



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

From Library Square to Berkeley Square! The first sighting of a snowman in Library Square for several years lifted the spirits at 6 o'clock this morning, and I am greatly appreciative of the efforts of all of our support staff who worked tirelessly in the early hours to ensure that we could open the School on time. For some pupils, the experience of walking on snow and ice is unfamiliar, and it was good to see a more focused attention to detail in the placement of feet than we normally see.

Our Fifth Year pupils have had to focus their attention on mock examinations this week, along with our IB Diploma students, and the latest news about university entry indicates that their sights will have to be set even higher if they are to live up to the achievements of our current Upper Sixth. So far, 8 students have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and an additional 9 have received interviews and are awaiting offers for medical and veterinary science.

We are always mindful of the safety and welfare of our students, and in this context, we are changing the gate entrance security codes. These will come into effect on Tuesday 17th January, and I will brief students about the new code in assembly on Monday morning. I remind all parents that if they are visiting staff at the School, they must sign in at reception where they will be given a badge and escorted to the correct destination. This is to safeguard our students from unwanted intruders, and also to ensure that we know who is onsite at any given time if an emergency occurs.

Sadly, by the time you receive this newsletter, the snowman will have melted in Library Square, but we were excited to be entertained by a rendition of 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square' in the Bean Academic Centre Tuck Shop today. This song was performed as part of a series of concerts, with this week's focus being musicians in the Fourth Year.

Our Entrance Examination Day

Next Saturday, 21st January, is our Entrance Examination, when over 350 Year 6 pupils will be attending the School to sit for 11+ entry. On such a daunting day, it is hugely reassuring for them to have the presence of current First Year pupils to help allay their fears, escort them to and from their exams and lunch, and to answer any questions they might ask about what life at Brentwood School is really like! To this end, we need the support of approximately 45 pupils to assist from 8.15am until 2.15pm on the day. Unfortunately, due to the nature of this event, we cannot accommodate pupils leaving midway through the morning, so please do not put your son or daughter's name forward unless you are sure that they can attend for the whole session. Details of the registration procedure and equipment that your son or daughter will require are given in the letter found attached to this newsletter on the Parent Portal.

Chamber Concert

The Lent Chamber Concert takes place on Wednesday 25th January in the Memorial Hall. The evening will include solo and ensemble performances showcasing Chamber Music from a variety of genres and featuring a range of vocal and instrumental talents.

The Concert starts at 7pm, and refreshments will be served in the interval. The concert will finish by 9pm. Parent and family tickets are available online via Eventbrite at £4 per adult (students do not have to pay for tickets, and are actively encouraged to attend in support of their peers). The link for the tickets is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chamber-concert-january-2017-tickets-31095728160>

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to this exciting evening of music in the Memorial Hall.

2017 Parent and Pupil Surveys

We do not rest on our laurels and are always looking at ways to make improvements to the School. Those of you who have been with us for a little while will remember the paper questionnaires we have previously sent out which ask you how you think the School has performed in a number of different areas over the past year. This year we are going digital and an online questionnaire will be emailed to all Senior School parents and pupils and all Preparatory parents and Key Stage 2 pupils during the week of 16th January. The email will include links and passwords and all responses will be returned directly to Kirkland Rowell Surveys.

Please could I ask you to spare ten minutes to fill out your responses and help us make our School the best that it can be for your child. You will have two weeks to complete the survey, all your answers are anonymous and will be treated in the strictest confidence. We value your opinion and thank you in advance for taking part in this important survey.

Friends of Brentwood School Wine Tasting Evening

Tickets are now on sale for this Wine Tasting evening which is being held on Friday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Bean Academic Centre Tuck Shop. Tickets for the event, which will be held in conjunction with The Shenfield Wine Co. and Abigail's Delicatessen in Ingatestone, will cost £25 and the ticket price will include a welcome drink, tasting wines and cheese board. For further information and details about how to buy tickets, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

*Thank you to FoBS, the helpers and everyone who attended the Preparatory School Christmas Fayre last month. You raised a fantastic £1,602 - every penny of which will be used to benefit pupils. The FoBS Christmas lunch at the Plough in Mountnessing on the 6th December raised a further £805. My thanks to the committee and all the event organisers for their hard work and dedication.

Crisis at Christmas

An excellent fundraising effort sent before Christmas yielded over £3000 for the charity "Crisis at Christmas". I take this opportunity to thank all who contributed so generously at the Christmas Carol Service and other opportunities in the approach to Christmas.

Battle of the Big Bands

After last year's sell-out and sensational performance, London-based and professional Big Band, The Seven Steps Big Band return to Brentwood School to battle it out with the Brentwood School Big Band. The Wessex Auditorium promises to be treated to an evening of high energy and exciting swing, funk, Latin and vocal numbers. This is a highlight of our musical calendar and is simply not to be missed.

The concert takes place on Saturday 4th February at 7pm. (doors open at 6.45pm.) Tickets for this amazing concert are priced at £10 per adult and £5 per child and the link for the tickets is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seven-steps-brentwood-school-battle-of-the-big-bands-tickets-31021441968>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Orienteering

The first orienteering event of 2017 took place last Sunday in Epping Forest, with 12 members of the orienteering team taking part, plus three parents! The contours, mud and indistinct leafy paths were a challenge, but again our pupils overcame them with enthusiasm to produce some excellent results. Luke Cooper won the Light Green course again, with Catriona Kadirkamanathan achieving 12th place. On the Orange course, Emma Bowie-Britton achieved a very close 2nd place, with Jessica Mills coming in 3rd.

On the Yellow course, Kate Bowie-Britton, Janie Horton, Stephanie Cooper, Heather Trevelyan, Sarah Prior, Theo Williams and Jemima Parasram all raced around to achieve 6th to 13th places respectively. Jemima was especially pleased that she beat her dad and three little brothers! The next outing is to Hadleigh Country Park on 12th February.

Sport

Regrettably all weekend sports fixtures scheduled for Saturday 14th January have been cancelled due to the inclement weather conditions. However, fencing training will continue as planned from 10am – 1pm in the Vincent Room.

Wet weather and sports fixture update

As we embrace the likelihood of inclement weather, parents are reminded to check the sports fixture update <http://www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/Sport-Fixtures-and-Results> in advance of Saturday morning fixtures. It is essential that this page is checked prior to travelling to School.

Athletics

Last Saturday, Elliot Cordery won silver at the Under 17 Essex Championships 5k. Subsequently, he has been selected to represent Essex in the National Counties Championships in March.

Badminton

On Wednesday, girls from the Second and Third Year competed in the Brentwood District Badminton tournament involving a number of local opponents. Following some incredibly close games in both age categories, including excellent shot making by Isabella Lee, the Second Year team finished in 6th position, while the Third Year pairings finished in 6th and 7th position respectively.

Cricket

Under the tutelage of former professional players, Min Patel and James Tredwell, we are delighted to report Isaac Raj's continued development with Kent CCC. As such Isaac has been selected for the Under 17 squad for the forthcoming season.

Football

In the first week back after Christmas, the Junior teams faced St. Martin's while the Seniors faced the Old Brentwoods.

The Under 12 teams came up against a talented St. Martins team which resulted in some very competitive matches. The Under 12E team won its fixture 5-1 with a very convincing performance as William Langford, Toby Mcburney, Ibrahim Saeed and Connor Smithers impressed. Tom Brown and Max Kingaby scored two goals for the Under 12D team who unfortunately lost to St. Martins. The Under 12C team lost 6-1 but there were excellent performances from a number of players, in particular Harry Thomas who scored and received Man of the Match.

The Under 12A team lost 3-1 in a very competitive fixture which could have gone either way with Benjy Mills scoring an excellent goal. James Webb-Wood and Fiz Jaiyesimi played extremely well. The Under 13s made a positive start to their campaign winning two, drawing one and losing one against St. Martin's. The Under 13A team started slowly and conceded after 10 minutes. This however, spurred the team on and the boys quickly replied, finishing up comfortable 3-1 winners with goals from Frederik Topel, Joel Winter and Diego Robinson. The Under 13B team drew 1-1 with James Abbott scoring a well-taken goal. Standout performances came from Ross Wilson, George Lewis and James Abbott.

The Under 13C team put in an exceptional team performance to win 11-1. Man of the Match went to Harrison Hooker who not only scored four but also assisted a number of other goals. The other goal scorers were Matthew Fullerton (3), Damilare Odelusi (2), Alex Haward and Tameem Nader. The Under 13D team unfortunately lost 4-2 in an end-to-end game which showed the talents of a number of players including Lukas Philiou and Chester Griffiths.

The Seniors faced the Old Brentwoods in the traditional calendar year opener. The Second XI won 7-2 in an outstanding display of football, goals from Joe Quick (3), Thomas Penney (2), Luke Twyford and Cameron Allen secured a superb win. The Third XI combined with the Fourth XI to face the Old B's and put on an excellent performance despite losing out 2-1 to a last minute goal from the Old Boy's. The combined Fourth and Fifth XI drew 1-1 after excellent performances from Danyal Saleh and Alfie Moore.

Senior Football Tour – Miami 2018

We are excited to announce that all pupils in the current Third – Fifth Year (inclusive) are warmly invited to an information evening regarding the prospect of a Senior football tour to Miami, Florida in August 2018. Mr Jonathan Young, InspireSport representative will be presenting to all prospective players/parents on Tuesday 24th January from 7pm in the Memorial Hall. Information will also be sent via Intouch, with hard copies available from the Physical Education office.

Rugby

Last weekend, our Under 14 and 15 rugby teams continued their season against Southend High School. The Under 15 team showed a lot of character and determination, but unfortunately got beaten by a very athletic and skilful Southend side. The outstanding players for Brentwood included Harvey Guiver, Leo Belov and Harry Millsom, who made a welcome return from injury. The Under 14 team came very close to upsetting Southend, but unfortunately lost 24-19 following a last minute try. Jack Taylor controlled the game from fly-half, while Obinna Nkwocha was devastating in attack and defence and was well supported by Josh Ould and Thomas Howard.

Netball

The Under 15 and Under 12A teams took on Great Baddow High School in the MESSSA league this week. The Under 12s continued their fantastic unbeaten run, eventually winning a close and exciting game 13-11. Taailyah Foster and Emma Willy were excellent in the defending circle, restricting the opposing shooters to minimal opportunities. Solid performances in the centre court from Sophie Philpott and Claudia Moore meant that Brentwood finished on top against very strong opposition. The Under 15 team also recorded a fine victory, winning comfortably 21-9. Melanie Comber was outstanding in centre court and made some excellent interceptions. In the National Independent Schools' Plate competition the Under 13 A team reached the quarter-final with an impressive 29-13 victory against Wimbledon High School. Eima Cupples was deservedly awarded Player of the Match after working tirelessly in centre court throughout the game. The Senior Third VII competed against King John First VII in the Essex Cup Plate competition on Wednesday. The final 16-14 score line reflected an outstanding team performance by the Brentwood girls. Emily Scott was inspired at GK, causing untold problems for the circle attackers, and Carolyn Whitworth was dominant in our own shooting circle.

Swimming

On Wednesday, the swim team secured a commanding win over Beckett Keys. Particularly outstanding swims from Ashley Li and Benjy Mills secured a comfortable winning margin.

Water Polo

On Tuesday, the newly-formed Under 15 team played in the ESSA first round. Despite losing to Kings' Grantham, QE Barnet and Haberdashers. Captain Charlie Cortney and Albert Smith were awarded joint Player

of the Tournament as they showed determination and positivity throughout the tournament. Any pupil interested in water polo should see Mrs Melvin on poolside from 1pm Monday – Thursday (inclusive).

Letters Home

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
1st Year	'Bikeability' free cycle training for 1st-3rd years in March	09/01/2017
1st Year	First Year volunteers required for Entrance Exam 21st January	09/01/2017
2nd Year	'Bikeability' free cycle training for 1st-3rd years in March	09/01/2017
2nd Year	Second Year Bletchley Park Visit March 2017	11/01/2017
3rd Year	'Bikeability' free cycle training for 1st-3rd years in March	09/01/2017
3rd Year	Drama Department Lent Schedule	10/01/2017
3rd Year	School of Rock The Musical 3rd & 4th Theatre Trip	12/01/2017
3rd Year	Senior Football Tour Miami August 2018	12/01/2017
4th Year	Drama Department Lent Schedule	10/01/2017
4th Year	School of Rock The Musical 3rd & 4th Theatre Trip	12/01/2017
4th Year	Senior Football Tour Miami August 2018	12/01/2017
5th Year	Drama Department Lent Schedule	10/01/2017
5th Year	Senior Football Tour Miami August 2018	12/01/2017
6th Form	A Level Business Studies Revision	10/01/2017
6th Form	Drama Department Lent Schedule	10/01/2017
6th Form	'This House' L6th Theatre Trip	12/01/2017
Extra-Curricular	Ski Trip to Les Deux Alpes France Feb 17	10/01/2017

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WINE TASTING EVENING

join us for

An informal evening

in conjunction with Shenfield Wines plus
a selection of cheeses from Abigail's of Ingatestone

Friday, February 3rd at 7:30 pm for 8pm start

Tuck Shop, Bean Academic Centre

Brentwood School

Tickets at £25.00 per person

Tables are for 8 people

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Friday 3rd February at 7:30 pm

I would like to make a reservation for a table
(tables are for 8 people)

Lead Name

Number of people

Total cost (£25.00 per head)

Please make cheques payable to
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