



Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

At this time of year, the Lower Sixth start to “step up to the mark” in the sense that they are now our most Senior students in the School. This was most evident on Monday evening at the parents’ evening for Lower Sixth formers, and I am pleased that this was such a constructive and pleasant experience for all concerned.

The stunning performance of ‘Romeo and Juliet’, performed on the outdoor stage, featured many students in the Lower Sixth Form. They acted with their usual combination of energy, skill, flair and commitment. It was excellent to see the outdoor stage and surrounding lawns used to such good effect. This was a wonderfully enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday, the Junior Chamber Concert, which was also held on the outdoor stage, proved to be an inspiring evening of thrilling performances from our superbly talented musicians. They were challenged by the wind, which added an additional element of uncertainty to proceedings!

Fortunately, the wind died down to enable our new Praepostors to gather in Roden Garden for a drinks reception after Chapel on Thursday evening. They are excited about their forthcoming year in office, and will have to be first-class if they are to emulate the success of our current Head of School, Mary Hirst, and her outstanding team.

Academic Enrichment

My Academic Endeavour Award was given to three students this week who exceeded our high expectations in terms of their effort and commitment to extending and enriching their learning. Chani Merrell in the Lower Sixth was commended for her recent work in Maths which explored the complexities of using trigonometric functions during integration. Kimberley Punwani, also in the Lower Sixth, was credited for her superb editorship of the recent edition of the School Science magazine, Catalyst, and Seun Fashesin-Souza, received a reward for his role as editor of the iPad review video which was presented to all teaching staff at the recent Ideas Fayre. My congratulations to them all.

Brentwood School Learning Community

The last of our Learning Community events takes place on Tuesday 19th June. This event will provide parents with an opportunity to master a few digital basics of iPad use, plus some more advanced ‘tricks’ that will give the illusion of technical ‘wizardry’. Hopefully, by the end of the session, you will become more familiar with the various tools that we, and your children, use to support teaching and learning. We will be joined at the event by two Apple Education Trainers, Nicki Wise and Joe Moretti, who will lead sessions, share their expertise, and help to answer questions.

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
Tue 19th June 2018	iPad Basics for Parents	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk



Academic Enrichment

This week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, Sixth Formers Ben Nagelkerke and George O'Neill, in connection with STEM week in the BAC, asked the question 'What is the sum of all natural numbers?' Their enthusiasm for Maths was evident and they explained effectively why the answer defies our logic. Our final meetings of Junior Colloquium and JSABs of this academic year happen next week with a review of the year and feedback from the Leiston Abbey trip. The Junior Colloquium is open to all First and Second Years and JSABs is open to all pupils in the Third and Fourth Years. Both meetings are held in the BAC Lecture Theatre at 1.20pm.

Headmaster's Award

On Wednesday 20th June the Second Year pupils who successfully completed the six challenges of the Headmaster's Award have been invited to tea at Roden Garden. The afternoon will start in Old Big School at 4pm and the students will then be escorted to tea, finishing by 5.30pm. My congratulations to all in the Second Year who have shown such great commitment and determination to complete this Award.

Life Skills

First Year students had a few lessons on Puberty as part of their Life Skills on Friday 8th June. Please talk to your children about the topic and contact Mrs Rajani if you have any concerns or would like further information KDR@brentwood.essex.sch.uk.

Summer Promenade Concert 2018

It is our tradition to end the year in style with the hugely popular Summer Promenade Concert. 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. This year the concert takes place on Friday 29th June, the evening before Speech Day, and will showcase all of our musical ensembles, celebrating another magnificent and varied year of music making.

Jonathan Akerman, ready to embark on his musical career with a coveted scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, will perform the virtuosic and under-performed Séjourné Marimba Concerto accompanied by our acclaimed String Orchestra. Following another prolific year, the Brentwood School Big Band will feature in an extended set performing, amongst other Big Band Classics, the Charles Mingus classic, 'Nostalgia in Times Square'. Vocals from Andrew Onwude and Bethany Sargood will be complemented by improvised solo features for Rodi Donhue-Hibberd, Karla Odendaal, Alfred Seaton, Jonathan Akerman, Charles Getting and Greg Harding.

The concert will provide a truly varied musical feast and we look forward to the ambitious and celebratory choral works of Mendelsohn and Stanford, as well as original choral arrangements by Maris Lam and Rebecca Hawkins. The concert will end with our Symphony Orchestra, led by Head of School, Mary Hirst, paying tribute to a 'Last Night of the Proms' atmosphere, featuring the superb Bernstein Aria 'Glitter and Be Gay' sung by Amelia Smith and culminating in a rousing performance of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance and, of course, The School Song.

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 which takes place during the day on Thursday 28th June in the Courage Hall. A rehearsal schedule will be published shortly. We look forward to seeing you at the Prom!

First Year Showcase

The First Year Showcase takes place on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th June in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. Each Form will take part in a performance directed by their teachers during their Drama, Dance

and Music lessons. This is a fantastic opportunity for our youngest pupils to exercise their creativity and to begin to develop the confidence and performance skills that will continue to grow throughout their time at Brentwood School.

Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and £2 per child and, due to the large number of pupils taking part in this event, tickets are limited to two per participating pupil in the first instance. All remaining tickets will go on general sale immediately after half term. Adult and child tickets can be purchased [here](#). We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting evening of Drama, Dance and Music.

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 McConaughie; awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk if you are able to come to any of these services.

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. The course will culminate with a show at the end of the week.

The course takes place from **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 or by email: accounts@stagecrazytheatreschool.co.uk.

Ultimate Activity Camps

A reminder that Ultimate Activity Camps are running their exciting multi-activity and adventurous survival (new) holiday camps at Brentwood School this summer for children aged 4 to 14 years.

Visit their website for dates, details and to make bookings: www.ultimateactivity.co.uk or call 0330 111 7077 (local rate)

Sport

Athletics

This week saw all teams compete at the prestigious District Championships. With over 50 students winning medals all competitors were an absolute credit to the School, performing to their very best, for which they should be very proud. Unfortunately, at the time of going to print we are still awaiting full results. However, to conclude the day's proceedings, two trophies were presented to the outstanding male and outstanding female performance of the day. It was a great honour that both trophies were presented to Brentwood students. Well done to Amelia Moule who won the Victrix Ludorum and Obinna Nkwocha who won the Victor Ludorum trophies respectively. Amelia won gold in both the 1500m and the Javelin while Obinna picked up gold medals for winning the 100m and Shot Put. Next week, all being well, we will be able to provide a report on the full results, along with a report from Monday and Tuesday regional finals.

Cricket

This week we played Chigwell in a block of six T20 fixtures, resulting in four wins, one tie and one loss. The First XI tied their match after chasing 102 for victory. Jack Levy took 4 for 9 with the ball and Henry Deacon, on 1st XI debut, top scored with 27. Both Under 14 sides dominated their matches. The Under 14 A team scored a massive 236 for 4 in their 20 overs, Jacob Knightbridge scoring a blistering 67 off 26 balls. In reply, Chigwell scored 132-6 with Louis Hardy taking 3-25. The Under 14 B team chased 131 for victory and won by 9 wickets with Elliott Gravett top scoring with 51 not out. Thinod Balage Don recorded the first hundred of the season

in the Under 13 A victory, playing some classic strokes in a final score of 160-4 with Chigwell falling 40 short of the target. The Under 13 B enjoyed a close 14 run victory to complete an enjoyable day.

This week has seen both the Under 13 A and Under 12 A teams compete in the Quarter Finals of the Essex Cup. Both teams recorded comprehensive victories over Barking Abbey School by 10 and 7 wickets respectively. They will contest their semi-finals next week. The Under 15 B team narrowly lost in a high run chase against St Martin's in the MESSA cup falling 2 runs short of a target of 182. The Under 13 B side progressed to the MESSA finals by chasing the St Martin's total of 88 to achieve a 2 wicket victory.

This weekend sees another busy Saturday with us entertaining two teams in a block of 11 fixtures. In the morning the Under 13 and Under 12 teams play University College School and in the afternoon we host Felsted. We wish everyone great success.

Tennis

On Tuesday, the combined Year 7 and 8 boys' B AEGON tennis team played Coopers Coborn School to decide the winner of the league. In a well fought match, Brentwood were unfortunate to lose both singles and doubles against a strong opposition. A fantastic level of tennis was played by Sam Walsh, Sam Pryor, Nicholas Ingle and Owen Romhany and they should be pleased with their achievements this season. This week, our Third and Fourth Years have enjoyed a "Team Challenge" event against New Hall School which involved a round robin doubles competition. Next week, Brentwood School look forward to hosting the Mid-Essex tennis competition.

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!

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