



Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Having spent a couple of days this week at the Boarding Schools' Association Conference, it was a pleasure to return to School to find students immersed in International Baccalaureate Diploma Examinations, and, the rain earlier in the week notwithstanding, cricket and athletics once again in full swing. GCSE students embark on their study leave next week, and we wish them every success as they put the final touches to their schedules of revision.

Academic Enrichment Clubs

This week at our Academic Enrichment clubs, Sixth Formers George O'Neill and James Cromarty led a very well-researched debate into the role and impact of Artificial Intelligence in our everyday lives. They showed excellent knowledge and were able to answer questions in a detailed way. Despite fierce argument on both sides, most pupils agreed that AI does and can have a positive impact on our lives. Next week, at JSABs on Tuesday, Sixth Form Biology students, Tom Haward, Lisa Yeh, Maksim Ivanov and Kimberley Punwani are presenting a talk entitled 'The perils of plastic.' Since there will be no Junior Colloquium on Monday, due to the Bank Holiday, members of Junior Colloquium are welcome to join JSABs on Tuesday, to hear about this hugely significant and topical issue.

I am pleased to announce that our annual Academic Enrichment trip to Leiston Abbey is Wednesday 13th June to Friday 15th June. There are a limited number of places available to any pupil in the Second and Third Year. The trip is set in the beautiful grounds of Leiston Abbey in Suffolk and gives the ideal location to explore a wide range of intellectual pursuits outside of the classroom. Letters have been sent home with more details. Please note that the final deadline for reply slips is Tuesday 8th May.

All Second Years are reminded that they should be in the final stages of completing their Headmaster's Award. The final deadline for this to be handed in is Monday 4th June. Congratulations to those pupils who have already submitted their completed booklets. All those who successfully complete the Award will be invited to a celebratory afternoon held in the gardens of Roden House on Wednesday 20th June.

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

Brentwood School Learning Community

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 9th May 2018	Revision Techniques (1st - 5th) (Mrs Gorsuch)	Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk
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

Choral Evensongs

Two services this term:

Junior boys' choir – Thursday 10th May at 5pm

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

Third Year pupil, Kate Bowie-Britton, was nominated for a Jack Petchey Award by her sister, Emma (in the Fourth Year), for her success in Orienteering despite her joint disorder. Due to her condition, Kate is not a fast walker, however, she has found her niche in orienteering which requires competitors to also be quick thinkers. Over the years, Kate has greatly developed both her map reading skills and muscle strength and recently won the 2017 East Anglia Schools' Orienteering Championships for her age group.

Kate and her family attended a Jack Petchey presentation evening this week and she was delighted to receive her Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award, a prestigious award recognising her determination and triumph over adversity. She wins £250 which is to be spent funding further orienteering opportunities for junior members of the Essex Stragglers Orienteering Club, of which our pupils are also members and will benefit from. Well done, Kate!

Upper Sixth Form student, Lily Brook, has achieved Senior First Prize in the District (Essex and East Herts) heats for Young Photographer in Rotary International and goes forward to the National Final on 14th May. Lily was presented with her prize at a recent meeting of Brentwood Breakfast Rotary Club. Congratulations, Lily and good luck at the National Final!

First Year Charity Fayre

The First Years hosted a Charity Fayre this week for their annual year group fund-raising event, this year raising funds for 'Lepra'. The doors opened at 1pm and there were a variety of stalls selling home-made baked goods, bracelets and crafted gifts, a range of traditional games such as Splat the Rat, Spin the Wheel and Apple-bobbing, through to music quizzes, raffles and Nerf-target practice.

The students worked very hard to prepare for the event and raised £468.07 in only 40 minutes! Very well done to all First Year pupils.

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 mug, which will reduce the number of disposable cups we use.

Friends of Brentwood School Wine Challenge & Quiz Night

The Friends of Brentwood School held a 'Wine Challenge' in the Bean Academic Centre last Friday, which was hosted by parent Nish Patel from Shenfield Wines. Parents and staff learnt a great deal about the different wines on offer and enjoyed a convivial evening. The next FOBS event is a Quiz Night in the Vincent Room at Courage Hall on Friday 8th June. Tickets are just £5 and you can book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fobs-quiz-night-tickets-45684356139>.

Brentwood School Dance Academy Auditions

Your son/daughter is warmly invited to the forthcoming Brentwood School Dance Academy auditions on Thursday 10th May.

Established in 2007, the Academy offers intensive, fun, practical training in all dance and performance disciplines. The classes are structured to give students a grounding in all aspects of dance and dance education. It is my philosophy that their training at Brentwood is a training for life engendering a lifelong passion and is committed to providing an excellent standard of training encouraging and celebrating originality.

Auditions for First and Second Year pupils will take place on Thursday 10th May at 1pm in the Boston Room. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Miss Herterich on KH@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

The Old Red Wall Club

The Old Red Wall Club was founded in 2009 by fifteen close friends, all of whom left Brentwood School in 2006. Faced with the prospect of commencing careers and continuing university study further afield than Brentwood, the club was to provide a framework to remain close and to build on the members' ambitions to help the community at large by raising money for charity.

During the inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Club in late 2009 the members voted on a charity to support for the following years, and to date the Club has raised in excess of £50,000 for its chosen charities. The charity chosen for 2018 is SNAP. The boys from the (Class of) 2006, with wives, girlfriends and families walked 30 miles last Saturday to raise money for SNAP. Many of the wives, girlfriends and families walked with them for part or all of the 30 miles. At the moment they have raised nearly £13,000 for SNAP this year alone. To all involved, well done for this magnificent achievement.

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.stagecrazytheschool.co.uk, contact them on [07591 208326](tel:07591208326) or by email: accounts@stagecrazytheschool.co.uk

Staff Swimathon Challenge

Our Examinations Officer, Sue Green, took part in the 'Swimathon Challenge' in aid of Cancer Research and Marie Curie Care, on Saturday 28th April 2018 at Maldon Blackwater Leisure Centre. Mrs Green, who lost a dear friend to cancer last year, participated in the 5k individual Challenge (200 lengths of a 25-metre pool) and completed the challenge in 1 hour 58 minutes and 49 Seconds. If you would like to support Mrs Green in her efforts, she has setup a JustGiving page for donations: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-green18>. Well done, Mrs Green!

Sport

Orienteering

The team took part in an event at Hadleigh Country Park last Sunday. Notable successes were Heather Trevelyan achieving second place on the 2.8 km Orange course, beating Jessica Mills into 3rd place by 45 seconds, with Kate Bowie-Britton arriving less than 4 minutes later. On the 2.2 km Yellow course, Janie Horton achieved an excellent second place, beating Matthew Trevelyan into Third place. On the 1.8 km White course, Preparatory School pupil, Jake Horton, achieved a very good second place. Other team members Emma Bowie-Britton, Lucy Trevelyan, Adnan Yaqub, Evie Jarman, Pranita Arun Prasadh and Salman Yaqub put in good performances especially with the challenges of loose cows surrounding some controls, very steep hills, and a myriad of paths and hedges to make map reading challenging. Well done to all competitors.

The team's next outing on the 13th May will see them representing Essex in the East Anglian heat of the Yvette Baker trophy for the best junior team.

Athletics

The athletics season continues to go from strength to strength with all athletes taking part in various fixtures over the last week in preparation for Thursday's National Schools' Track and Field Cup. Particular highlights saw Amelia Moule run well in the 1500m while Libby Mclauchlan and Olivia Sorai were the standout performers for the First Year team against Southend High School. On Wednesday, the boys faced stiff competition in the form of Southend High and Champion - personal best performances came from Max Porteous, jumping 4.03m in the Long Jump and John Sasere throwing 29.00m in the Discus. Further congratulations go to the many students who competed at the MESSA trials on Thursday evening, we eagerly await news of their selection.

Basketball

On Saturday, Jessica Bakhsh represented North-East London in the Under 13 London inter-district tournament and was subsequently selected to train for the Under 13 Girls' London Region Team. On Sunday, she represented Essex in the inter-county tournament. The team played really well and made it through to the final but lost their lead in the 3rd quarter to finish as runners up. Jessica's performance gained her selection for the Under 13 East Region Team.

Cricket

Unfortunately, the April showers made short work of all the weekend's fixtures versus Ipswich School but Brentwood returned to action on Thursday as the Under 15A and B teams travelled to Haileybury for T20 matches. The A team performed well, batting first scoring 121 for 5. In reply, Haileybury were bowled out 40 short, with Jack Levy completing a fine all round performance scoring 68 with the bat and taking 3 for 4 with the ball. The Under 15B side found things rather tougher; they were set 133 for victory but had an early collapse and were bowled out for 56. The cup campaign began on Thursday evening when the Under 14A team played St Martin's School in the First Round of the Essex Cup. Brentwood batted first, scoring 163 -5 in their allotted 20 overs. Henry Deacon, showed his quality with an unbeaten 91. St Martin's replied with 66-6 in their allotted

overs. The Under 15A team are in cup action today and this weekend we will enjoy a block of 13 fixtures against Berkhamsted School.

Equestrian

Claudia Moore and her ponies enjoyed a tremendous weekend at the Chepstow International Viewing Trials for the British Under 16 show jumping team. She was consistently placed through all 3 days, with one of her ponies "Delflip" being the only pony to remain fault free for the entire competition. Subsequently, she has been selected to represent GB at the CSIOP Nations Cup at Lamprechtshausen, Austria later this month.

Golf

On Saturday, the School golf team played a friendly fixture against a very strong Old Brentwoods team at Thorndon Park GC. The team were narrowly beaten by 2 points to 1. On Tuesday, the School played against Felsted in another friendly fixture. A very young team (comprising George North, Joe Ludlow-Gibbon, Pierce Mosley, Benjamin Mills, Sam Epstein and Max Porteous), played with great determination but were defeated by 3 matches to 0. However, the highlight of the afternoon was a remarkable hole-in-one by First Year Max Porteous. He completed the feat by hitting a 3-wood on the 183-yard par 3 15th hole at Thorndon. Congratulations to Max!

Tennis

The combined First and Second Year girls' tennis team competed in their first AEGON match on Tuesday afternoon against Clapton High School for Girls. The team consisted of Olivia Hiller (2nd seed), Olivia Argent (4th seed), Evie Jarman (1st seed) and Araminta Smalley (3rd seed). Brentwood won three out of the four singles matches convincingly and then progressed on to winning one out of the two doubles matches (6-4, 3-6). The girls should be very pleased with their victory and should look forward to playing Bancroft's School next Tuesday.

Water Polo

On Wednesday, the Under 14 Team travelled to the City of London School for the London League Tournament. The team were up against some tough competition, with two of the other teams being National finalists. The team held their own playing really well with some great passing and communication amongst the team. Angus Robertson was unlucky to miss some shots that hit the bar, whilst Scott Davey made some heroic saves to keep Brentwood in the games. The team walked away with their heads held high and look forward to their next tournament on 16th May at Alleyn's School. The Player of the Tournament was deservedly awarded to Scott Davey.

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/OBx56Kfjsy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>

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