

8th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week so far and are looking forward to the lovely weather we have been promised over the next week or so. In light of the warmer weather coming next week, Mr Taylor will be announcing to students at the Upper School that blazers will not be needed. Please make sure that your son/daughter has a drink of water with them to keep hydrated and it would be useful if they could also bring a refillable bottle to school.

It has been an excellent week at school with some amazing events but I want to start with our Year 6 who received their KS2 SATs results on Tuesday. We know how difficult it has been for many of our young people and their return to school after two very disrupted years, but our Year 6 achieved some excellent results. In both writing and Maths, our Year 6 achieved higher than the national average! This is something for us all to be extremely proud of and our Reading score was just a tiny margin below the national score. Obviously the work of the Year 6 students supported by Mr Atkinson and his team has paid off. The combined scores are also something to be proud of. The combined score was 2% higher than the three year average from 2017-2019 (when the last SATs took place) and showing how our Lower School keeps on going from strength to strength. Amazing work year 6!

This is the first of our three results days and next we await Year 13 on August 18th followed by Year 11 on August 25th. We are expecting these results to be fantastic too. Our Year 11 marked the end of their statutory education with their prom last night. As well as all looking amazing for the event, we were told that our students were the best that the venue had had this year. I know Mr Callan and Mr Salah were very proud of them all.

A real showpiece for our school was on Wednesday when we held our first International Culture Day event after school. The students were invited to wear their own cultural dress during the school day and then we had a range of stalls and performances at the event. I think it is fair to say that the effort made by so many of our young people was incredible and showed just what a harmonious, cohesive multicultural community we have at our school. We had Bollywood dancing, singing, a fashion show, face painting as well as a host of delicious food from around the world. I have been asked by many students if we can repeat this event again next year - and of course I said yes!

On a final note this week, I would like to introduce the 'Standing Together' initiative organised by the Chelsea FC Foundation which is an exciting opportunity for students in year 8 and 9 who attend Brent secondary schools. It is funded by the Mayor of London's Shared Endeavour Fund and the project aims to tackle racism, hate, intolerance and extremism. Applications are welcome from both male and female students. A range of events including school assemblies, immersion events at Stamford Bridge and access to online resources. There will be a judging process and an awards ceremony at Stamford Bridge too! If you are interested please contact Jennifer.Nichols-Dunbar@brent.gov.uk or Duval.Akonor@brent.gov.uk.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes

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