



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Notwithstanding the grey skies and dark weather, the atmosphere in the School has been lightened by a stream of visitors for scholarship interviews. It is really heartening to meet such a large number of outstanding candidates, and I hope our offers next week will lead to many happy children in and around Brentwood.

On Wednesday evening, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year, cooked in School by our excellent caterers, and we are looking forward to a great Year of the Rooster. Rehearsals for our Middle School Production of "Lord of the Flies", which is being performed next week (with two separate casts!) are in full swing, and I hope to see both casts in action.

I greatly appreciated the many positive responses to last week's newsletter when I emphasised the plethora and variety of links we share with the community. I am sometimes astonished at how active and engaged our students are – long may it continue!

Academic Endeavour Award

I would like to announce this week's winners of my Endeavour Award. This is a prize 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. The winners are:

Felix May in the Fourth Year for his efforts in History. He has recently completed his Second World War research project, which allows students to follow a line of interest themselves. Felix chose to research the role his family members played in the Second World War. By using family archives and artefacts, he constructed an excellent outline of the roles played by different members of his family. Not just biographical in nature, this project detailed the contribution that they had made to the wider outcome of the war. Having run this project for a number of years now, this was one of the most interesting projects that the History Department has come across, and it demonstrated a great deal of personal time and commitment.

Rachel McDermott in the Upper Sixth for her work in the Biology Department for the essay she wrote on 'The important molecule for life.' In the essay, Rachel argued that the iron in the Earth's core was most important molecule due to the magnetic field it induces that protects the Earth from much of the Sun's radiation. The essay was incredibly impressive. It was academic, well written and a genuinely interesting perspective on this important scientific issue.

Congratulations to Felix and Rachel!

Junior Colloquium

At Junior Colloquium this week, Meg Cupples and Jonty Peacock led a well-informed debate on Brexit. The First and Second Year pupils asked poignant questions and the debate ended with a vote, with 24 agreeing that Brexit was a disaster and 14 believing that it is an opportunity. Meg and Jonty led the debate equally well at JSABs on Wednesday with a similar outcome. Next week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, Sixth Form student, Greg Harding will be exploring the government of North Korea. All First and Second Year pupils are invited to attend on Monday in Old Big School at 1.20pm and all Third, Fourth and Fifth Year pupils on Wednesday in the BAC Lecture Theatre at 1.20pm. Early lunch passes can be obtained after Monday's assembly.

European Computer Driving Licence

The following students have completed all of their ECDL modules and have been presented with their certificate by the British Computer Society:

Second Year: Kate Bowie-Britton; Annabelle Hill; Cameron O'Shea; Tanay Sonawane and Eleanor Whiskerd

An Evening of Jazz and Spoken Word

Please come and join us for 'Cool for Cats', our inaugural evening's entertainment of Words and Music on Thursday 23rd February in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. A collaboration between the English and Music Departments of Brentwood School, this evening will feature a selection of fun and serious poetry interspersed with small ensemble jazz performances. Poetry will be read by a number of staff and pupils and the jazz performed by the Blue Moon Jazz Quintet and the Junior Jazz Quintet, both under the tutelage of Head of Jazz, Mr. Matthew Sulzmann. Come and relax with sultry blues, thought-provoking poetry and a glass of wine in the interval.

Tickets are priced at £5 per adult, (students do not have to pay for tickets). Please use this link for tickets <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cool-for-cats-an-evening-of-jazz-and-spoken-word-tickets-31679398935>

We look forward to seeing you in the audience.

"Lord Of The Flies"

The Middle School production of "Lord Of The Flies" takes place on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. Tickets are £6 per adult and £4 per child. The link for tickets is [here](#).

Once reserved, your tickets will be sent to the email address given. These can either be printed and brought with you or shown on a mobile phone/device on the night.

Our directorial intention is to thrust you onto this hellish island with these stranded children; to present their living nightmares and to confront you with their demise into animalism and brutality. Our decision to use thrust staging presents a further challenge for the young actors, who are grappling with this timeless and well-known script adapting from William Golding's original novel, as well as enhancing the immersion of the audience.

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 tomorrow, Saturday 4th February at 7pm. (doors open at 6.45pm.) There are a few remaining tickets for this amazing concert which are priced at £10 per adult and £5 per child. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 McConaughie – awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

News from the Remotest Island in the World

Last year, Mr Street spent six months at Brentwood School teaching in the Geography Department before setting off on an adventure of a lifetime: teaching in a school on an island 2000km away from the nearest settlement. Below is an email that he sent after his first few weeks there.

*Dear students and staff of Brentwood School,
Greetings from Tristan da Cunha - officially the world's most remote inhabited island.*

I have had the great pleasure over the last year of being able to work in two special places, firstly at Brentwood School and now on an island in the middle of the South Atlantic. The school here is tiny – just 26 students between the ages of 3-16. Therefore, I am involved in teaching all students in class sizes that vary between 2-8 pupils. Indeed the whole island population is only 265 people. As well as teaching my subject, Geography, of course, I'm also responsible for games lessons and a subject called Tristan Studies which is basically the history of the island.

The island is a British overseas territory and as such the people speak English and spend pounds. It is a bit like a home from home, but being in the southern hemisphere it is summer right now. There is no airport so the only way to reach the island is by sea, which takes approximately 8 days from Cape Town. Furthermore, there are only 8 scheduled ships a year to the island, but it really is not that isolated. I can watch BBC 1 and 2, so I never miss Match of the Day to see how West Ham Utd are doing! Plus the island has plenty of spectacular wildlife like penguins and albatross, the night sky is really clear, and the other weekend I became an international football player by playing for the island team against a visiting Royal Navy ship. Unfortunately we lost 1-0 but maybe that was a good thing as if we had won the Navy would have complained that the island team had fielded an illegal player.

Finally, I have such fond memories of my short but productive time at Brentwood School, working alongside many great teachers and students. So good luck, take care everyone and keep up the good work.
Mr Street

Friends of Brentwood School Curry Night

Tickets are now on sale for the very first FoBS curry evening being held at the award-winning Maharaja Restaurant in Benfleet on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm. This is a chance to relax, socialise, and enjoy a fun night out with excellent food, good music and the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause. Tickets cost £25.00 per head and the evening will consist of a welcome drink and four-course buffet menu. There is a fully licensed bar, dance floor, raffle and DJ. Further information is available on the [FoBS page of the School website](#) or by emailing Mr John Killilea on JLK@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Ultimate Activity Camps and Schools of Sport

Ultimate Activity Camps and Schools of Sport are returning to Brentwood School this year with their fun and engaging holiday programmes, with plenty of new activities for 2017 including more arts and craft, initiative games and dance sessions. Ultimate Activity Camps offer exciting childcare 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 for details and their latest offer - you can also call them on 0330 111 7077 (local rate).

Schools of Sport offer girls and boys inspiring sports coaching academies during the school holidays and an outstanding opportunity for children to receive first-class, hands-on coaching from leading coaches and sports stars! Their dates are: Half Term: Athletics Academy with Dean Macey 30th & 31st May; Summer: Netball Academy with Melissa Hyndman 22nd to 24th August. To book, please visit www.schoolsofsport.co.uk or call their team on 0330 111 9077 (local rate). Further details can be found on the [holiday activities page of the school website](#).

Brentwood Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

On Saturday 11th February at 7.30 pm. in the Wessex Auditorium, Mr. David Pickthall MBE will conduct the Brentwood Philharmonic Orchestra in a Concert of Stage, Film and TV Music. Music will include the Die Fledermaus Overture, The Avengers, The Saint and The Simpsons. Tickets are priced at £15 per adult and £6 for under 18s and are available at www.brentwoodphil.org.uk (booking charges may apply). Please see the poster attached to this Newsletter.

Sport

Cross Country

At Wednesday's Year 7 and 8 Essex Schools' Cross-Country Championships, each pupil gave their all and ran to the best of their ability in incredibly challenging conditions. A particular highlight and congratulations goes to Olivia Dowman who finished fourth in the Year 7 girls' race, progressing to represent 'Team Essex' in the Inter Counties Cross-Country Championships on the 25th March. Aston Leaver (22nd), Ollie Curtis (38th) and Imogen Pohl (44th) also ran incredibly well to finish in the top 50. Well done to all runners.

Fencing

Following the Eastern Region Youth Fencing Championships, Ben Nagelkerke, U16 Boys', Folayemi Akinyosoye, U14 Boys' Sabre, Faith Child, U18 Girls' Épée and Jai Anilkumar, U16 Boys' Sabre won bronze medals. Tom Woolterton, U18 Boys' Sabre won silver while Captain of Fencing Harriet Evans, U18 Girls' Épée and, rising starlet Maddy Gale, U14 Girls' Foil, won Gold in their respective category. In total, 14 fencers qualified to fence in the British Youth Championship Final in May.

Football

On Friday, the Under 12s travelled to City of London School for five fixtures. Brentwood performed extremely well winning three, drawing one and losing one. The Under 12A team performed well with Henry Smith scoring all four goals in a 4-1 win. The Under 12B team also won comfortably with three goals coming from Ovie Jeyibo in an outstanding centre forward performance. The performance of the day was the under 12E team who won 8-0 with a very confident team performance.

Saturday saw the traditional fixture block with Bedford Modern as 15 fixtures were played. Brentwood showed its dominance winning 14 of the 15 games. All five Senior teams won convincingly and perhaps the performance of the day was by the 5th XI who continued its excellent form with a fine 5-1 victory. The Second XI also impressed with a 6-3 win with goals coming from Man of the Match Thomas Penney (3), Henry Larke, Charles Bacon and Sam Robjohns. The Under 15B team won 11-0 with its biggest win of the season. In what was a terrific team performance, Brentwood dominated from start to finish. Stand out performances came from Oliver Overton with a hat-trick while goals also came from Vishane Mendis, James Willey, Tom Adams, Samuel Blundell (2) and Alex Houston (2).

The Under 13A team also bounced back from the disappointment of the ISFA semi-final loss with a 9-1 win. Diego Robinson (3), Jake Griffiths, Ethan Norris, George Mandie, William Reed, Theo Newton and Joshua Argent scored the goals. The Under 12C team was the other notable winners as it ran out 9-0 victors after a great team performance, including stand out displays from Angus Hampson, Alex Macdonald and Seun Fashesin-Souza. On Wednesday, the Third, Fourth and Fifth XI faced St. Columba's in three exciting fixtures. Brentwood won all three fixtures with the Third XI winning 3-0 following a hat-trick from Louis Bassett. The Fourth XI won 5-1 with four goals coming from the impressive Tommy Wheeler, taking his tally to six goals in his last two performances. The Fifth XI won 5-0 as Man of the Match, Toby Fordham scored four.

Hockey

On a misty Wednesday afternoon, the Under 14Bs played Alec Hunter Academy in an exciting, closely-fought friendly. The first half was very close indeed, as both teams worked hard to keep possession and attack. Some fantastic hits in to space, in particular by Emma Hirst, enabled a few attacking and skilful runs, especially by Eleanor Griffiths. Louise Bender as goalkeeper made a couple of excellent saves to protect the score and the half ended 0-0. Alec Hunter Academy came back strongly in the second half, intercepting a pushback and attacking with determination to score and secure a 1-0 win. The Players' player, nominated by the opposition was Captain, Emma Hirst. Coach's Player was Esha Parmar, for her outstanding play in defence.

Karate

We are delighted to report that Elle Pasmore and James Henderson have once again been selected to represent England at the National Championships in Sheffield on the 12th February.

Karting

We are delighted to report that Team Karting, comprised of Callum Brooks, Iaroslav Kovalev and Ethan Brooks have now qualified for the 2017 London and South East Regional Final to be held at Buckmore Park in May after an outstanding display of driving in murky conditions at Brentwood Raceway on Wednesday evening.

Netball

On Saturday, we played five matches against Forest winning 4 and drawing 1. The Under 12A team worked tirelessly and demonstrated some excellent skills throughout the game. Due to injuries, Sadie Wood stepped up to play GD, she led by example as Captain and worked with great determination, flair and a competitive spirit. She was ably supported in mid court by Kirsty Dewar, who was rightly awarded Coach's Player, and helped ensure a dominant 17-9 victory.

The under 12B team demonstrated equal aptitude on court, playing with fluency and a high skill level. Olivia Hiller shot with great precision to be awarded Players' Player while Isobel Crichton demonstrated good vision to earn the Coaches' Player accolade and contributed to a fine 25-4 victory. The Under 14B team beat Forest 25-1, a great result from a very competent and able team. Melanie Griffiths was chosen by the opposition as Player of the Match and Millie Chart, who performed exceptionally well throughout the game, was awarded Players' Player by her own team. Frankie Collins had an exceptional game in defence to gain the well-deserved Coach's Player.

The Under 15A team was victorious following a 32-10 win, with Grace Parrish excelling. The Under 15B team drew 20-20 in a compelling game of end-to-end netball. Aimee Mayhew was outstanding in attack as her commitment and effort were second to none and saw her deservedly named as Player of the Match. On Monday, the Under 14 and Under 15 teams enjoyed resounding victories against Moulsham. The Under 14 team worked well throughout and remained focused and disciplined. Lauren Ager and Lauren Burgin's movement and timing on the court were exemplary for the Under 14 team, while Evie McKnight's shooting was particularly impressive for the Under 15s. The under 13 squad played against Ursuline in the MESSA league and won 17-13 following outstanding play by both Heather Young in defence and Fiona Crosby in attack.

The First VII enjoyed a competitive match against Highgate on Wednesday afternoon. Brentwood enjoyed a solid start and took an early lead in the first quarter. However, in the second quarter the girls lacked the clinical execution in their build up play which allowed Highgate back into the game. By the third quarter, the girls were back on top and demonstrated some excellent moves up the court to secure a 26-13 victory. Player of the Match was jointly-awarded to Lucy Patchett for her excellent work rate after returning from injury and Lauren Boyle for her performance at both wing defence and centre. In the second VII game, Athena Knight and Rebecca Ashford were in inspirational form to ensure a 21-17 win while Nicole Harvey was awarded Player of the Match for her part in a convincing 16-8 win for the Third VII.

The Under 14B team beat Burnt Mill in the Essex Cup quarter-final on Thursday. Elizabeth Olaiya, Anya Lewonowski, Nell Griffiths, Charlotte Lloyd and Annabel Eastwood were identified by their opposition, team mates and coaches' respectively for being influential throughout the game. The Under 13A team lost in the ISNC plate quarter final to Forest School. A very fast and furious game, fought gallantly by both teams, resulted in a narrow defeat. Fiona Crosby had an excellent game, demonstrating good timing and positioning but could not prevent Forest's progress to the next round. The Under 14A team played a strong and athletic Southend B team in the quarter finals of the Essex cup winning 20-12, following a well-contested game. Sarah Dawe was outstanding in defence and read the game beautifully to thwart many SHSG forays.

Swimming

In Tuesday's District Relay Gala, we are delighted to report that all boys' and girls' teams won their respective competition against local rivals St Martin's, Ursuline and Beckett Keys. We are also pleased to report that the following swimmers competed at the Essex Counties; Frankie Collins, Matthew Prince, Mide Olajide, Angus Robertson (who recorded a collection of PBs), Jacob Stephen, Josh White, Emma Willy, Olivia Dowman and Hannah Collett who secured a Bronze medal in the 4x50m freestyle relay as well as a PB in the 200m free. In

Thursday's local gala versus Cooper's and Bancroft's, the performances of Millie Osman and Rohan Van De Merwe were amongst many highlights in an excellent night of swimming.

Water Polo

On Monday, we played hosted to the Under 16 London League Prelims. After a slow start losing to City of London 5-4, the team responded superbly to record excellent wins over Haberdashers', 6-3, and King's Grantham, 2-1. Jack Warman was rightly awarded the Player of the Tournament accolade after scoring 11 of the 12 Brentwood goals!

Squash

All students are invited to attend squash training with professional coach Mr Jake Byrne. Interested pupils should contact Mr Byrne at ByrneJake@brentwood.essex.sch.uk for more information

Cycle coaching and development at the Redbridge Cycling Centre

The School has received information about February half-term coaching sessions at the Redbridge Cycling Centre and details are on the attached flyers.

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

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Yours sincerely

Ian Davies
Headmaster



David Pickthall MBE

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February Half Term At Redbridge Cycling Centre

Novice Go-Ride Skills – 13th or 14th February 13:00-16:00

Fun skills in our coaching area for ages 5-10 concentrating on basic cycling techniques (must be able to ride without stabilizers).

Intermediate Go-Ride Skills 16th February 10:00-13:00

Basic skills development, partly in the coaching area and then on the circuit for riders who have completed the

Advanced Go-ride Skills 17th February 13:00-16:00

Further skills development on the circuit for riders who have completed the Intermediate Go-ride skills course. Ages 8+

Introduction to Mountain Biking (MTB) 15th February 10:00-

13:00 Suitable for riders who have limited off road experience.

Age 8-14

Introduction to Road Racing — 16th February 13:00-16:00

Suitable for riders who are competent and would like to try road racing bikes. Road bikes can be hired from the Centre. Age 8-14

Introduction to BMX - 13th February 10:00-13:00 or 15th February 13:00-16:00

Suitable for competent cyclists who wish to try BMX, this course is an introduction to basic techniques needed to ride the BMX track safely.

BMX Follow Up — 17th February 10:00-13:00

Suitable for riders who have completed the introduction to BMX course or who have basic BMX skills, this course will concentrate on improving riders skills and preparing them to race.

Courses are all held outdoors so please be prepared for inclement weather. Refunds will only be given for course cancellations by the centre.

To book please call 0208 5009359, with payment by debit or credit card. A parental consent form is also required prior to the session.

All sessions cost £10.00 per child. Bikes are available to hire for an extra £5.00.

Courses start promptly so please ensure that children are signed in 15 minutes before the start.

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