



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I was very proud of all the pupils who assisted with the Open Morning last Saturday, and I was delighted to listen to the many plaudits they attracted from our visitors. Leading the way were our new team of Praepostors, who next year will be led by our new Head of School, Mary Hirst. The announcement of her promotion was made earlier this week, and Mary has proved to be a very popular choice. Her deputies will be Louise Bottom, Darcey Edkins, Ewan Green, Sacha Jones, Karla Odendaal, Jonty Peacock and Thomas Woolterton. Each of the deputies will be allocated to a year group in the School. They will each be leading a team of Praepostors attached to every tutor group. I am confident that this latest addition to our Pastoral System will lead to even better care for all our students in the future. Our new Head of School, and all of us, owe a huge debt of gratitude to our current student leadership team. Superbly led by outgoing Head of School, James Warman, and his team of Deputies, consisting of James Elms, Rachael McDermott, Josh Portway, Emily Shaw and Ella Watson, they have been excellent role models for younger pupils, and we look forward to the formal opportunities to record our thanks at events before the end of term.

We are delighted to welcome our French Exchange partners from Tyrosse slightly later in the year than usual. I am sure that their host families and our pupils will make them feel welcome as they join us for lessons on Tuesday. They will, of course, be feeling delighted that the French football team with 10 men beat the England team with 11 earlier this week!

Academic Achievement Award

The winner of this week's Academic Endeavour Award for outstanding effort and application is Harry John in the Lower Sixth, for his achievement in Spanish. Harry entered the Oxford University Spanish Flash Fiction competition for 2017. He found out last week that he has been awarded the first prize in this competition. This is an outstanding achievement given the number of competitive entries that are submitted each year. The university judges described his entry as, 'a clipped and attention-grabbing beginning; a description of the character's predicament in terms that court empathy; and a final ability to pull the rug out from under the reader's feet – this story was impressive for how much could be crammed into so few words, all composed in accurate and idiomatic Spanish.' Many congratulations to Harry.

Annual Academic Enrichment Trip

Last week, saw the annual Academic Enrichment trip to Leiston Abbey. 50 students from the Second and Third Year enjoyed the beautiful environment of Leiston Abbey and were engaged in a number of different academic sessions, ranging from the nature of infinity, the characteristics of Gothic literature, the dissolution of the monasteries and Newton's laws of motion. In addition to this, the pupils participated in a bespoke Art, Drama or Music workshop, were introduced to elite universities and considered a variety of ethical issues. All sessions had the ultimate aim of inspiring intellectual curiosity and academic passions outside of the classroom.

Junior Colloquium and Junior Sir Antony Browne Society

This week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, Second Year pupil, Zipporah Ejemai led a session on 'Is homework really necessary?' This sparked an interesting discussion on the nature of homework and its validity with the majority of the pupils agreeing that it was not only necessary but, at times, enjoyable! Next week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs Sixth Form students Rebecca Hawkins, Amy Purser and Darcey Edkins are leading a session entitled 'Why should we visit Auschwitz?' This is following their recent trip to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Education Trust. Junior Colloquium meets as usual on Monday at 1.20pm in Old Big School and JSABs will meet at 1.20pm on Tuesday in the BAC Lecture Theatre.

STEM Week

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics week (also known as STEM week) is being held in the Bean Academic Centre next week. There will be a range of opportunities for the pupils to get involved with, so please do encourage your child to attend if interested.

The launch of the CREST Award will be held Tuesday after school in the Tuck Shop. The CREST Award is a nationally accredited award which is recognised by universities. To achieve the award, pupils must undertake

an experiment in an area they are interested in. For instance: you might want to find out whether the weather affects wildlife around the School or whether the temperature outside affects a phone's battery life.

We believe that this School has a huge engineering talent. We are looking for girls and boys of all ages who are interested in joining two teams to attempt to beat the world record for the fastest rocket car. The current record held by Joseph Whitaker School is 533mph. We have access to huge rocket motors, an RAF runway, wind tunnel and some experienced engineers and rocket scientists who want to help us. We need pupils to be the designers, physicists, engineers, programmers and mathematicians which form the teams. A meeting will be held for all students on Wednesday after school.

Georgina, our robotics Team Captain, would like all pupils who are interested in getting involved in any aspect of robotics to meet in the Tuck shop on Thursday after school. Two famous faces from BBC Robot Wars will be attending to kick start proceedings. There are a range of exciting projects pupils may wish to get involved in as our robotics team expands. No previous experience is required!

Pupil Achievements

First Year pupil, Angus Hampson, has performed at Snape Maltings in a professional production of Midsummer Night's Dream. James Davy, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Chelmsford Cathedral and member of the Snape Maltings Team, wrote: "It was an enormous privilege for us to work with such a world class creative and performing team, and I know that the boys will remember their experiences for a very long time. The audience comments about the boys have all been tremendously positive, and although not every press review mentioned them this one rather makes up for it. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Roger Wright, former controller of Radio 3, director of the Proms, and now director of Snape Maltings, has been full of praise and admiration for the boys' work at every turn – as have all the singers, many of whom have sung the opera many times before and several have said that these were the best they had worked with – praise indeed." You will be able to hear the Performance on BBC Radio 3 on Saturday 24th June at 6.30pm.

Well done, Angus!

Third Year Battlefields trip

Information for parents with children attending the Third Year Battlefields Trip on 3rd and 4th July is on the Parent Portal. The PowerPoint from the Parents' Meeting along with all information distributed is also available to download from the Parents' Portal.

A-level and IBDP Biology field trip updates

If you would like daily updates on how our Lower Sixth students are keeping up with their field work at Dale Fort, please follow the School science Twitter feed @brentwood_sci.

Cancellation of the Service of Celebration on Sunday 25th June 2017

The planned Service of Celebration on Sunday 25th June in the School Chapel has had to be cancelled this year. My sincere apologies for this. May I take this opportunity to invite you to the Confirmation Service in Chapel on the 28th June at 7.30pm where we have four candidates for Baptism and Confirmation. Refreshments will be served after the service. If you are planning to attend then please do contact the Chaplain, Revd Adrian McConnaughe (AWM@brentwood.essex.sch.uk), so he can cater accordingly.

House Track and Field - Tuesday 27th June

We are delighted to invite you to the annual House Track and Field competition taking place on Tuesday 27th June. The morning programme will start at 9.10am and finish at 12.40pm, with lunch for students in the Dining Halls as usual. In the afternoon, events will commence at 1.50pm and conclude with presentations by the Headmaster at 3.30pm to allow pupils to head home as usual after dismissal by House staff. You and your family are very welcome to attend all, or part, of the day. Parents can sign in on arrival at the Priests Lane gate from 9am and you're welcome to bring a picnic and refreshments.

Digital Information Session - for parents of current First to Third Year pupils BAC Tuck Shop Monday 19th June 7 - 9pm

A final reminder to join us on Monday 19th June to find out how pupils will be using devices inside and outside of lessons to enhance, broaden and deepen their learning. There will be a keynote presentation from Marc Bernard, Apple Education Development Executive on how Apple technologies are transforming teaching and learning across the UK. We will also be joined by Mark Herman, Education Director from Albion, and our Apple partner, who will be on hand to answer questions. Find out about our vision and the safety features we have put in place and join in with hands-on activities. Please contact Miss Butterfield ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

Sixth Form Induction

Parents of Fifth Year pupils will have received a letter this week regarding Sixth Form Induction. This takes place on Thursday 29th June where pupils will be provided with all the information that they will need about Sixth Form life, to ensure they hit the ground running in September. Pupils are expected to attend in smart business dress and should report to the main Courage Hall reception at 8.30am.

The Induction will finish at 12.30pm, though pupils are invited to join the Sixth Form team in the Dining Halls for lunch before they depart. Sixth Form staff will be available between 1.30pm and 2pm to help with any curriculum queries. If your son or daughter is unable to attend for any reason then please contact Mrs Newby, Sixth Form Pastoral Manager who can be contacted at newbys@brentwood.essex.sch.uk. In the meantime, the Sixth Form team would like to wish all Fifth Year pupils every success in their ongoing examinations.

Chamber Concert

The final Chamber Concert of this academic year takes place in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 21st June. We look forward to an evening of high-class musical entertainment provided by some of the School's younger musicians. 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, with an interval reception where wine and soft drinks will be served. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and there is no charge for students. [Please click here for tickets.](#) We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting evening of music in the Memorial Hall.

Summer Promenade Concert 2017

It is our tradition to end the year in style with the hugely popular Summer Promenade Concert on the evening of our Speech Day and Prize Giving. This concert celebrates the wealth of musical talent in the School and is a fitting tribute to the many talented pupils who have performed throughout the year, particularly those in the Upper Sixth who will be leaving us at the end of term. The concert takes place on Saturday 1st July and will showcase all of our musical ensembles, celebrating another magnificent and varied year of music-making.

Andrew Liddell, ready to embark on his musical career with a coveted place at Trinity Laban Conservatoire, will perform the virtuosic and exciting Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E Minor accompanied by the Sinfonia. Following another prolific year, the School Big Band will feature in an extended set performing, amongst other Big Band classics, the Jaco Pastorius Funk Chart, 'The Chicken'. Vocals from Sophie Skinner and Caolán McConnaughie and improvised solos from Peter Scott, Jonny Moore, Eleana Winand, and Joe Dawe are sure to bring the house down.

The concert will provide a truly varied musical feast and we look to a number of world premieres of arrangements and compositions by Upper Sixth students Jonathon Dittmore, Jonny Moore and Maddie Newby all accompanied by our String Orchestra, Big Band and special guests. In addition to our usual vocal and choral delights, arias sung by Amelia McLintock with orchestral accompaniment, will help create a 'last night of the Proms' atmosphere and the evening will conclude in true style with a rousing rendition of the School Song performed by all. We do hope you will be able to join us; the venue is the Courage Hall, the starting time 7pm (music to be played by The Band from 6.30pm); interval wine and strawberries will be served on the Main Field. Tickets are available at £10 per adult and £5 per non-participating student/child. [Please click here for tickets.](#)

All musicians are expected to attend the Promenade Concert rehearsal from 3.30pm to 8pm on Friday 30th June in the Courage Hall. A rehearsal schedule will be published shortly. We look forward to seeing you at the Prom!

Friends of Brentwood School Prep125 Summer Ball – Saturday 24th June

Mrs Walsh from FoBS is putting together a raffle for our Summer Ball later this month and has asked if any parents would be willing to donate prizes. She is particularly looking for Wimbledon tickets, but other ideas might include the use of a football season ticket, the use of sports facilities/gym/holiday home or a meal at a restaurant. Anything you donate would be very much appreciated and help to raise money for Prep School causes on the night. Please contact Mrs Walsh directly on MichelleKWalsh@aol.com.

Sport

Selection for sports teams

Thank you to all parents and pupils for their continued support of School sport. As I am sure you are aware, representing the School on the sports field is a privilege and, whilst we fully understand that absence from Saturday fixtures is occasionally inevitable, parents/pupils are reminded to email Mr Wignall, Director of Sport (IAW@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) and their respective team manager if their child is unable to represent the School on a Saturday. Your support in ensuring our sports teams are as fully prepared as possible is much appreciated. Furthermore, all pupils and parents are reminded that unless prior approval has been agreed with Heads of Sport, School sport takes precedence over club sport. Any queries should be directed to Mr I Wignall.

Athletics

On Saturday, there were some outstanding performances in the Essex Championships. Fin Turner won gold in the 400m hurdles to become Essex Champion. Elliot Cordery also ran superbly to win the 3000m. Dom Clatworthy ran a committed race to finish second in the 1500m while Freya Killilea threw well in the discus to secure a well-deserved bronze medal. Other notable performance came from Seb Clatworthy in the High Jump, Abi Coe in the Triple Jump and Emma Philpott in the Shot Put. On the same day, Zoe Thompson competed admirably in South of England Under 20's 200m and won bronze in a time of 25.01s.

Last Friday, the Inter girls competed in the Regional Final at Watford and despite finishing in second place, it is unlikely that they will have qualified for the National Final. Elisabeth Olaiya and Amelia Moule competed admirably in the 100m/High Jump and 1500m/Javelin respectively. Following on, the boys enjoyed an outstanding day of athletics at Watford on Monday as the Inter and Junior Team finished 4th and 6th respectively. Amongst numerous highlights, Ethan Cooper threw superbly to record 12.96m in the shot put, Sam Blundell and George Davis ran with skill and determination in the 100m and 300m respectively for the Inter team. For the Junior boys, Seun Fashesin-Souza and Rohan Van Der Merwe ran well in the 100m and 800m respectively, while David McGill threw 33.52m in the Hammer with Scott McKenzie and Theo Newton jumping 1.47m and 1.44m in the High Jump. On Wednesday, there were some stunning performances as the Brentwood athletics team retained the overall District title. A great day was interspersed with numerous medal-winning performances. The First Year boys' and girls' teams were victorious, as were the Fourth Year Boys and the overall Boys' team to secure the overall combined trophy for another year.

The Junior girls' team competed at Bedford International Stadium on Thursday. There were many excellent performances on the field: Hannah Knightbridge with a PB of 1.32m on the high jump, Maddie Gale throwing over 23m in the javelin, Sadie Wood with an in competition Long Jump PB of 4.09m and Millie Stacey hitting her discus target of over 20m. The track saw strong performances in both the 1500m heats from Imogen Pohl and Olivia Dowman, plus a solid team effort in the relay race to end the day. With an overall score of 390, the team missed a place in the National Final by one point!

Cricket – Three Teams progress to County Semi-Finals

The delightful weather has seen the cricketers out in force this week. Saturday saw Brentwood host Chigwell School where the pupils recorded seven overwhelming victories out of eight matches. The First XI set Chigwell 151 in their 30 overs, Robin Das scoring an imperious 41 and Chigwell was restricted to 90-9, with Isaac Raj taking 3 for 8 in his spell, to earn a 61 run victory. All the teams enjoyed flowing stroke play and it was delightful to see the spinners thrive too. The teamwork and enthusiasm was infectious throughout the afternoon.

On Tuesday, both the Under 15 and U13 A teams contested their Essex Cup quarter finals. The Under 15A XI set Westcliff 137 to win and an incredible spell of fast bowling by William Steinberg, taking five wickets including a hat trick, reduced Westcliff to 60 for 6. They recovered but Brentwood earned a comfortable 30 run victory. The Under 13A XI set a formidable 225 for 5 in its 25 overs against Hall Mead, Henry Deacon top scored with an imperious 80. This target proved far too many for Hall Mead who finished 90 runs short. Both teams have earned home draws in the semi-finals to be played next week. The Under 13 girls' team play their first match against Shenfield in the Essex Cup and performed creditably against much more experienced players and finished 30 runs short of their target.

Tennis

On Friday 9th June, the Under 12B boys' tennis team enjoyed an excellent victory in their final AEGON league match against Brentwood County High School. In an excellent display of tennis, Josh Argent, Jacob Stephen, Seun Fashesin-Souza and Chester Griffiths (6-0), won their singles matches convincingly. Doubles pairing Josh Argent and Jacob Stephen won a very close game (6-4) before Seun Fashesin-Souza and Chester Griffiths also recorded an impressive 6-1 victory. Overall, a very pleasing end to the Year 7/8 AEGON tennis league.

On Monday 12th June, Brentwood School hosted its first Under 14 Team Challenge competition against New Hall School. With each team consisting of four players, Brentwood's boys and girls contested singles and mixed doubles matches against Year 9 pupils from New Hall School. All players received player passes in which success on court and demonstration of sporting values such as; sportsmanship, fair play and positivity were all rewarded. Teams competed against each other in two group stages and the winners of each group were 'Brentwood School Beckers' and 'New Hall Nadals' who both scored 14 points. Both teams also received a total of ten rewards which resulted in a tie, leading to a tiebreak shootout being played to determine the winners of the competition. Serena Smalley and Michael Gurin represented the 'Brentwood Beckers' in the final and clinched a fantastic victory with a dominant display.

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