



Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

School returned on Tuesday after a warm Bank Holiday weekend, to the sad news of the sudden death of recently retired teacher, John Killilea. Mr Killilea was well-known to many pupils at the School. Highly regarded and widely respected, he was a real gentleman; kind and thoughtful, sensitive to the needs of others and always keen to help.

A former Great Britain International Basketball player and an excellent Athletics Coach, Mr Killilea was Housemaster of East House, Examinations Officer and then Director of Co-Curricular activities. He was a fine teacher of Mathematics, and his coaching of Athletics has led to the appearance of Brentwood School teams at Track and Field finals for several successive years. We remembered Mr Killilea at the assembly on Tuesday morning, and his wife, Wendy, and children, Freya and Nathan, remain in all our thoughts and prayers.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at St. Peter's Church in South Weald at 1pm. I understand there is limited car-parking at the church.

Our Fifth Year students embark on Study Leave tomorrow, and we wish them every success in their GCSE examinations.

Academic Enrichment Clubs

This week at JSABs, Lower Sixth Biology students, Tom Haward, Kimberley Punwani, Maksim Ivanov and Lisa Yeh, led a presentation and discussion entitled 'The Perils of Plastic.' All who attended left the meeting determined to think about and reduce their use of single use plastics. It was certainly food for thought! Next week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs the Head of Upper Sixth, Mr Higgins and Lower Sixth form student, Alice Grundy, are going to be fiercely debating the pros and cons of vegetarianism. There is no doubt it will be hotly contested. Junior Colloquium, which meets on Monday, is open to all First and Second Years and JSABs, which meets on Tuesday, is open to all pupils in the Third and Fourth Years. Both meetings are held in the BAC Lecture Theatre at 1.20pm.

All Second Year pupils are reminded that they should now be finishing the Headmaster's Award. The six challenges need to be completed and signed off in the booklet. The final deadline is Monday 4th June when booklets need to be given into Mrs Sharpe. In connection with this, Second Year pupils, Millie Usher-Tollan, Jessie Gunning and Grace Dinning have organised a Charity Dance Off on Wednesday lunchtime at 1.20pm in the Memorial Hall. There is a £1 entry for what promises to be an impressive Dance Off, with 10 teachers participating. Proceeds are going to Cancer Research UK.

Single Use Plastics

The School is working hard to reduce the amount of single use plastics that are used in the Catering Department. We have already replaced disposable dessert pots with a reusable alternative and paper straws will replace the plastic variety. Next week, we will launch a scheme in the Tuck Shop to allow customers to get a discount on speciality coffee if they use their own cup, which will reduce the number of disposable cups we use. If your son or daughter has their own disposable cup, please encourage them to bring it in to School!

Brentwood School Learning Community

This Wednesday, Mrs Gorsuch delivered the second of her informative workshops on Revision Techniques for parents of First – Third Year pupils. Her presentation covered everything from judicious stationery choices to specific revision strategies. You can find a copy of her presentation and resources [here](#).

All Learning Community events are designed to give parents a flavour of the richness of our curriculum or to focus on giving parents a helping hand in successfully supporting their children through the challenges of adolescence. All events take place in the BAC Tuck Shop and begin at 6.45pm with tea and coffee unless stated otherwise.



To book any of these please follow instructions in the table below. You will also receive a letter via InTouch for each event with further details. If you have any questions regarding the content please do not hesitate to contact Ms Dina Porovic, Director of Teaching and Learning (dnp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk).

Date	Event	Booking Details
Wed 16th May 2018	Human Universe Lecture 5 - Controversial Artists (Mr Cooper)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Mon 4th June 2018	Human Universe Lecture 6 - Ancient Democracy (Mr Clark)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Wed 6th June 2018	EPQ/Extended Essay Pupil Showcase	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Tue 19th June 2018	iPad Basics for Parents	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Romeo and Juliet on the Open Air Stage

Romeo and Juliet will take place on Tuesday 12th June at 6pm on the Open Air stage and will showcase the talent of twenty-five actors from across the age range. Music, singing and dancing will launch Shakespeare's characters and the audience into the heart of a 21st Century Music Festival. The tragic love story will play out over ninety minutes with Sixth Formers Laura Maddison and Max Golledge in the title roles. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and £3 per child. Adult and child tickets can be purchased [here](#).

You are warmly invited to bring picnic blankets, chairs, snacks and drinks so you can relax and watch an outdoor performance on a summer evening. There will be seating provided as an alternative and our usual refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting Shakespeare event.

Choral Evensong

The next service this term will be: Junior Girls' Choir – Thursday 17th May at 5pm. Refreshments are served in the BAC Tuck Shop area afterwards. Please contact Revd. Dr. Adrian McConnaughie on awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk if you would like to attend, so that he can cater accordingly.

Chapel Service – Pentecost Sunday

There will be a special service on Sunday 20th May at 11am. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and so there will be suitable refreshments afterwards to celebrate. The service will involve some music from the choir and the baptism of the son of an Old Brentwood.

Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation service on Sunday 24th June at 3pm in Chapel. The service will be led by the Bishop of Colchester and there are two pupils and an Old Brentwood being confirmed as well as some members from a local church. Please contact Revd. Dr. Adrian McConnaughie; awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk if you are able to come to any of these services.

NCSC Courses for Students

The National Cyber Security Centre, part of GCHQ, is offering free places on courses, both residential and non-residential, for students from 11 to 17 years old. The courses are designed to introduce students to how cyber security operates and how systems and software are developed to prevent cyber-attacks and cyber-crime. Please see the following link to the courses available: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyberfirst-courses>. Participation in these courses could help support an application for a GCHQ bursary to study cyber security at University.

Pupil Achievements

Lower Sixth Form students delivered an excellent presentation to the Rotary Club of Brentwood this week, concluding their project on the possible expansion of the Club. It was actually quite a daunting prospect to present recommendations on improvements to the Club to a group of thirty Rotarians, yet all pupils were very confident and engaging. Most notably Cameron Maddock is to be commended for his excellent drive and leadership, Alice Lee for her excellent presentation skills and intelligent response to questioning and Shwetha Sivaraman for her mature and well-researched contributions to both the presentation and report.

GCSE/GCE Examination information

Please click on the Exam Documentation link to access the examination documents, including the policies and procedures, which all students need to read prior to the start of their exams. These documents will be kept up-to-date, during term time. The responsibility for knowing the content of the policies and procedures is incumbent on the students. Anything not covered by the information found in the link, should be raised with the Exams Office via examsoffice@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Athletics Academy with Dean Macey, May Half-Term

Join former decathlete and Olympian Dean Macey this May half-term for two days of inspiring coaching at our first-class athletics track. The Athletics Academy will develop each athlete in all aspects of field and track in a fun and inspiring environment. Sessions with their excellent coaches and with Dean give each athlete the opportunity to make improvements in disciplines they already have skills within as well as develop new skills. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your child to take part – Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th May - £98.50 (two days) when booked by 14th May.

Stage Crazy Summer School 2018 at Brentwood School

Stage Crazy, now in its 18th year at Brentwood School, is pleased to announce the dates of their Performing Arts Summer School. This is open to all students from 4-17 years old who have an interest in developing or exploring their hidden talents in acting, singing and dancing. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with their team of experienced professionals with a show at the end of the week.

The course takes place **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th July 2018** 10-4pm daily. To enrol your child please go to their website and download the application form at www.stagecrazytheatreschool.co.uk, contact them on [07591 208326](tel:07591208326) or by email: accounts@stagecrazytheatreschool.co.uk

Sport

Athletics

Well done to all our National Track and Field athletes who competed in the first round of the championships on Thursday at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford. Both junior teams won their respective competitions while the Intermediate teams finished in second position. At this stage all teams will progress to compete in the regional finals later this month. In terms of individual successes well done to Amelia Moule, Taaliyah Foster, Obinna Nkwocha and Seun Fashesin-Souza who all scored over 40 points each in their respective events.

Cricket

With the arrival of the sun came a flurry of cricket matches. On Saturday, we played a block of twelve matches versus Berkhamsted. Five of the twelve matches were won. The A team fixtures were well contested with some significant performances. The First XI batted first, losing wickets steadily until William Steinberg (55) and Isaac Raj steadied the innings, finally setting 168 for victory in 45 overs. William Steinberg completed his Man of the Match performance with 3-22, the remaining wickets were shared by the spinners and Berkhamsted collapsed to 102 all out. Wins were also recorded by the Under 15A team and the Under 13A team who chased down their target of 111 with great maturity to win by 4 wickets. Wins were also enjoyed by the Under 13C team and the Under 12A side. William Howard held the Under 12A innings together with an undefeated 81, batting right through and setting Berkhamsted 130 for victory in a 25-over contest. The well drilled Under 12A team fielded and bowled well to bowl their opponents out for 102 and earn a convincing 27 run victory. A backlog of cup fixtures saw two important cup matches being played simultaneously on Wednesday. In the

National Independent Schools' Cup, the Under 17s played New Hall. Batting first Brentwood set a challenging target of 184 for victory, Captain Robin Das dominated the innings on a turning pitch, top scoring with 88. New Hall set off with great purpose and at 99-1 with 18 overs remaining looked well set but the introduction of the spin duo of Isaac Raj (5-20) and Surya James (4-8 on debut) alongside some exceptional catching, saw an incredible collapse and New Hall bowled out 69 runs short of the target. At the same time the Under 19 team played Robert Clack in the Essex Cup. Matthew Fox contributed 4 wickets for just 10 runs as Robert Clack were bowled out for 89 – this total was quickly chased with Cameron Lindsay scoring an unbeaten 50 to secure an excellent win.

Fencing

Many students competed at the British Youth Championships at the Institute of Sport in Sheffield over the bank holiday weekend. Rosa Xu, Haliya Alagbada, Ben Nagelkerke, Jack and Joshua Elsworth all put in a good effort but lost in their first elimination round. Matthias Milki, Sophia Jones, Kavinan Pathmanadan, Valentin Ivanov and Matthew Goodwin all did well to win their first elimination round, but sadly lost in round two. Folayemi Akinyosoye, Ian Ho and Jacob Leslie were in fine form to reach the fourth round of the tournament. Ian ended in 9th position in the Boys' Under 16 Sabre and all-rounder Jacob achieved 9th in Boys' Under 12 Epee and 16th in the Boys' Under 12 Foil. Folayemi finished 11th in Under 14 Boys' Sabre, while Maddy Gale fenced well to reach the quarter-final where she met the eventual winner of the tournament to finish 6th overall in the Under 16 Girls' Foil.

Gymnastics

Brentwood's mixed gym team finished 5th in the National Floor and Vault Final in Stoke on Sunday. The team consisting of Will Loader, Glebs Ribzamens, Thomas Howard, David McGill, Madeline Millar and Amelia Blee can be incredibly proud of their efforts and we look forward to building on their success next year.

Swimming

Congratulations to Amelia Moule who has been selected for the Regional Open Water Swimming Camp in June. Last weekend, Amelia competed in the London Region Senior Swimming Championships at The London Aquatic Centre. Amelia came away with some fantastic results, but the highlight was being crowned Regional Champion in the 100m backstroke. Well done, Amelia!

Tennis

A busy week of Tennis saw the Year 7/8 boys' B tennis team win a superbly fought match against Lister Community School in their first round of the AEGON league, with all boys winning convincingly with consistent scores of 6-0 and 6-1. A special mention goes to Owen Rohmany and Nicholas Ingle for their debut appearance in the AEGON B team. The Year 7/8 girls' team consisting of Evie Jarman, Araminta Smalley, Olivia Hiller and Olivia Argent saw yet another tense and nail biting match against strong opposition, Bancroft's School. With two wins and two losses after the singles round, Brentwood were going in to their doubles with open minds and positivity to attempt to gain victory. Unfortunately, both doubles pairs lost both matches 2-6 which resulted to a 2-4 defeat. Well played to all the girls who played an excellent level of tennis. This week, the first round of the Under 14 Road to Wimbledon begun, with over thirty pupils competing in this exciting event with the opportunity of progressing on to the finals and playing at the prestigious Wimbledon Tennis Club. Congratulations to all who competed their first matches on Wednesday evening and well done to those who now progress in to the next round.

Letters for parents are located in the Letters Home area on Google Drive for which this is the link. Please save it to your bookmarks!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bx56Kfjsy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>

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