



## Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

Today we welcomed 17 local Prep and Primary Schools to our annual Sports tournament, a football, netball and chess competition. For many young pupils this is their first experience of the School, and we hope that they enjoy the day with us.

Most students in the Senior School are out on activities today with both the Combined Cadet Force Army Section and the Royal Navy Section travelling to Kent. The Army will be "overnighting" in Mereworth Woods, and the Navy are visiting Chatham Royal Dockyard.

Sadly, our French Exchange visitors have been thwarted by the French Air Traffic Control Strike, and we are very sorry they will not be joining us this week, and, of course, competing on the sports fields this Saturday.

On a more positive note, I was pleased to receive a text from Mr Wignall, Director of Sport, last night, informing me that our excellent Water Polo Team had won the National Plate Competition. More details about this competition later in this newsletter. This terrific news sends us happily into the weekend.

### Sixth Form Developments

I am pleased to announce that following Dr Tiffen's promotion to a Deputy Headship at another school, Mr Higgins has been appointed to succeed him as Head of Year after Easter. In addition, Miss Fleming will be working with Mr Higgins as Deputy Head of Year.

Mr Prest, the Head of Upper Sixth, will be leaving to pursue a career outside teaching at the end of the Summer Term, and our new Head of Lower Sixth will be Mr Sellers, currently a Housemaster at Bryanston School. Ms Fuller has been appointed to work with Mr Sellers as Deputy Head of Lower Sixth.

### Lent Term Orchestral Concert

Congratulations to all those who took part in a superb Orchestral and Choral concert in a sold-out Wessex Auditorium on Wednesday. The evening showcased the finest instrumental and choral talent within the School and proved to be an exciting and vibrant musical experience. A varied programme featured spirited performances from our junior ensembles including Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and a wonderful version of Barlow's "Sing" for Junior Choir. We were delighted to invite back OB Matthew Jorysz (Assistant Organist at Westminster Abbey) to accompany a full Choral Society rendition of Vivaldi's magnificent Gloria which featured a huge choir from across the School and spellbinding solos from Amelia McLintock, Amelia Smith, Megan Mortlock, Catriona Kadiramanathan and Mary Hirst. The evening culminated with the String Orchestra (led by Peter Scott) performing the entire of Grieg's popular 'The Holberg Suite' and the Sinfonia (led by Andrew Liddell) taking to the stage to perform Beethoven's enigmatic 'Egmont Overture' and Walton's patriotic and bombastic tribute to the monarchy; 'Crown Imperial'.

### Tuck Shop

Next week, we are re-launching the Tuck Shop which will include a new drinks and snack range. Products have been chosen which contain less sugar and much of which is Fairtrade. Along with this we are launching a more varied and healthier food offer which I hope will encourage the pupils to consider healthy eating at School. We plan to have a rotating menu with more variety. Yesterday, we had a very enjoyable and successful demonstration from Sodexo's Global Chef Lionel Vandomme. He very much enjoyed working with the catering team and he enjoyed his experience with Brentwood School.

### Academic Endeavour Award

This week's winner of my Endeavour Award is Joe Gunning. The prize is for students who have demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding effort in a subject, or for going above and beyond for a department or in a piece of work produced. Joe has, outside of English lessons, scripted an entire pilot episode for his own Mafia thriller series 'Nightwatch' with exquisite setting detail and filled with complex and sophisticated characters. His English teacher had the absolute pleasure of reading this script over the past few weeks and Joe has a clear creative flair for suspense writing that will inevitably one day capture audiences world-wide. He has a talent that surpasses his years and we cannot wait to see the BBC and other major television networks fighting over his scripts in the future! Congratulations to Joe!

### Junior Colloquium and Junior Sir Antony Browne Society

At Junior Colloquium this week we were highly entertained and challenged by Ms Fleming and James Elms as they debated the nature of morality and its relationship to religion. Although closely fought, the majority of the students agreed with James that morality is not a product of religion. Next week at Junior Colloquium JSABs Sixth Former, Eloise Mcilwraith, will be asking the question 'Should terrorists forfeit their

human rights when they commit heinous crimes?' Junior Colloquium will meet as usual in Old Big School on Monday at 1.20pm and JSABs will be in the BAC Lecture Theatre on Wednesday at 1.20pm.

### In The Box

Tickets are now on sale for 'In The Box' and I invite you to join me for a memorable evening of hilarious anecdotes and incisive cricket chat as we welcome cricket legends and Test Captains from home and abroad. Sports Broadcaster, Cricket Author and Old Brentwood, Ralph Dellor, will return to School on Friday 12th May, bringing with him his team of raconteurs: former England Captain, Mike Gatting, former New Zealand Captain, Jeremy Coney, and former England Test stalwart, Geoff Miller OBE.

During the first half of the show, Ralph and his guests will talk through career highlights and share anecdotes. The second half is devoted to a question and answer session with the audience submitting their questions for the panel to chew over. The show will be staged in the Wessex Auditorium and tickets, priced at £25 for adults and £15 for U16s, are available through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ralph-dellor-presents-in-the-box-tickets-32286656258>.

### Big Band Concerts

On Friday 17th March, the Big Band is playing at Chelmsford Cathedral as part of the "Lunchtime at the Cathedral" series of events at 12.30pm. This is our annual visit to the Cathedral and is always a sell-out concert. There are no tickets issued; just come along and enjoy 45 minutes of fantastic music played by our students.

On Saturday 18th March, the Big Band is playing at St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, to raise money for Diabetes UK. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets, priced at £10 per adult and £5 for under 16s, are available from Miss Broom on 01277 243241 or by email [broomd@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:broomd@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

### Annual Careers Convention

The School's annual Careers Convention will be held in the Courage Hall from 6pm on Thursday 16th March 2017. It is open to all Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form students and their parents. There will be representatives from a range of universities and companies to seek advice from, as well as gap-year opportunities and career advice from successful Old Brentwoods. For further details, or if you are interested in hosting your own stand to represent your company, please contact [CleverleyR@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:CleverleyR@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

### Mothering Sunday Service

There will be a service in Chapel to celebrate Mothering Sunday on Sunday 26th March at 10.30am. The service will be an opportunity to give thanks for Mothers and for all who care for us and support us. All are welcome to attend this service. Please do let me know if you are planning to attend so I can provide appropriate refreshments after the service. Revd. Adrian McConnaughie: [awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

### Confirmation in Chapel

Confirmation in the Church of England marks an important part of the Christian journey of faith. In Confirmation, we make a public declaration of the faith and promises that were made at our baptism and pledge to follow in the path of Jesus. Each year in Chapel, a number of students are prepared for Confirmation and Baptism which culminates in a service led by the Bishop. This year, Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm. Candidates for Confirmation and Baptism will follow a short course of preparation in School led by the Chaplain. Please be in touch with the Chaplain by email if you would like to explore Confirmation this year. Revd. Adrian McConnaughie: [awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

### The School Shop

Please note that the School Shop will be closing on Friday 24th March at 12.30pm for the Easter Holidays and will re-open on Wednesday 19th April at 8.15am.

### Friends of Brentwood School Curry Night

The very first Friends of Brentwood School curry evening, held last Friday at the Maharaja Restaurant in Benfleet, proved a huge success raising a grand total of £600. Thanks must go to Mrs Shuma Ali and her family, as well as Mr John Killilea, for all their hard work organising the event which we hope will become a regular feature in the FoBS' social calendar.

### Ultimate Activity Camps and Schools of Sport

A reminder that Ultimate Activity Camps offer exciting holiday childcare programmes with over 40 activities every week delivered by engaging and enthusiastic staff who will instruct and encourage children to try new activities and make new friends – and naturally have lots of fun! The Camp dates are: Easter: Monday 3rd to Thursday 13th April (closed Bank Holidays); summer: Monday 17th July to Friday 25th August. Please visit [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk) for details or call 0330 111 7077 (local rate).

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Schools of Sport offer girls and boys inspiring sports coaching academies during the school holidays and their early booking discount ends on 14th March. Their dates are: half term: Athletics Academy with Dean Macey 30th and 31st May; summer: Netball Academy with Melissa Hyndman 22nd to 24th August. To book, please visit [www.schoolsofsport.co.uk](http://www.schoolsofsport.co.uk) or call 0330 111 9077 (local rate). Further details can be found on the holiday activities page of the School website.

## Attempt to Beat the London Marathon World Record

On Sunday, 14th May, students, parents and staff are being given the opportunity to attempt to beat the London Marathon World Record. The event will start at 10.30am on the running track. The idea is that pupils join together in groups of between 6 and 26, with the overall aim of beating the London Marathon World Record of 2 hours and 3 minutes. This opportunity is open to 26 teams on a first-come-first-served basis. Teams can be made up of pupils in any year groups and may even include staff and/or parents. Each group also requires an administrator/manager, ideally a parent or friend, to count the number of laps completed. Each pupil would run one 400-metre lap before passing the baton to the next person in their team. Each team would need to complete 105 laps and 200metres of the athletics track to complete the 26.2 mile course. In order to beat the World Record the average lap time would need to be just under 1 minute and 10 seconds. The duration of the event will be 2 hours and 30 minutes, with groups unable to complete the course finishing at this time. If you are interested in taking part or helping out, please contact Mr Bigley:

[WTB@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:WTB@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

## Sport

### Athletics

On Wednesday, the girls' and boys' teams competed in the semi-finals of the indoor athletics competition at Lee Valley stadium. The team performed well with some notable performances from Olivia Dowman who smashed her PB by 10 seconds in the 800m finishing in second place, and Sadie Wood who jumped 3.73m in the long jump, a new PB in this event. Emma Willy ran a strong 200m and the relay girls finished third in their 4 x 200m. Sophie Philpot demonstrated great promise in the 60m hurdles as her continued hard work paid off. Jonathan Odeyemi finished second in the 60m, Ovie Jeyibo threw well in the shot put and the relay team consisting of Jack Ridgwell, Fiz Jaiyesimi, Henry Smith and Jonathan finished in second place.

### Football

Saturday saw Brentwood face Dulwich College in a full block fixture with a number of outstanding matches being played. The Second XI continued their excellent form with a 2-1 victory against a resolute Dulwich side. The Third XI put in their performance of the season to win 7-0 and outline what an excellent season it has been. Will Jensen scored an excellent hat-trick while further goals came from Daniel Peakall (2), Louis Bassett and Oliver Catterall. Louis Bassett played superbly and was heavily involved in six of the seven goals. In the junior fixtures, the best performances came from the Under 13s winning three of the four fixtures played. The Under 13A team won 6-1 with goals coming from Josh Catterall, Harrison Clayden (2), Theo Newton, Joel Winter and Ethan Norris. The Under 13C team won 5-0 with a fantastic team performance. In particular the pupils showed a great attitude towards recent training, emphasising excellent team shape and use of width. On Wednesday, the First and Second XI played their respective quarter-final matches in the London ISFA Cup against UCS and St Paul's School. The First XI managed to secure a 1-0 win with an outstanding team performance showing grit and determination in very difficult conditions. Fin Denny scored the deciding goal with a well taken finish after just 10 minutes. Daniel Blockley showed once again what a valuable player he is with some outstanding saves. The Second XI unfortunately lost 2-1 against a well-disciplined St. Paul's team. Despite some good performances, it just wasn't to be their day. We also want to send our best wishes to goalkeepers Harry Gough and Daniel Blockley who have recently suffered serious, season-ending injuries. We wish them all the very best in their ongoing recovery.

### Hockey

The Under 16s took to the field for the last time for this school year against Hockerill Anglo European School. The team saved their best performance to last, moving the ball around at pace, passing and receiving and constantly putting the Hockerill players under pressure. Emilia Clark opened the scoring following excellent reactions in front of goal, with Lily Spencer-Smith firing home a short corner. Emma Philpot then added her name to the score sheet to top off an impressive performance. It would be unfair to single out any one player in particular as the whole performance was simply magnificent, winning the game 3-1.

### Netball

The Under 12 A team faced Fitzwimarc in the quarter-final of the Essex Cup. Both teams demonstrated some excellent netball and the skill level was exceptional. With only the final quarter to go the score was 17-17, Brentwood lost the next centre pass and then turned over a ball to make it 18-18. Talliyah Foster made some crucial interceptions as GK and Isabella Toms was exceptional in the shooting circle and made the final difference to the game with Brentwood running out 24-22 victors. The Under 12 B team played in their

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District netball tournament on Monday. They played some exceptional netball and finished as runners up on goal difference by one goal. Francesca Stanford and Penelope Wood played superbly to ensure that the team finished in the proud position of second place. The Under 13 A and B teams faced Saffron Walden in two keenly contested fixtures. The A team came out fighting and had a comfortable lead by half-time. Ellie Marshall worked tirelessly in the mid court and fed beautifully into the shooters. Maddy Gale and Rosie Parrish were dominant in defence and made some brilliant interceptions. The final result was a good win for Brentwood 16-9. The B team improved as the game progressed. Freya Killilea made some crucial interceptions and fed the ball out with ease. Claudia Knight and Saachi Patel were effective in the shooting circle and played the ball around to give them an advantageous shooting position. After a gallant team performance the team lost by 6 goals which was a good result against a strong side. The Under 14 team played in their District Rally at Anglo European on Wednesday, having won this title for the last two years they were keen to retain the trophy and they didn't disappoint! The girls won each game to convincingly lift the District trophy for a third consecutive year. The Senior team faced Colchester Sixth Form during Wednesday's games. The Third VII played and lost 16-9. This was a respectable result against a strong team and the girls should not be disappointed. They played some good netball with Abigail Chapman demonstrating particular strength in defence. The Second VII played Great Baddow in the MESSA league and lost to a very competent side 29-13. The defence had a fantastic game against two exceptional shooters. The First VII faced Colchester and lost 18-14, the defence kept the score line close with a constant barrage of interceptions. Charlotte Walters and Ella Lindsay were jointly awarded the player of the match accolade. The Under 19s played Trinity School in the Essex Cup semi-final on Thursday evening. The team enjoyed great support from the parents and were in inspired form. The game was end to end netball and at half-time Brentwood were winning by 5 goals. Trinity fought back in the final quarter but Brentwood managed to hold on to win of 30-27. The entire team worked tirelessly in both attack and defence and kept the high intensity going to the final whistle. Ella and Charlotte were once again outstanding in defence, while Holly Perry, Ashley Chalmers and Daisy Oliphant were an integral part of the team's success in the shooting circle. A fabulous result from a fabulous team. The Under 15 girls competed in the Kelsall tournament and played against 14 excellent opponents. Brentwood managed to win their pool to face Kings' in the semi-final. Anna Reeves stayed calm under pressure in the shooting circle, with Faith Rufai and Zara Phillips tight in defence. They secured a great win to face Gresham's in the final. Another outstanding team performance with Brentwood taking the win to lift the cup for the fourth consecutive year!

We eagerly look forward to another successful GTCA tournament on Monday 20th March. This charity tournament was initiated by Georgia Cordery a passionate sportswoman, excellent netball player and former pupil of the School. Georgia battled a rare form of cancer when she was 13 years old and sadly lost her battle at the age of 15. During this time she recognised the need to help families who were struggling with the obvious emotional and often forgotten financial demands of fighting debilitating illness and so set up the Georgia Teenage Cancer Appeal to help people during these exceptionally difficult times. Please come along and support this inspirational event.

Water Polo

In Thursday's ESSA Water Polo plate final the Under 18 team returned from Northampton victorious after beating City of London 6-0 in the final after goals from Dado Pessina, Dermot O'Doherty and James Warman. All of the team played superbly as they remained unbeaten after defeating Alleyn's, Bede's and Bedford Modern School. James Warman led the team with distinction and was ably supported by Dado, Dermot, Andrew Liddell, Cameron Lindsay, Jack Warman, Ilya Usichenko, Max Vorozheikin, Alex Drury, Sam Hewitt and Henry Rappolt as they became National Champions!

These letters are located in the Letters Home area of the Parent Portal for which there is a link below for parental use:

Folder	Title	Uploaded
6th Form	Oxbridge Classics Open Day Oxford March	06/03/2017
Extra-Curricular	London Marathon World Record Attempt May	08/03/2017

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Wishing you all a relaxing half-term break.

Yours sincerely



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