



Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

As we approach the final weekend of term, we are starting to look back on a most successful year, which I will try to reflect in my address at Prize Giving tomorrow. Before then, we look forward to a rousing Promenade Concert this evening and our annual Commemoration of Benefactors Service tomorrow morning. Following Prize Giving, there is just enough time for ball gowns and black ties to be donned before we re-locate to Stock Brook Country Club for the annual Sixth Form Ball.

On Sunday, we are looking forward to hosting a Champagne Reception and Buffet lunch for as many female Old Brentwoods as can attend. If the weather holds, this will be a glorious and interesting social afternoon, graced by the presence of former Headmasters, Mr John Evans and Mr John Kelsall, and many other teachers who were instrumental in the transition to a Diamond Structure School. Lots to look forward to in the next few days!

Further into next week we will enjoy our first results day of the summer, when the results of our International Baccalaureate Diploma students are published on Thursday. The next results, A Level results, will be published on 16th August with GCSE results a week later.

The following trips are going out over the summer break and we wish all those participating a very successful and happy time and a safe return to School:

Army summer camp	30th June – 7th July
Cricket Festival, Oxford	1st July – 4th July
Honduras	2nd July – 18th July
D&T/STEM trip	6th July
National Athletics final, Gateshead	6th July – 7th July
RAF Camp	7th July – 14th July
Miami football tour	14th Aug – 22nd August

Introductory Evenings

Looking ahead to the start of the new academic year, I would like to alert you to the Introductory Evenings for parents and pupils. These evenings are an opportunity for you to meet the year teams and to find out the main aspects of the year and we hope that as many of you as possible can join us. Invitation letters can be found in the Letters Home folder in the Google Drive. All the meetings take place in the Wessex Auditorium at the following times:

Fifth Year	Thursday, 6 th September at 7pm
Fourth Year	Monday, 10 th September at 7pm
Lower Sixth	Wednesday, 12 th September at 7pm
Second Year	Thursday, 13 th September at 4.45pm
Third Year	Thursday, 13 th September at 7pm
First Year	Monday, 17 th September at 7pm

Uniform

As we look forward to the new academic year, please check the uniform regulations, which can be found on the School website and the link here: [Uniform Regulations](#). We expect all our pupils to take pride in their uniform and wear it correctly at all times. The staff in the uniform shop are always happy to help and you can also contact Mrs Jenkin or your child's Head of Year if you have any questions.

Digital Leaders visit to the Apple Store

Last Wednesday Brentwood School's Digital Leaders visited the Apple Store, Lakeside for a 'Today at Apple' workshop. Eight students were set a series of challenges that ended with them programming their own



Sphero robot through a self-designed maze. The Apple workshop leaders were particularly impressed by the coding skills of Rokesh Arumugam and Rohan Saha as their Sphero robot glided effortlessly across the Apple Store floor. For photos and video of the event please take a look at the Digital Leader's Twitter feed (@Brentwood_DL).

First Year Drama Showcases Photographs

If you would like to browse and purchase images from last week's First Year Drama Showcases please follow the instructions on the flyer attached.

School Shop – Embroidery Service

The School Shop is now able to offer an in-house embroidery service for all PE kit, bags and blazers. This will offer added security and ease of location if lost. Please see the letter in the 'General Correspondence' folder under Letters Home on Google Drive.

FoBS Winter Ball – Save the date!

The Friends of Brentwood School are holding a Winter Ball on Saturday 24th November 2018 from 7pm-12am at Hamptons Sport and Leisure in Chelmsford. It will be £70 per person, and the ticket price includes a Prosecco reception and three course dinner with wine. There will be tables of 8 available from September 2018. Tickets are available to all parents and staff at the School.

News from an Old Brentwood

Gemma Walton (class of 2015) has been awarded a First Class degree from the University of Warwick in Classical Civilisations. Congratulations, Gemma!

Get into ARTS! this summer at Brentwood Theatre

The Get into ARTS! Festival, Essex's newest arts festival for all ages, is coming to Brentwood Theatre from 23 July to 5 August!

This brand new inclusive and affordable festival has been put together to celebrate the arts and to encourage children and adults alike to get involved through free or low-cost workshops, masterclasses and performances. There's going to be singing, drumming, comedy and acting workshops, relaxed film screenings, SEN music sessions as well as great shows to watch and enjoy.

There will be multiple events each day and the foyer/café will be open every day of the festival so feel free to pop in and see what's happening while you enjoy a drink or your lunch on the benches in our patio area. Further details can be found on the Flyer and Programme attached to this newsletter. Book your places today on the many great activities on offer! Visit www.brentwood-theatre.co.uk or call 01277 200305

Sport

Athletics

Saturday saw the final fixture of what has been an extremely successful year with the boys competing against teams from St Martins, Coopers School, Champion School and Dartford Grammar, with some of the very best athletes, not only in Essex but the Country running, jumping and throwing. Amongst many highlights, particular well done to Alex Kelsey and Ore Fashesin-Souza for their personal best performances in the First Year Javelin competition. There was also a gutsy 800m run from Rohan Van De Merwe which saw him narrowly miss his PB while John Sasere continued his fine form in the Discus and 300m.

Finally a huge well done to all students who took part in sports day on Wednesday. It was a glorious day which saw a number of individual school records broken, most impressive of all was senior 1500m runner Elliot Cordery who front ran the whole race to win in 4m.07s breaking the current school record by 15 seconds. Also

well done to First Year pupil Olivia Sorae who won the inaugural Zoe Thompson cup in recognition of the best female sprinter and congratulations to North House who were crowned the overall winners.

Cricket

Last week the Under 13 and Under 12 teams both progressed to the Essex Cup semi-finals with convincing victories against Barking Abbey. It is worth noting that the Under 12 A team have achieved an unbeaten run of eleven consecutive wins in Cup and friendly cricket. This is the first time that this has been achieved in the past 25 years. Several of the players are now representing Essex including captain Will Howard, who is averaging over 50 with the bat. Several other batsmen, including Evan Ackerman and Harry Douris, have scored fifties in the record breaking season. Also, a key part of the team is Maddie Austin, a seamer, who finished the season with three wickets against New Hall. In early September the team will contest the Essex Schools Cup Final at Brentwood cricket club.

On Saturday we played 10 matches. The First XI were disappointing with the bat against Felsted being bowled out for 83 and this didn't allow the bowlers enough leverage to force a victory despite taking 4 wickets. The Second XI fell short in a daunting run chase of 252 at Felsted. Both the Under 15 A and B sides enjoyed really close finishes but just failed to achieve victories. The Under 14 A team set a target of 156 for victory, Aston Leaver top scored with 63 and we bowled Felsted out 22 runs short - Christian Mootoo taking 3-26 to earn a deserved win. The Under 14b team also chasing 156 for victory, Rishal Narayan guided them home with 67. The junior sides dominated their games with University College School, winning 3 and losing 1. Freddie Wise top scored in the Under 13A victory, while the Under 12A's continued their fine run of form as Alex Pine scored an unbeaten 50 in the Under 12B victory to complete another successful Saturday.

On Tuesday the First XI played at King's Canterbury and on a hard bouncy pitch the bowlers made full use of the facilities. Seamers Seb Margiotta and Tom Ridgwell took two wickets apiece before spinners Isaac Raj and Surya James (3-11) completed the innings bowling King's out for 82. Vishane Mendis was exceptional keeping wicket and taking 3 outstanding catches. In reply Henry Deacon (35*), Robin Das (31) and Ruben Wantling (19*) stamped their authority on the game with some compelling stroke play to record an 8 wicket victory. Perfect preparation for matches against the MCC on Saturday.

On Thursday Brentwood School hosted the Under 13 Essex Cup Finals Day. Brentwood faced New Hall in their semi-final and on a dry, testing pitch struggled to dominate with the bat. Freddie Wise, Will Howard, Thinod Don Balage and Luke Richards played excellent attacking cameos but a final total of 108 was always going to be difficult to defend. Jaydhan Prabhakar and Jack Ridgwell began with miserly spells but with wickets in hand New Hall's well-paced chase was always under control. They ran out winners in the penultimate over and went on to defeat Bancroft's in a one-sided final. The Under 13 squad have had an exceptional year losing only two matches and are to be commended for their performances.

The Under 13B team reached their MESSA final on the same afternoon and in a thrilling encounter ran out victors by 4 runs to complete a wonderful season and a number of exciting victories.

Letters for parents are located in the Letters Home area on Google Drive for which this is the link.

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

I hope that you and your children enjoy a well-deserved break from normal routine and that all the children return refreshed at the beginning of September for another terrific school year.

Yours sincerely



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