



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Students have enjoyed a smooth start to the term, with all the Fourth Year and our Upper Sixth International Baccalaureate Diploma students revising hard for, and sitting, examinations. I greatly enjoyed exchanging ideas with other Heads at the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' (HMC) Spring Conference on Wednesday, with Teenage Mental Health Issues and Safeguarding forming a major part of our discussions. I am keen to work even more closely with parents to ensure that you are kept fully informed about issues such as the best way to control use of mobile phones to ensure that all our students are able to enjoy full, active and healthy lives, and the best piece of advice I heard was "Be the people you would like your children to become." I tweeted a very short video produced by HMC on Wednesday about the abuse of Digital Technology. You can access this video [by clicking here](#).

Academic Enrichment Clubs

Due to the Bank Holiday on Monday, there will be no Junior Colloquium next week but JSABs will meet on Tuesday at 1.20pm in the BAC Lecture Theatre when Sixth Form students, Dermot O'Doherty, Symone Olagbegi and Nekha Ganesh will debate the motion: "This house would restrict the use of fossil fuels by emerging economies". All pupils in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Year are invited to attend. This is part of Chemistry week in the Bean Academic Centre.

Open Morning – Saturday 10th June

This year, our Open Morning will be held on Saturday 10th June. All First to Fourth Year and Lower Sixth students are expected to be present at Open Morning in departments as tour guides or in many other very important roles. I know that our visitors are always hugely impressed when they meet your children. Details for all pupils will be issued in due course, but I attach to this newsletter a copy of the Open Morning invitation.

This is one of our best opportunities to showcase what we do to prospective pupils and parents. If you know of anyone who might be interested in coming along, please encourage them to do so. [They can click here to register on our website](#).

If you are interested in visiting the Preparatory School, their Open Morning runs from 10am to 12.30pm. As you know, there is no need to give advance notice. Your encouragement would be much appreciated.

Speech Day – Saturday 1st July

I am pleased to invite you to our Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony which will take place on Saturday 1st July at 2.30pm in the Courage Hall. The Guest of Honour is Professor Maggie Snowling CBE, FBA, FMedSci, The President of St John's College, Oxford.

Please note that admission will be by numbered ticket only. Information will be sent out next month with a link to book your (free) tickets via Eventbrite, with seats being given to the parents of prize winners as a priority. All members of our First and Lower Sixth Years are required to attend, and do not need tickets. Prize winners also do not need tickets. There will be no Saturday activities on this day apart from the 1st XI Cricket match against the MCC.

Tuck Shop

We are working hard with our catering partner Independents by Sodexo to improve the variety of food available in the School Tuck Shop and over this term a number of changes will be made, including more healthy choices. In order to allow pupils to take full advantage of the new range, we are raising the daily limit on parent pay cards to a maximum of £10 per day with effect from Monday 8th May. If you would like to retain the old £5 limit please let me know as soon as possible by emailing me: headmaster@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Fourth Year pupils participating in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award who are not a Direct Entrant and have not returned their parental consent form and signed code of conduct, are required to do so before Wednesday 3rd May at the very latest. These forms can be found at the end of the letters sent out about the trips running on 6th-8th May and 20th-22nd May. Please hand directly to Miss Folwell or Miss Preston.

Online Safety Talk, Wessex Auditorium, Tuesday 2nd May at 5.45pm

Parents of Prep pupils and First and Second Year pupils in the Senior School, are warmly invited to attend a talk on online safety in the Wessex Auditorium on Tuesday 2nd May at 5.45pm. This essential presentation by Debbie Schofield, an ambassador for the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, aims to bridge the gap of knowledge around new technology and offer parents advice on what they can do to avoid higher risk situations and how to cope if their children (or their children's friends) encounter them. Further details can be found in the First and Second Year folders in the Letters Home area on the Parent Portal.

Topics covered include:

- The technologies children are using: explanation of different risks of technology and applications, including grooming, sexting, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, gaming and 'friends'.
- Practical advice on what parents can do to help keep their children safe.
- Top tips for parents and signposts to further information and resources.
- Risks and benefits to children and young people of using internet technology.

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 get in touch with the Chaplain, Revd. Adrian McConnaughie by email if you would like to explore Confirmation this year: awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Attempt to Beat the London Marathon World Record

A reminder that 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

Brentwood Business Showcase

On Wednesday 1st November we will once again be hosting the annual Brentwood Business Showcase in conjunction with Brentwood Borough Council. They have asked us if any parents who are local entrepreneurs would like to speak at the event. You can find out more about last year's very successful Showcase and [watch a video at on their website](#). If you are interested please contact Commercial Manager Paul Morgan at morganp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk and he will pass on your name for the council to contact you.

The Old Red Wall Club and Carpe Diem Spring Ball

The School is pleased to be able to promote Old Brentwood (95-06), Dr Andrew J Burgess who is helping to support two charities.

Andrew is also the secretary of the Old Red Wall Club. This is a group of seventeen who left school in 2006. Their aim is to raise money for a different charity each year and since they were founded in 2009 they have raised over £40,000 for charity. The Carpe Diem Society was founded by another group of Old Brentwoods who mainly left the School in 1999 after one of their friends died while training on the school running track in 2000. This year, a dinner is being held to support two charities, Special Needs and Parents and Cardiomyopathy UK.

The dinner includes a three course meal from top caterers Milsoms, together with live music into the early hours.

Date: Saturday 13th May 2017, 7pm- Late

Dress Code: Black Tie and Cocktail Dresses

Tickets: £71.50 per person.

The Venue: The Society of Old Brentwoods, Ashwells Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9SE

Tickets are available by visiting the Old Red Wall Club website, [please click here](#).

FoBS Afternoon Tea to Celebrate the Prep School 125th Anniversary

Join the Friends of Brentwood School (FoBS) on Tuesday 13th June for the FoBS Afternoon Tea at Orsett Hall, Orsett in celebration of the Prep School's 125th Anniversary. From 12noon until 3pm you can enjoy a selection of sandwiches, cream tea and cake, tea or coffee and a soft drink of your choice in the pleasant confines of the Whitmore Suite. Raffle prizes will be available but additional donations would be greatly appreciated. Tables are available for 6, 8, 10 or 12 people and tickets are £25 each. If you'd like to attend this relaxing and enjoyable event, please call Beryl Wise on 07740980822 or email wizzos@aol.com. Further details are on the leaflet at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sport

Athletics

Despite the early morning rain, the first mixed training session of the season started in earnest on Saturday with over 150 budding athletes honing their skills in anticipation of fixtures starting next week. All parents are warmly invited to support next Tuesday, when the girls compete against Southend High School and on Wednesday, when the boys face Westcliff High School.

Cricket

The cricket season began with some fine individual and team performances on Saturday against Bishop Stortford College. Rishi Patel recorded the first century of the season making 101 in the First XI total of 194-8. In reply, they were bowled out for 124 to record a 70 run win. The Second and Under 15XI both recorded narrow losses with some promising performances, including a five-wicket-haul for Arun Sumithraashri (Second XI) and 53 scored by Vishane Mendis (Under 15A).

The Under 14A and B teams recorded extremely convincing victories by 9 wickets and 105 runs respectively. Tom Howard took an incredible 5 wickets for 1 run in the Under 14B team victory. Both Under 13 teams lost in competitive matches against Felsted Prep School. The Under 12XI began their summer campaign with an impressive victory over Felsted Prep. Brentwood batted first and following a century opening partnership by Jayhden Prabarkhar (53) and Thinod Don Balage (82 not out), amassed 224 for 1 wicket in their allotted overs. In reply Felsted were bowled out for 77.

This week, I was delighted to award some honours caps for performances recorded last summer. Jacob Knightbridge received his cap for scoring 103 versus Bancroft's in the Essex Cup and for taking 5 wickets for one run versus Helena Romanes again in the Essex Cup. Ethan Norris was awarded his cap for scoring an unbeaten century versus Hall Mead School in the Essex Cup. In addition, James Maltby is honoured for his wonderful bowling against Felsted prep, taking 5 wickets for 1 run. We look forward to awarding many more this season.

On Wednesday, the First and Second XI's played the Bishop Stortford High School in a T20 format. Rishi Patel continued his excellent start to the season with 92 off 52 balls in a total of 147-8. With 35 required off the last two overs, victory was thwarted by a torrential downpour to record an abandoned match. The Second XI bowled their opposition out for 83 before knocking them off to record a comfortable victory.

Equestrian Team

Brentwood School's Equestrian team had a resounding win representing Essex at the National Schools' Equestrian Association (NSEA) Competition held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Buckinghamshire, last weekend.

The team won the National County Show Jumping Championships in the 90cm category on a zero score competing against 27 other counties. Only one other team from the county of East Sussex ended on a zero score but they were over 10 seconds behind.

The team of Emma Philpot, aged 14, and Eloise Squibb, aged 11, both from the Senior School, and 10-year-olds Tia Squibb and Ellie Burrell from the Preparatory School, rode exceptionally well with Ellie also triumphant individually on her brilliant pony Miss Chief. Eloise won a further accolade by being awarded the style prize from the 164 competitors in this class. As a result of this win, the four riders will now represent England at the Home International Showjumping Championships in October at Addington Manor Equestrian Centre, Buckinghamshire.

The same team continued a successful day to be placed 5th in the 100cm category. Delighted Team Manager, Mrs Annette Philpot, said she was so proud of the girls. "It was a fitting reward for the girls. Hard work and training prior to the event repeated Brentwood's brilliant win last year in the 80cm and 90cm categories!"

Golf

The School golf team took part in the Independent Schools' National Finals last weekend, held at Prince's Golf Club and Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich. The team, comprising Captain Joe Defries, Ed Brown and Ashley Chalmers, all performed extremely well in very testing conditions against some of the best school golfers in Britain to finish in a very creditable 13th place. Each of the team should be congratulated for their excellent conduct and efforts throughout the competition.

Road to Wimbledon Tennis at Brentwood School

On Wednesday 26th April, 43 pupils from years 7-9 competed in the first round of our Road to Wimbledon tennis competition at Brentwood School. Players advancing through the competition have the chance to progress to the regional finals, where if successful, will then head to Wimbledon to compete on the grass courts at the All England Club. It was fantastic to see a good turnout and it provided a great opportunity for practice ahead of our AEGON tennis fixtures which are taking place this term. Winners from this week will progress into round two next Wednesday, with first round losers contesting the consolation tournament where prizes are still up for grabs! Miss Simpson was extremely impressed by the quality shown and has high hopes for our Brentwood teams heading into the tennis season. [Click here](#) to see a photograph of the Road to Wimbledon tennis competitors on our Facebook page.

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
5th Year	GCSE Business Studies Revision Sessions	28/04/2017
6th Form	Iceland Geography Field Trip October	24/04/2017

> [Click here for the Parent Portal](#) 

Yours sincerely
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Brentwood School

Open Morning



Saturday 10th June 2017 | 9.30am - 1.30pm

#ShapingLives



This is your invitation to meet our pupils and teachers and explore our grounds, sporting facilities and boarding houses.

Preparatory (ages 3-11)

Tours start at 10am.
Headmaster's presentation
begins at 11am.

Senior (ages 11-16)

Tours at 9:30am & 10:30am.
Headmaster's presentation
at 10:30am & 11:30am.





FoBS Afternoon Tea

**Celebrating the Prep School's
125th Anniversary!**

**12noon - 3pm, Tuesday 13th June 2017,
Orsett Hall, Prince Charles Avenue,
Orsett, RM16 3HS**

Tickets are £25 per person and include a selection of sandwiches, cream teas and cakes, tea or coffee plus a soft drink.

Tables are available for
6, 8, 10 or 12 people.

There will be raffle prizes and any donations towards this will be appreciated.

Call now to book your place

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