



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

We look forward very much to welcoming an unprecedented number of visitors to our Open Morning tomorrow, and I take this opportunity to thank you for your promotion of this event to all who might be interested. By the time you read this, the results of the real General Election will be widely known, and you may be interested to compare these with our School election results held earlier this week. You will see how each year group voted in the table below:

Brentwood School General Election vote 2017

	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	6 th Form	Total
Conservative	76	64	55	13	94	107	409
Green	33	13	18	32	15	15	126
UKIP	11	13	20	31	22	28	125
Labour	24	7	18	19	14	17	99
Liberal Democrat	12	8	29	3	7	33	92

Later in this newsletter you will find details of several events later this term, but I would like to draw your attention to the First and Second Year production of "Peter Pan" next week, and the use of iPads information session on Monday 19th June for parents of First to Third Year pupils. Please come along to both events if you can.

Academic Achievement Award

The Headmaster's Academic Endeavour Award this week was presented to Anita Doal, in the Lower Sixth Form, for Science. She has worked tirelessly to edit and produce the school Science magazine 'The Catalyst'. This involved meeting many tight deadlines, writing and proofreading articles and managing a large team of students. This was completed with excellent maturity and fantastic determination.

Junior Colloquium and Junior Sir Antony Browne Society

This week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, Sixth Former students, Louise Bottom and Eleanor Pritchard, led a very interesting talk entitled 'Is performance more powerful than literature?' The pupils engaged with their ideas and ultimately agreed that literature is more powerful than performance.

Next week at both groups, Second Year pupil Zipporah Ejemai is asking the question 'Is homework really necessary?' This will no doubt fuel a lot of debate! Junior Colloquium on Monday and JSABs on Tuesday will both meet at 1.20pm and both in the BAC Lecture Theatre.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Lower Sixth Form student, Harry John, who has won first prize (and £100!) in the Year 12-13 category of the University of Oxford's 2017 Spanish Flash Fiction Competition in which he had to write a story in Spanish in no more than 100 words. His story has been printed on Oxford's MML Faculty website: www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/news/2017/06/06/spanish-flash-fiction-competition-2017-results

Well done, Harry!

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

We believe in developing responsible, independent and resilient digital citizens. Our successful iPad trial has led to the planned introduction of iPads across the Senior School from September 2017.

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, 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; Mrs Newby 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.

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 have been issued and I attach to this newsletter a copy of the Open Morning invitation again.

This is one of our best opportunities to explain to and show prospective pupils and parents what we do. If you know of anyone who might be interested in coming along, please continue to 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 and as you know, there is no need to give advance notice. Your encouragement would be much appreciated.

Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 15th June, we will be having a Non-Uniform Day for St Luke's Hospice, in memory of Terry Clowser, former Head Gardener at the School. Students should bring in £2 to give to form tutors. Please remind yourself of the School policy (stated below) regarding appropriate clothing for both boys and girls on non-uniform days.

Non-uniform day clothing guidelines

Non-uniform day is a chance for pupils to wear their own clothes and express their own style. However, non-uniform day is still a normal day in lessons and because of this, clothing must be school appropriate. We, at Brentwood School, expect children to dress in clothes that are conducive to focused work and that will not impede them in their daily routine. Although the pupils are not in uniform, they still represent the School, and because of this their clothing should be respectful and suitably smart.

Helpful Guidelines

- Clothing should not be revealing
- Shorts or skirts/dresses should not be above mid-thigh
- Bare midriffs are not appropriate
- Shoulders should be covered
- Necklines on boys and girls should be suitably demure.
- Underwear should not be visible.
- Shoes should be sensible and conducive to school life.
- T-shirts should not bear any offensive or potentially distressing images/slogans.
- Pupils should wear smart casual clothes, and as such, sports kits are not appropriate unless they are competing in a school sports fixture.
- Long hair must be tied back for certain activities, such as Science, PE and Technologies.
- If jewellery is worn, it must be removed in subjects such as Science and Technologies, in order to avoid potentially hazardous situations around technical equipment.
- Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Very loose or flowing clothing may be potentially dangerous in technology subjects, especially when working with machinery. Because of this, pupils should take into account the subjects which they will be studying during the day, and choose their outfit accordingly.

Any pupils failing to adhere to these guidelines, at the Headmaster's discretion, will be sent home to change. If you have any questions or concerns please contact either form tutors or Miss Moore-Bridger, School Charity Co-ordinator, on FMB@brentwood.essex.sch.uk.

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 Ditmore, 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!

Junior Musical – Peter Pan

The Performing Arts Department is excited to invite you to this year's Junior Musical, Peter Pan. Since being published in 1904, the story of Peter Pan has captured the imaginations of children and adults everywhere. Featuring an original script, score and choreography, we will whisk you from the concrete jungle of London to the magic of Neverland, where you will swim amongst mermaids, fight the pirates and dance with fairies. Expect incredible singing and huge dance numbers in our creative retelling of this much-loved tale. Suspend your imagination and ask yourself; do you believe in fairies?

Performances will take place on Thursday 15th June, Friday 16th June and Saturday 17th June at 7pm. in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are nearly sold out on Thursday, Friday and are completed sold out on Saturday. They are all priced at £10 for adults and £6 for children. We look forward to seeing you in Neverland. [Please click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Peter Pan Rehearsals – Saturday 10th June

As the production approaches, we are keen to utilise as much rehearsal time as possible. With this in mind, we have scheduled a whole cast rehearsal for every pupil who is involved including the Band, to take place after Open Morning. We anticipate the rehearsal will finish at 5pm. Please could pupils bring suitable clothes to change into which will allow them to move easily and also bring a packed lunch.

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

Athletics

Unfortunately, inclement weather put paid to the Girls' fixture v Fitzwimarc and Coopers' Coborn on Monday but the boys' fixture on Wednesday prevailed in blustery conditions. Ethan Cooper threw well to secure second place in the shot put, Theo Newton jumped well to record a PB in the high jump while Rohan Van Der Merwe jumped superbly in the long jump. On the track, Seun Fashesin-Souza and Fiz Jaiyesimi ran well in the 100m and hurdles respectively to secure excellent victories.

We wish the Inter Girls every success as they compete in the Regional Final at Watford on Friday. The following week the Inter and Junior Boys also compete at Watford in the same competition, while the Junior Girls will be at Bedford International Stadium on Thursday. Good luck to all athletes.

Cricket

The bad weather has curtailed the majority of fixtures so far this week. The Under 14A team did manage to play their Essex Cup quarter-final against Southend County High School. A rather wayward fielding performance with two critical catches being dropped, put Brentwood under pressure. Chasing 132 for victory, the team lost careless wickets until a thrilling seventh wicket partnership between Mason Murray and Surya James got Brentwood in a winning position. With 8 runs needed off 4 balls, all looked under control but tight bowling saw us finish two runs short.

The Under 12 B team began its campaign against St Martin's School in the MESSA Cup on Wednesday night. Brentwood set 104 for victory and some incredible fielding and tight bowling restricted the opposition to earn an eight-run victory. Perhaps more impressive than any of the playing performances was the captaincy of James Jupp who led by example, involving everyone in the game and ensuring a really positive atmosphere throughout. There is no doubt that such leadership saved many runs in the field. An excellent example of the Spirit of Cricket.

Swimming

After recovering from illness, Amelia Moule surpassed all expectations to qualify for the Nationals in the 100m and 200m backstroke and 800m freestyle after winning gold in the 800m freestyle and silvers in the 200m and 100m backstroke at the Regional qualifiers. Well done Amelia.

Showjumping

Brentwood's equestrian team racked up some considerable mileage over the half term break. On Sunday 29th May, two teams travelled to Hickstead in Sussex and competed in the NSEA National Eventer Challenge. The 70cm team consisting of Sophie Philpot, Niamh Mills and Imogen Pohl came 5th, with Imogen being placed 4th individually, and the 80cm team consisting of Emma and Sophie Philpot, Imogen Pohl and Grace Parrish achieved 4th, with Emma being placed 5th individually. All of the riders were fantastic and despite the teams missing out on a podium position in this competition, they certainly went to the next one with determination.

Brentwood School had an amazing and unbelievably successful day jumping at Wix Equestrian Centre in the Inter-Schools' Show Jumping Competition which was also a NSEA Championship Qualifier. The 70cm team consisting of Imogen Pohl, Sophie Philpot, Niamh Mills and début rider Jessica Lee won and qualified for the National Championships. Individually in this competition, Imogen was placed 1st and Jessica 3rd but, Brentwood did not stop there.

The 80cm Blue team, consisting of Emma and Sophie Philpot, Grace Parrish and Imogen Pohl also went on to win and qualify and the 80cm white team consisting of Imogen Pohl, Jessica Lee and Niamh Mills was placed 6th. They all rode fantastically and, in addition to the team successes, Emma was placed 1st, Imogen 3rd, Sophie 4th and Jessica 5th individually. To finish the event off the 90cm team, consisting of Sophie and Emma Philpot, Grace Parrish and Jessica Lee also qualified by coming 2nd but, given the team's win earlier in the season at the County Championships, they had already received the 'golden ticket'.

Tennis

On Friday 26th May, the Under 12A boys' tennis team played its last AEGON fixture against New Hall School. In extremely hot conditions, Brentwood adapted to the high bounce on the hard courts at New Hall. First seed, Harry Thomas, led by example with a convincing win against New Hall's first seed. Unfortunately, Brentwood's remaining singles and doubles matches were closely defeated, losing narrowly. In a well-fought fixture, Brentwood now wait to find out how they have positioned in their AEGON league.

On the same day, the Under 12 boys' B team played Westcliff High School For Boys, in a thrilling match. With first and second seeds, Josh Argent and Aaron Adams losing narrowly in their singles, Jacob Stephens and Seun Fashesin-Souza ensured Brentwood was back in the game by winning both their singles, comfortably. Brentwood then faced the doubles matches where it won one and lost one, resulting to a tiebreak shootout as the decider. The second and third seed, Aaron Adams and Jacob Stephen, fought well with inspiring determination and passion to win the match 10-6. A fantastic match with great tennis being played.

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
2nd Year	Field Day Shakespeare Event in School July	09/06/2017
3rd Year	Battlefields Trip July Parents Meeting Information	05/06/2017
3rd Year	Powerpoint for Battlefields Trip July Parents Information	05/06/2017
3rd Year	Senior Football Tour to Miami August 2018	09/06/2017
4th Year	Morrisby Careers Advisory Programme	08/06/2017
4th Year	Senior Football Tour to Miami August 2018	09/06/2017
5th Year	Senior Football Tour to Miami August 2018	09/06/2017
6th Form	MFL Study Visit to Oxford June	09/06/2017



Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Silver DofE Ashdown Forest Boys Assessed Expedition	08/06/2017
Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)	Bronze DofE Girls Assessed Expedition 2017	06/06/2017
Extra-Curricular	Manchester Football Tour Kit Request	09/06/2017
General Correspondence	House Athletics and Charity Day June	06/06/2017

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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.

