



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I look forward to welcoming over one hundred Old Brentwoods to the annual reunion dinner to be held this evening in the School dining rooms. It is a great source of satisfaction that so many former pupils choose to keep in touch with their Old School; and Old Brentwoods from all over the world continue to hold the School in great affection, and also, of course, provide help, support and guidance for current students in many different ways.

Next half-term, a series of plays and concerts and excellent sporting performances on cricket fields, tennis courts and on the athletics track guide us towards the long summer holiday. On the first day of the holiday, Sunday 1st July, we are holding a Champagne reception and buffet lunch for all female Old Brentwoods. This is to help us celebrate thirty years since the first girls' form was admitted in 1988. I look forward to seeing several of you there, and ask that you continue to spread the news of this event.

Privacy Notice

Updates to privacy notices will be very familiar to most of you as you will have seen from your email inboxes, which may well be filling up with them. The new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are the reason behind this and the School has updated its privacy policy too. The link to the new document can be found here: <https://brentwoodschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Mainfolder/About-Us/Policies/2018/May-2018/Data-Protection-Notice-May-2018.pdf>. If you have any questions about the way we store and use your personal data, please contact the Bursar who will be happy to help you.

Headmaster's Endeavour Award

I was pleased to give my Academic Endeavour Award this week to Shwetha Sivaraman in the Lower Sixth for her recent essay, written in Spanish, on the topic of feminism in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries. Shwetha went above and beyond the task set to produce a superbly detailed and very well-researched essay, which showed an excellent understanding of the topic. She included a vast amount of evidence to support her views and her use of language was virtually faultless, demonstrating a consistently secure grasp of grammar and an ability to manipulate complex language with superb accuracy. Congratulations Shwetha.

Academic Enrichment Clubs

At Junior Colloquium and JSABs this week, Mr Murley and Sixth Form student, Alice Grundy, debated the pros and cons of getting married. Despite some interesting arguments from Mr Murley, (who was playing the ultimate devil's advocate since he's getting married himself over half-term), almost all of the pupils agreed overwhelmingly with Alice, that marriage was something to be encouraged. After half-term, there is no Junior Colloquium on the Monday as it is Lower School exam week. However, JSABs will meet as normal on Tuesday 5th May when Sixth Formers, Elina Keeble and Kimberly Punwani, will be presenting on 'Earth saving Hacks: the Benefits of Recycling', in connection with Environment Week.

The School Shop

The School Shop closed on Friday 25th May at 2.30pm and will re-open on Monday 4th June at 9.30am.

Brentwood School Learning Community

This week, Mr Cooper delivered his Human Universe Lecture on the subject of "Controversial Artists". As well as being deeply thought-provoking with an interactive live musical flare, it also provided an opportunity for truly erudite discussion on the intricacies of Wagner's life and his music.

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
Mon 4th June 2018	Human Universe Lecture 6 - Ancient Democracy (Mr Clark)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
Wed 6th June 2018 POSTPONED until September 2018 – further details to follow	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

Open Morning – Saturday 9th June

This year's Open Morning takes place on Saturday 9th June with tours at 9.30am and 10.30am, and a presentation from me at 10.30am and 11.30am. Pupils in the First to Fourth Year and Lower Sixth Form are expected to be at School to help as tour guides or demonstrating work in departments. They will hear from teachers as to where they are required if they haven't done so already, but most should be in place from 8.45am to 1.30pm. We always really appreciate the help of current pupils in promoting our School and thank them for their support. They are our best ambassadors!

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's 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!

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

I am delighted to report that our Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants are going from strength to strength. Each year The Duke of Edinburgh's Award organisation calculates the value of the volunteering

undertaken by our participants, based on the minimum wage for under 18 year olds, and, in 2017/18, our DofE pupils spent 4576 hours volunteering in some form to help others, which the DofE valued at £18,532. Of course, this does not take into account the benefit which the participants themselves receive from their involvement in their Award. When young people are criticised for the amount of time spent on social media, it is also encouraging to note that, in addition to their volunteering, they also spent 3,913 hours practising a skill and 4,745 hours on a physical activity.

Our Centre Manager, Mr Carr, and Gold Leader, Mr Lewis, were at Buckingham Palace yesterday to watch Old Brentwoods Tanvi Bagtharia, Reece Hatley-Allen, Daniel Hirst, Ellie Holmes, Renee Jacques, Emily Jerram, Daniel McCarthy, Caolan McConnaughie, Rachel McDermott, Alfie Moore, William Smith and James Warman receive their gold awards from HRH Princess Beatrice and Justine Lucas, a member of the successful England Women's Rugby Team.

Congratulations are also due to Holly Duke, Rishi Gadikoppula, Alfie Hart, Toby Kidd, Cameron Lindsay, Archie Smith and Katie Sullivan who have completed their silver awards and Henry Sessions who has achieved his bronze.

Fourth Year Options for CSU & CCF

After the half-term break a letter to pupils in the Fourth Year will be distributed regarding their choice of Friday service activity in Year 5. With the short half-term there will be a need to respond swiftly so that suitable arrangements for next year are in place. If a pupil wishes to remain in their current service there will be no need for a parental signature and we hope many will choose to continue with their chosen activity so they can continue to develop team-working and leadership skills.

Pupil Achievements

Upper Sixth Form student, Lily Brook, recently won the Senior Prize in the District Rotary Round for the Young Photographic Competition, covering Essex and East Hertfordshire. Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland have 25 Districts, each putting forward their winner to the National Final. I am delighted to inform you that Lily won the National Senior – Young Photographer for 2017/2018 and the judges commented that 'Lily had very good colour, using a good idea, organisational skills, and composition - top notch'. Very well done, Lily.

Congratulations to Fourth Year student, Sarah Blockley, who has made it through to the final of the Young Pea Chef of the Year Competition 2018 with her recipe for Pea Gnocchi with Lemon and Crispy Prosciutto. The competition is now open for the public to vote for their favourite recipe. It would be great if you could support Sarah by voting at www.facebook.com/YesPeas before Friday 15th June. Please share the link with your friends.

This week I was very pleased to present Upper Sixth former, Niamh Donnelly, with the Wade Wimbach Shield for Commitment to Swimming. Niamh has represented the School since starting in the First Year. She has been a consistent volunteer helping organise and run galas as well as assisting the junior swimmers on poolside. As Swimming Captain Niamh has been a great role model for other students encouraging and supporting all year groups. Congratulations, Niamh.

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 Colledge 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.

Chamber Concert on the Open Air Stage

The final Chamber Concert of this academic year takes place on Wednesday 13th June at 6pm. We hope that the concert will be on the Open Air Stage and we invite you to bring rugs, picnics and hampers as you wish.

There will be seating provided as an alternative and our usual refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the Memorial Hall.

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. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and there is no charge for students. Please click [here](#) for tickets.

Those pupils attending the Academic Enrichment trip to Leiston Abbey, will be taken there separately by Mrs Sharpe after the concert. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting evening of music on a summer evening.

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 that crucial creativity and to begin to develop 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 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

Last Saturday, over 200 athletes competed in glorious sunshine as Brentwood boys took on athletes from Southend, Dartford Grammar and Bancroft's. On the track; our congratulations must go to the following athletes who won their respective events, Max Porteous (1500m), Rohan Van De Merwe (1500m), Harrison Clayden (100m), Obinna Nkwocha (100m), Christopher Thompson (200m) and Tom Hodgkinson (200m). While in the field there were victories for James Webb-Wood (High Jump), Max Porteous (High Jump), Alex Haward (Javelin), John Sasere (Discus) and Christopher Thompson (Long Jump). On Thursday, the Fourth Year girls competed against New Hall. The standout performances came from Fern Watts and Emma Philpot who have developed an incredible rivalry over the 80m hurdles. Congratulations must also go to the National Track and Field teams; who have all qualified for the regional finals.

Cricket

Saturday saw us play Forest in a block of 10 fixtures, winning 5 and losing 5. The First XI had a disappointing batting collapse against some solid Forest bowling. 91 was always a low target and Brentwood did well to take

4 of their wickets. Convincing victories were secured by Under 14A and B, and close wins recorded by the Under 13A and B and Under 12A in tight games. The Under 15A side progressed to the next round of the Essex Cup, by beating Felsted in a high scoring encounter. The performance of the week has to be the U12A team's victory over New Hall in their Essex Cup tie. Batting first, Brentwood posted a very challenging 185 for 2 in their 25 overs. Will Howard top scored with a hard hitting 92 not out. Keen fielding and assured bowling saw New Hall bowled out 120 runs short of their target. On Friday, the Under 17 team compete in the Regional finals of the National Cup at Norwich School and we wish them well.

Equestrian

Claudia Moore competed at the Nations Cup Lamprechtshausen, Austria, earlier this week. She was one of 4 riders selected to compete as the British Team secured an outstanding victory. On the final day Claudia was 2nd in the Grand Prix with her Nations Cup ride, Elando. She also won the Big Tour pony class riding Shamrock du Gite. Following on from her success in Austria, Claudia has been selected for Team GB to compete at the Pony Nations Cup, Wierden, Netherlands during the half-term holidays. We look forward to reporting on her performance.

Karting

Christian Lilley enjoyed a great weekend winning the Junior class as the Eurocup meeting in Pomposa. We eagerly look forward to reporting on his future performances.

Swimming

This weekend; Hannah Collett, Jacob Stephen and Priya Dhillon compete in the Junior Regional Championships at Luton. Jacob has a very busy schedule competing in twelve events, Hannah is competing in four events and Priya qualifies in the 50m FC sprint event. This is a fantastic achievement for all three swimmers and we look forward to the results.

Tennis

On Friday 18th May, the Under 12 boys and girls enjoyed a day of competitive tennis at Felsted School. With the Under 12 girls' team consisting of: Evie Jarman, Grace Kingaby, Rhea Mehta and Ruby Chart alongside the boys' team consisting of Emre Keeling, Thomas Gennings, Toby Jones and Jack Leonard, all pupils competed in a doubles competition against numerous competitor schools. It was extremely pleasing to see the Under 12A girls' pair finish third overall and the Under 12B girls' pair finishing fifth. The boys had a large number of teams in their draw, consisting of eleven rounds, and enjoyed a series of strong matches rising to the challenge and played fantastically well, resulting in a number of close matches.

On Monday this week, Brentwood's Under 15 girls' team enjoyed a busy afternoon with two sets of matches against Westcliff A and B teams. All pupils played extremely strong opposition in their first round of matches against Westcliff A, however, they fought with strength and determination, displaying excellent tennis against the Westcliff B team resulting in a fantastic 12-0 win. Congratulations to Evie Jarman, Grace Kingaby, Olivia Hiller, Olivia Argent, Emre Keeling, Harry Thomas, Josh Argent and Louis Hardy who have all reached the semi-finals of the Under 14 Road to Wimbledon. The final will take place on the first Wednesday after half-term, Wednesday 6th June.

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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