History Museum. It was a fantastic opportunity that provided them the opportunity to present to academics from Imperial College.



At the other end of the school, Ms Blakebrough, Aleyna and Tkayah enjoyed a fancy day out to the Women's FA Cup Final! They enjoyed the best view of the match from the box, and nibbled on tasty catered food and drink. Chelsea were the winners much to Aleyna's disappointment. Thank you to Paul from Equans for hosting our students.



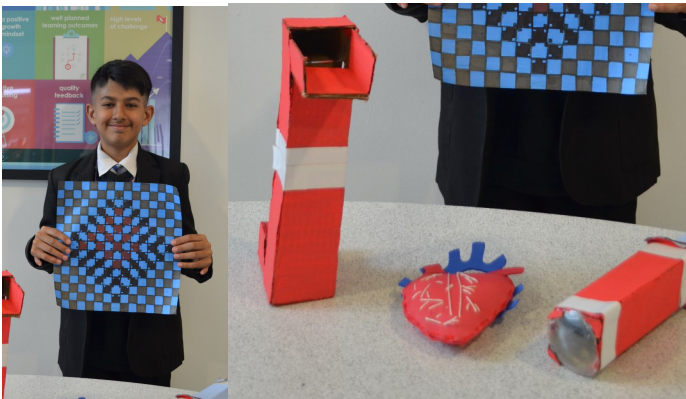
DofE Champs!

Congratulations to all the young people who completed their three-day hike and camp in the South Downs. The weather was very difficult and there were a lot of hills! They all showed great teamwork and determination and we all had a great time despite the challenging circumstances.



Outstanding effort

Dhruv in Year 8 has been working hard, creating some wonderful models as part of his science home learning! He has made a periscope, a telescope, an optical illusion and a model of the human heart. Well done Dhruv!



Goodbye Y11 & Y13

After a tonne of hard work and a tonne of tears at their leavers assemblies, our Year 11 and Year 13 students are finally finished to go on study leave. We wish you all the best of luck with your exams, we are so proud of how far you have come and look forward to seeing you at the prom!



Alumni shining

Unbelievably proud of Isha, our ex student, who has been volunteering for the Afghanistan and Central Asian Association (ACAA). Isha was nominated for the Creativity and Entrepreneurship award and won it!



Upcoming Dates

5th June	Back to school
12th June	Return to school
27th June	Year 11 Prom
3rd July	Careers Conference
6th July	Awards Evening
10th July	Celebration of learning event
11 & 12th July	Sports Day in school
13 & 14th July	Enrichment Days
18th July	International Evening
19th July	Celebration assemblies Last day of term

REMEMBER!!

If you receive nasty, rude or bullying messages, SAVE them as evidence. Show a responsible adult who will help you get it stopped. It is often possible to track down WHO it is.

Brentford FC CST

Want the opportunity to develop your footballing skills and play competitive matches whilst studying? Brentford Football Club allows you to, with the Post 16 football and education programme. You train under their highly qualified coaches at their state-of-the-art facility at the new Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub and play matches in the EFL's prestigious Community & Education Football Alliance competition. Study A-levels or a BTEC, with Gumley School, William Perkin, Chiswick School or West Thames College.

Brentford's next Post 16 education and football trial dates have been released. This will take place during the May half term. The Post 16 programme is open to both girls and boys in Year 11.

Post 16 Boys Trials

Tuesday 30th May

Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub - Popes Ln, London W3 8LQ.
10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

To Register: <https://www.brentfordfcst.com/product/post-16-football-education-programme-boys-may-trials/>

Post 16 Girls Trials

Thursday 1st June

Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub - Popes Ln, London W3 8LQ.
1pm-3pm

To Register: <https://www.brentfordfcst.com/product/post-16-football-education-programme-girls-june-trials/>

Character values in action

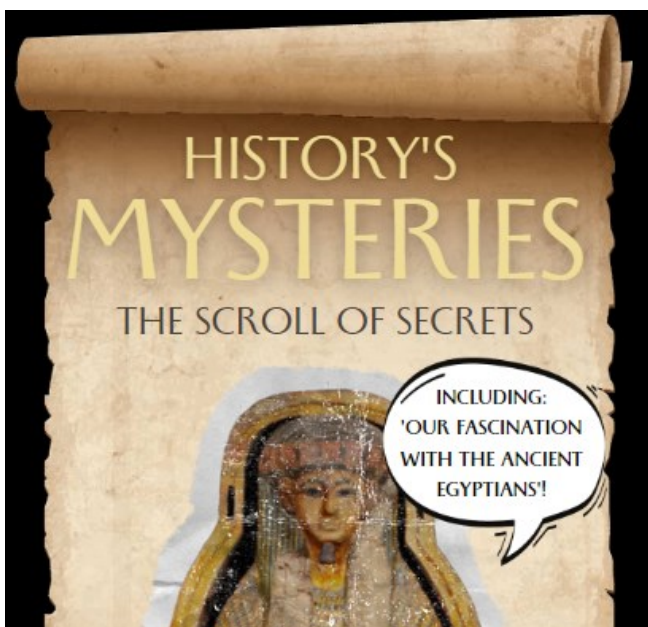
Staff wish to make shout outs for our values in action with the following students this half-term:

- Diya D (determination) - engaging in wider reading in Economics resulting in a deeper awareness of key themes which have been shared with peers
- Mahad B (service) - through successful entry onto the Cambridge Summer school and SOAS Finance Programme
- Hamda Y (wisdom) - through thorough academic contribution in her studies with effective economic intelligence gathered
- Wissam D (service) - contributing to a range of activities at Reading University and Kew Gardens, developing her life and social attributes
- Madeline P (service) - through her commitment to reading and literacy activities
- Arshpreet 9KA (service) - She is my most reliable Student Librarian. She always arrives promptly for her library duty and quietly gets on with whatever task we set her. She greets us with a smile and has a kind and gentle approach to her duties.
- Hashmeet SSD (service) - She has been a Student Librarian since she joined the school in Year 7. She frequently helps without being asked when she sees we need additional support and we can always rely on her to do everything properly



New history magazine

Iqra, Arschi, Oliver, Aysha, Naima and Ameer wrote an article based on something they were interested in or knew little about and put these together to create an amazing History magazine. This is displayed in the library and in the history classrooms so please grab a copy and have a read! There is something in there for everyone!



Take care of your wellbeing

On My Mind was developed by the Anna Freud Centre and aims to empower young people to make informed choices about the mental health support they want, the treatments they receive and the outcomes they desire.

It contains information, advice and resources to help young people support their own mental health, including signposting to sources of support in times of crisis and tools to help young people manage their own wellbeing.

The free digital resources are designed for use by children and young people between the ages of 10 – 25. These may be young people who are thinking about looking for support, who may be receiving or waiting to receive support or for those the traditional offer does not appeal to or has not worked for and who want help and information about self-managing their own mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.annafreud.org/>



Art of the month

Simarjit Year 11

I chose the theme 'Objects' for my GCSE Art exam and made a final piece about my mum using objects that represent her, including her love of shoes and jewellery and images that symbolise her Indian heritage. I was inspired by the Singh Twins who make art about their dual nationality.

