



## Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome our new students on Wednesday, and if you visit our [photo gallery](#) on the website and on our [School Facebook page](#) you will see photographs of many of our new pupils on their first day.

As usual, this summer has provided three days of excellent examinations results to celebrate. The International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) results were published in July, and our students achieved 37 points on average. Our highest scorer, Kristina Tovstik, achieved 45 points, the highest possible score, and has a place at University College, London, to read Psychology. Jiaqing Low (42 points) will be taking up her Cambridge offer in September.

Six out of the 28 students achieved over 40 points, and there were strong performances from some students with weaker GCSE profiles, who still gained places at good universities. All 28 students were awarded places at Russell Group/Top 20 universities.

At A Level, more students achieved A\* grades than ever before (14.9%), and 44.4% of grades were A\* and A. Combined with IB Higher Level subjects, 48.6% of grades were either A\* or A, or 7 or 6. The average UCAS points profile for a student leaving our Sixth Form is A\*AA.

76% of students gained places at their first choice university, six into Oxford or Cambridge and five into Medical Schools.

These results reflect really well on all of our students and their teachers, and, as our students become part of the wider community of Old Brentwoods, I wish them continued success and happiness.

At GCSE, students performed exceptionally well, with the proportion of students achieving A\* grades higher than ever. Eight students achieved a full set of A\* grades and thirty-three students achieved a full set of A\* and A grades.

Congratulations to all students who sat public examinations. They have set very high standards of commitment and determination for our younger pupils, who, I am sure, will rise to the challenge this year!

### **Introductory Meetings September 2017/2018**

I was pleased to meet all parents of our Fifth Year pupils at their Introductory Evening yesterday. All parents of pupils in other years are also warmly invited to meet their child's Head of Year and Form Tutor at the beginning of the new School year. All the meetings will commence in the Wessex Auditorium followed by an opportunity to meet their form tutor in a more informal setting afterwards.

#### **September**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	4th Year Introductory Meeting, Wessex Auditorium, 7pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Year Introductory Meeting, Wessex Auditorium, 4.45pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3rd Year Introductory Meeting, Wessex Auditorium, 7pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lower Sixth Introductory Meeting, Wessex Auditorium, 7pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1st Year Introductory Meeting, Wessex Auditorium, 7pm

### **Brentwood School Learning Community**

We warmly invite you to come along to our parent-centred events designed to build a sense of community, showcase some of the fascinating lectures of our Human Universe (HU) course and give you an opportunity to explore your role as parents of teenagers. All events start at 6.45pm with tea and coffee available before the lecture/seminar begins at 7pm.



This term the events are as follows:

<b>Monday 4th September 2017</b>	<b>CEOP - Parent Information Evening - in the Wessex Auditorium</b>  <b>(Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> – U6th pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 2nd October 2017</b>	HU Lecture 1 - 'Mapping our World' - From Ptolemy to MRI Scans (Mr Quartermain)
<b>Tue 10th October 2017</b>	Talking Teens Workshop  (limited numbers)
<b>Tuesday 21st November 2017</b>	HU Lecture 2 – Empty Spaces and Crowded Places – Understanding Modern Art (Mr McAuliffe)

There will be further information sent out via InTouch preceding each event but, if you are interested in attending, please contact Miss Butterfield: [ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) to register your interest. All events are free unless otherwise stated.

## Letters Home to Parents on Google Drive

Many parents have told me how outdated our parent portal, FROG, is, and so I'm delighted to say that we will now be posting letters home on Google Drive, which means they can be viewed on any device, without the need to log in. Letters will be uploaded during the week and referenced in this newsletter. I encourage you to keep track of new letters that are added to your son or daughter's year group folder. Letters that reference trips yet to happen will be transferred over. The Google Drive folder can be accessed by clicking [this link](#).

FROG also used to be the go-to place for staff contact details, these are now available from the School website at [www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/staff-profiles](http://www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/staff-profiles). Over the next six months, we will be testing a new app which will allow further functionality for parents to view timetables, update contact information and much more. I will be in touch with further details when we are ready to trial this.

## Launch of Brentwood School Learning Development Clinic – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

As we seek to develop and extend our support for boys and girls on the SEN register, we are launching a Saturday morning clinic which will be run by Mrs Quartermain (Learning Development Department). This clinic will operate in the Bean Academic Centre and sessions will run from 9am – 12pm. We hope that this will provide an opportunity for some pupils to receive a little additional support whilst continuing to attend as many lessons on the curriculum as possible. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with Mrs Quartermain on a Saturday morning as we are acutely aware that it can be difficult to come into School during the working week.

Those parents wishing to benefit from this new initiative should contact Mrs Quartermain directly to formally enrol their son or daughter for all or part of the morning sessions. It is important that pupils then commit to attending regularly.

Mrs Quartermain may be contacted on [FMQ@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:FMQ@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) or 01277 243370

This is just one of a number of ways that pupils can access support and it provides an additional opportunity for parents to meet with a member of the department. It supplements rather than replaces our existing provision

## Fee Invoices

Where you have advised the Bursary ([Pupilbilling@Brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Pupilbilling@Brentwood.essex.sch.uk)) that you have not received your fee invoice (emailed to you in late July), a copy invoice will be emailed out to you next week. In these circumstances, as long as payment is settled promptly on receipt of the invoice, we will not impose a late payment surcharge. Thank you for your patience.

## Tuck Shop – New pupils

Access details to activate your ParentPay account for pupils new to the School will be posted out in the next two weeks. You will then be able to top up your child's account to enable them to purchase from the School's cashless Tuck Shop.

## Trips and Activities During the Summer Holiday

I have received excellent reports from trip leaders of all the trips in the summer holiday, which were as follows:

Department	Destination	Dates	Year groups
Rugby	South Africa	6 - 23 July	3rd & 4th
Music	Slovenia	9 -14 July	3rd to U6
CCF	South Africa Wilderness trip	20 July to 10 August	U6
Football	Manchester	25 - 27 August	5th, L6, U6

## House Music Competition

The first major event of the School Year, and one that features more student participants than almost any other, is the House Music Competition. This year's Competition takes place on Wednesday 20th September, starting at 6.15 pm. in the Courage Hall.

It is our tradition to invite distinguished professional musicians to adjudicate the House Music Competition [previous adjudicators have included Nick Ingman (Shakespeare in Love), Ladies in Lavender/Last of the Summer Wine composer Nigel Hess, the late Ron Goodwin (633 Squadron, The Battle of Britain), Rick Wakeman, the renowned keyboard player and Mark Armstrong the much acclaimed jazz trumpeter. It gives us great pleasure this year to welcome Conductor, Performer and Music-Educator Robin Browning. Robin is an established conductor with a proven track record of electrifying performances, a comprehensive repertoire and an engaging approach with orchestras and audiences around the world. Praised as an "expert musician and conductor" by Sir Charles Mackerras, he is a passionate advocate for music and for the arts in general. Since making his début with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at London's Barbican, Robin has conducted the Hallé, the English Northern Philharmonia, the Northern Sinfonia, the Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Ensemble Intercontemporain, the St. Petersburg Festival Orchestra and the Estonian National Youth Orchestra. Robin is passionately committed to the training of younger musicians and has guest-conducted orchestras at both Trinity Laban Conservatoire and Guildhall School of Music and works regularly with young conductors at the University of Southampton.

Pupils are already rehearsing a Partsong, Ensemble and Unison Song, and we can guarantee an exciting evening's entertainment. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are £5 for adults, (children of school age go free) and we can supply a maximum of four tickets per family. To book your ticket please [click here](#).

This is traditionally an extremely popular event and it is difficult to accommodate last minute requests, so

please ensure that you apply early. We do hope to see you in the Courage Hall; doors open at 5.30pm.

### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme plays an important role in the co-curricular life of the School and, over the next two weeks, it will be launched to pupils during their assemblies. We are holding our Parents Information Evening at 7pm on Monday 18th September in the Wessex Auditorium. The purpose of this evening is to explain how the Award is organised and to give you the opportunity to meet the members of staff running the different levels and ask them any questions you might have. This year, as a new departure, we are also going to have a short talk by Mr Neil McAllister, of the Kinetic Podiatry Clinic, based at the Brentwood Centre, who will talk about common foot injuries on expeditions and ways of preventing them. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the evening and Mr McAllister will be available at that time to talk to parents on an individual basis. Further details can be found in the folder titled 'DofE Information Evening', which is located on [Google Drive](#). To allow for appropriate catering to be arranged, please return the reply slip in the letter to the Headmaster's Reception by 12th September.

### Work Experience Placements

Lower Sixth Form student, Joey Grogan, secured a highly sought-after work experience position within the City of London's Legal Work Experience Programme this summer and has sent me the following account of his time on the placement:

"In July I fulfilled a week long work placement in the Solicitors department within the City Of London Corporation in the Guild Hall. Throughout the week I worked alongside various Solicitors and Barristers situated in different departments, I had a chance to meet the Comptroller himself, who is the head of the entire legal department, as well as working alongside the business manager within the corporation. I had the privilege of going to court with them several times and sitting in on a meeting in a Barrister's Chambers. I also viewed a murder case in the old Bailey, which to me was the most interesting experience of the week.

The work placement in general gave me a huge insight into the atmosphere of the legal working environment, and further developed my interest in studying Law. My overall experience was varied, it ranged from watching a small crime prosecution against street sellers of sugared peanuts on the Millennium Bridge to sitting next to the family of an alleged murderer in the Old Bailey, or even visiting a Magistrates court watching a case on bank fraud, it was a very interesting week, and I've been invited back next year."

If your son or daughter has completed an interesting work placement please ask them to let me have details for publication in a future newsletter.

### Old Brentwoods

Grace Carswell (2005-2012) (has been awarded a First Class Degree in Classics from King's College London.

Robert Eady (2000-2014) has been awarded a First Class Degree in Computer Science from Cambridge University.

Matthew Hyslop (2006-2013) graduated with a BEng 2:1 (Product Design Engineering) this year from Loughborough University and will continue studying at Loughborough to gain an MSc in Engineering Design. His sister, Julia (2009-2016) has completed her Foundation Degree at Ravensbourne achieving a Distinction and is starting a BA Textiles degree at Chelsea College of Art (UAL) this month.

George Lewis (2003-2014) has also been awarded a First Class Degree in Physics from Oxford University

Louise Nash (2012-2014) has graduated from University College London with a First Class Degree in biochemistry and her sister, Jessie (2012 – 2016), after taking a GAP year, will commence her Psychology degree at Exeter this month.

John Stowell (2009-2011) received a First Class result in his Third year English examinations and, as a consequence will be made a Scholar of St John's College Cambridge in November – a prestigious achievement. In addition he has been awarded a Wright Prize, conferred on those who achieve the top third of First Class results across the University, and an Alfred Hall Prior Scholarship.

Olamide Alawode (2005-2012) has been awarded a Lower Second Class Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience with Psychology and Joel Pullum an Upper Second Class Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science in Zoology both from Aberdeen University.

Very well done to all our Old Brentwoods!

### Brentwood Theatre

I am the Chairman of Brentwood Theatre Trust, a registered charity which owns and runs our local theatre situated just across the road from the School. Each year, the venue sees over 250 performances of dance, music, drama, theatre schools and each Christmas the Theatre produces a children's show.

Last Christmas saw a production of the story of Alice in 'Through The Looking Glass' and this winter Brentwood Theatre Company are proud to be presenting 'Narnia'.

On a journey beyond the wardrobe, this musical retelling of the C.S. Lewis classic 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', we see four English schoolchildren travel to a magical realm covered in snow and ice. Befriending some talking animals, they come to the aid of Aslan, The Great Lion in his battle against The White Witch.

With some performances already starting to sell out, you can purchase your ticket by calling the Box Office on 01277 200305 or going [to our website](#). More details are on the attached flyer.

With cast travelling from all over the country, spare rooms are being sought and if you could accommodate an adult from 19th November to 30th December (with 24th-26th off over Christmas), that would be a huge boost to the production. Please contact the cast co-ordinator Mrs B Foreman, on 01277 230833 or [bex@brentwood-theatre.org](mailto:bex@brentwood-theatre.org) if you can assist.

### Sport

#### Brentwood School Sport Twitter

Follow the Brentwood School Sport twitter account @Brentwood\_Sport for 'live updates' and 'information only' on Brentwood School sports events.

#### IAAF World Athletics Championships

During the summer break, ten of our pupils were fortunate enough to 'kit-carry' at the World Athletics Championships. Please see below an excerpt from Scott McKenzie's experience (please see the next edition of the Brentwoodian for more extensive pupil reflections)

"We kit-carried on four different days during the final week of the Championships, the Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. My favourite day was our first day as it was so busy and we had the anticipation of what was

to come. We met in the afternoon at Shenfield station and the fun started as we all had lots in common. When we arrived at Stratford we headed straight to the stunning Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. It was a very wet day and it was funny when we had to take pictures for our ID and we laughed at how our hair looked! We received our uniform and headed through accreditation towards the stadium. Everyone was excited and wondering who we were going to meet. Our first event was the 3000m women's steeplechase. My stomach was filled with butterflies as I was wondering whom I was going to get? And what happens if I do something wrong? But my nerves were settled when the lady I was kit-carrying for gave me a smile that really settled my nerves. That was my highlight from the week. Then later on in the night Freddy Topel was lucky enough to kit-carry for Mo Farah!!!! I was really happy for him. Little did I know this was only the start of the fun and amazing experience."

### Football

The annual Senior football tour took place at Manchester City FC over the final weekend of the school summer holiday. The 28 selected pupils trained at the Etihad Campus which in itself was an amazing experience for all involved. On the first day, the squad undertook two intense training sessions with the Manchester City academy staff with famous names such as Gabriel Jesus and Sergio Aguero watching on. The second day involved a morning training session with the Manchester City staff where pupils showed excellent application despite the previous day's double session. The afternoon saw the squad venture to the red side of Manchester to watch Manchester United beat Leicester City 2-0.

Sunday saw Brentwood take on local club, Egerton Town FC in two excellent fixtures. The First XI squad managed to win 4-1 following goals from Charles Bacon, Joe Quick, Thomas Takar and Dominic Clatworthy. The Second XI also put in a very impressive performance winning 7-1 with goals from Louis Bassett (2), Edward Matthews, Daniel Peakall, Bradley Marshall and Joseph Macdonald (2). This was also the final fixture played by Louis Bassett and Joel Callen, we wish them all the best for the future.

The final part of our tour was the traditional tour awards in which Jack Brown won First XI Player of the Tour, Edward Matthews won Second XI Player of the Tour and Nathaniel Porterfield won the Tourist prize for contribution to the tour. The tour was a huge success and we thank Manchester City FC, Inspiresport, the staff and most of all the pupils involved for ensuring that it ran with such success.

Jack Brown, Dominic Clatworthy and Joseph Macdonald all attended the Oakham Academy Tournament where they represented ISFA in a competition against a number of professional academy sides.

A number of Old Brentwoods have continued to make fine progress over the summer. Flynn Downes was selected for the England U19 Squad for fixtures versus Poland and Germany after making his full debut for Ipswich Town FC against Birmingham City FC and has continued to impress. Brentwood also boasted three Old Brentwoods competing in the same EFL Cup match when Ipswich Town played Luton Town with Flynn Downes lining up against Elliot and Olly Lee in a very competitive match. Daniel Johnson was also selected as a first round pick for Chicago Fire in the MLS and has gone to make a number of appearances throughout the season. George Dobson made the move from West Ham United FC to Sparta Rotterdam who compete in the Dutch premier division; the Eredivisie. George has cemented his place in the starting line up over the first few fixtures of the season and we wish him all the best as the season progresses. Charles Clayden has progressed to Leyton Orient's young professional scheme and has impressed in a number of U18/23 fixtures.

### Go Karting

Back in July, the Karting team of Callum Brooks, Ethan Brooks and Iaroslav Kovalev competed in the British Schools Karting Championships. In typical racing style a number of bumps dented the team's hopes of triumph but did not deter their passion and determination to be victorious. Subsequently, we are delighted to report that the team were crowned as National Champions!

## Schoolsport.com

Please be reminded that our own branded [www.schoolsport.com](http://www.schoolsport.com) page is the best place to find updated fixture information. This is a site used by many schools as means of informing pupils and parents of sports fixtures, team sheets and results. You can access the page by going directly to [www.brentwoodschoolsport.com](http://www.brentwoodschoolsport.com) or from the fixtures and results page of our website, where you can also read notices and updates about weekend fixtures every Friday afternoon.

## Squash

All pupils are invited to receive group squash coaching with Mr Jake Byrne an experienced UKCC Level 2 qualified England Squash and Racketball coach. As such any interested pupils should refer to the letter which can be found in the Co-Curricular folder on the parent portal.

## Swimming

We are delighted to report that Amelia Moule swam in the Nationals over the course of the summer break. She swam the 200m backstroke and finished in 5th place following a 1 second PB. In the 100m back she won a silver medal with nearly a 3 second PB on the day and subsequently she has been re-selected for the England swimming camp in October.

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>

I wish all pupils and parents a very enjoyable and successful term.

Yours sincerely



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# Dates and Times

<b>School's Performances</b>	
Weekdays 5-19 December	9:45am & 1:30pm
<b>Public Performances</b>	
Saturday 9 December	2pm & 6pm
Sunday 10 December	2pm
Saturday 16 December	2pm & 6pm
Sunday 17 December	2pm
Tuesday 19 December	6pm (Relaxed)
20 - 23 December	2pm & 6pm
27 - 30 December	2pm & 6pm

# Prices and Booking

**Tickets:** Adults £15, Concessions £14. For groups of ten or more and for wheelchair users please telephone the box office.

**Online:** Book at [www.brentwood-theatre.org](http://www.brentwood-theatre.org). Booking fees apply. For groups of ten or more and for wheelchair users please telephone the box office.

**Box Office:** 01277 200305. £1 fee per booking applies. You may purchase your tickets using most credit and debit cards. For an optional charge of £1 your tickets will be posted to you, otherwise you may collect them from the theatre's foyer up to sixty minutes before the show commences.

**Access:** Our venue is fully wheelchair accessible and fitted with a hearing aid loop. If you have any specific requirements or queries please email [bex@brentwood-theatre.org](mailto:bex@brentwood-theatre.org) and we will be happy to assist you further.

Due to fire regulations ALL patrons, including babes in arms, must purchase a ticket. For your child's safety booster seats and carry cots etc. must NOT be put on theatre seats.

# The Story

Join us on a journey beyond the wardrobe for a musical retelling based on C.S. Lewis classic 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

1941 sees four English school children evacuated from their home and stumble across Narnia, a magical realm covered in snow and ice. Along the way they befriend some of the talking animals and mythical creatures who inhabit Narnia. The children are each given a special gift which helps them assist Aslan, The Great Lion, to defeat The White Witch.

# How to Find Us

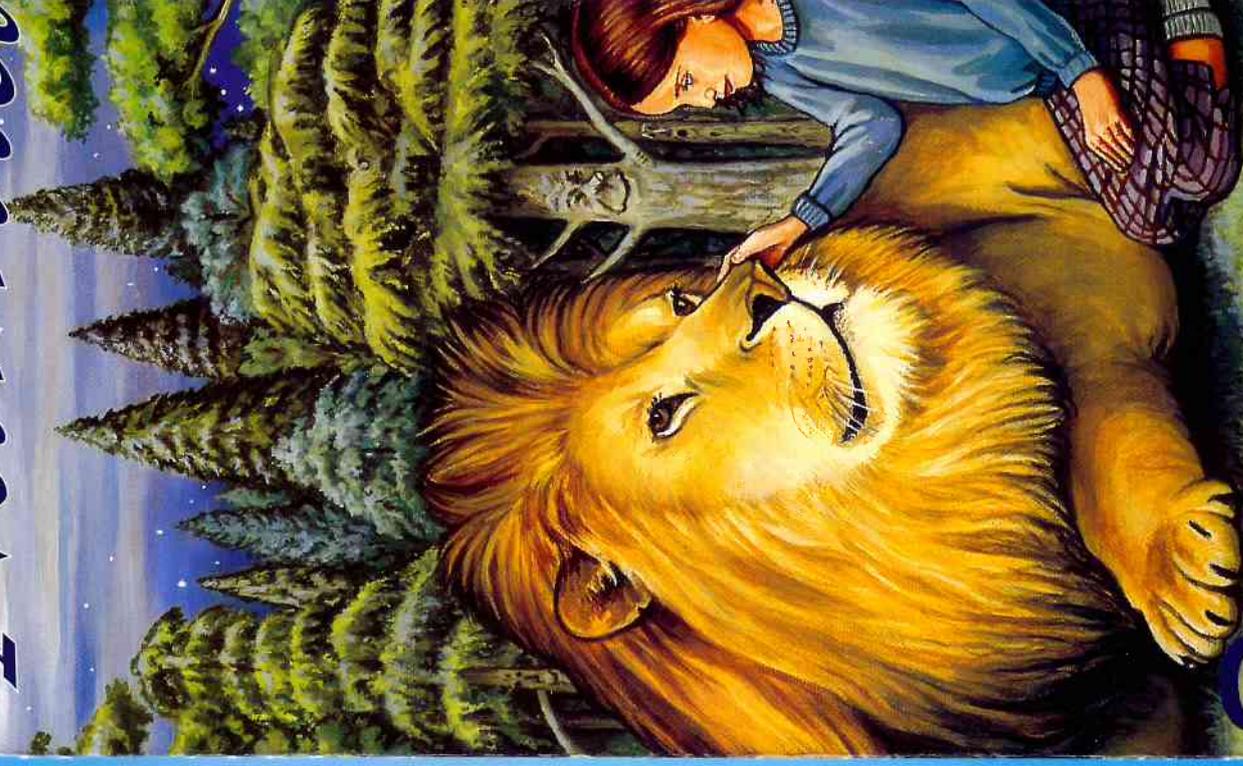
**Directions:** Brentwood Theatre is in Essex, only 18 miles from the centre of London; we have a milestone to prove it!

**By Car:** Take Junction 28 on the M25 and follow the A1023 into the Town Centre via Bennett's Corner. We are situated just past Wilson's Corner, behind the Hermitage.

**By Rail:** We are equidistant from BRENTWOOD and SHENFIELD railway stations on the London Liverpool Street to Southend/Chelmsford lines. We are about fifteen minutes walk from either station or patrons may wish to hail a taxi.

**Parking:** There are two dedicated spaces for disabled visitors only. Parking for other guests is available either in William Hunter Way car park, next to Sainsbury's and only five minutes walk away, or in nearby streets.

# Narnia



Brentwood Theatre Company Presents

# Narnia

Presented by special arrangement with  
The Dramatic Publishing Company, Woodstock, Illinois

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