



## Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

Virtually all students have been immersed in either internal or external examinations this week. At the same time preparations have been made for our annual Open Morning on Saturday. I take this opportunity to thank parents and pupils for their support and help with this, and we all hope the weather will remain kind to us.

Daily rehearsals are currently taking place for "Romeo and Juliet" which is being performed on the Outdoor Stage next Tuesday and for our Chamber Concert, also on the Outdoor Stage, on Wednesday. Further details for both events are published later in this newsletter.

I was delighted to receive a copy of "Catalyst", the Sixth Form Science Magazine, edited by Kimberly Punwani (Lower Sixth). Congratulations to all the students who wrote the fascinating articles.

### Academic Enrichment

Kimberly Punwani also led JSABs this week, along with fellow Sixth Former, Elina Keeble. They spoke about Environment Week and the benefits of recycling. A passionate appeal was given about our responsibility as individuals and as a community. All of the pupils left promising to do their bit to help; it was inspirational.

Next week at Junior Colloquium on Monday and JSABs on Tuesday, in connection with STEM week in the BAC, Sixth Formers, George O'Neill and Ben Nagelkerke, are asking the question 'What is the sum of all natural numbers?' All pupils in the First and Second Year are invited to Junior Colloquium on Monday and all pupils in the Third and Fourth year are invited to attend JSABs on Tuesday. Both meetings start at 1.20pm in the BAC Lecture Theatre.

### Brentwood School Learning Community

The last of our Learning Community events takes place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This event will provide parents with an opportunity to learn the basics, plus a few 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](mailto:dnp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk))

Date	Event	Booking Details
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	iPad Basics for Parents	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 and 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 28<sup>th</sup> June in the Courage Hall. A rehearsal schedule will be published shortly. We look forward to seeing you at the Prom!

### Romeo and Juliet on the Open Air Stage

Romeo and Juliet will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Golledge 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018** 10-4pm daily. To enrol your child, please go to their website and download the application form at [www.stagecrazytheatreschool.co.uk](http://www.stagecrazytheatreschool.co.uk), contact them on [07591 208326](tel:07591208326) or by email: [accounts@stagecrazytheatreschool.co.uk](mailto: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.

Their last offer of the season is ending on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, so it may be worth booking by then to make savings. Visit their website for dates, details and to make bookings.

- [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk)
- 0330 111 7077 (local rate)

### Sport

#### Karate

Elle Pasmore (4JEM) has been selected for the England team in the Karate World Championships next week in Dundee, Scotland, having achieved a Bronze medal in the European Championships. Good Luck, Elle!

#### Orienteering

An eighteen-strong team recently took part as part of the Essex Junior squad competing in the East Anglian heat of the Yvette Baker Trophy. Although they didn't win, some outstanding performances in unfamiliar terrain at Danbury Country Park meant the team came 3<sup>rd</sup> by just 3 points. Sarah Prior and Kate Bowie-Britton gave strong performances on the 3.2 km Orange course, and Jake Horton (Prep) ran very quickly on the 2.1 km Yellow course, achieving a very creditable time of 24.59 and even beating his sister, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Janie! The final outing of the year will be to Colchester's High Woods Country Park on 17<sup>th</sup> June when the team will be trying to secure the league trophy for the top performing school in Essex and Suffolk.

The week before half term, 30 pupils took part in the House Orienteering event on the Heseltines. After some close scoring, School House were declared the winners, 2<sup>nd</sup> were South, joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Weald and East, 4<sup>th</sup> North and 5<sup>th</sup> West. Well done to all competitors.

#### Athletics

It has been a relatively quiet week on the athletics track. However; this week did see our top First Year athletes compete in the district trials. This is an individual competition in which our students have the opportunity

to qualify to represent Mid-Essex at the Essex Championships. Those students placed 1st or 2nd in their events are now likely to be selected for Mid Essex are as follows: Max Porteous (800m/2.30), Olivia Sorae (100m/13.05), Michael Olubodun-Niyi (200m/27.05), Cynthia Asiegbu (High Jump/1.40) and Libby Mclauchlan (200m/28.04). Well done to all who participated, a tremendous achievement to compete in such high quality competition.

### **Basketball**

We are delighted to report that Lennon Nagle has represented the EAST of England Under 13 team over the Trinity half term holiday. Subsequently, he is hoping to be selected for the regional development squad.

### **Cricket**

The week before half term proved troublesome for the Cricketers with some close fought, but disappointing, cup results. On the last day of the half term, the talented Under 17 team travelled to Norwich to contest the Eastern Regional Final of the National Independent Schools' Cup for a place in the Nation's last eight. Norwich won the toss and batted; William Steinberg and Tom Ridgwell bowled well with the new ball, reducing Norwich to 40-5. A sound rear guard action saw them recover to 140 All Out; a very achievable total. Brentwood's reply was solid with debutant Henry Deacon and Jack Levy striking the ball well. However, three careless dismissals allowed Norwich to sense an opportunity for victory and they took it with Brentwood finishing 9 runs short in a thrilling finish.

The Under 12 and Under 13 sides eagerly await their cup ties next week in the Quarter Finals of their respective Essex Cups. Congratulations must go to Robin Das on his selection for the Essex Second XI last week. In addition, Jack Levy and Surya James, both leg spinners, represented Essex at Under 15 level.

### **Equestrian**

Claudia Moore has enjoyed another fabulous week following her trip to Wierden, Holland last weekend. The British Team was placed second in the Nations Cup after a hard fought battle competing against 6 other nations. However, on a personal level, Claudia was one of only two competitors to post a double clear round aboard her pony 'Elando'. On board "Shamrock", she won the Big Tour competition on the first day and also collected two second places on him during the final two days. Following on from her success in Lamprechtshausen and Wierden, Claudia has now been selected for the Pony European Selection Trial at the Bolesworth International Horse Show on 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June. We wish her well.

### **Fencing**

Our Fencers enjoyed a very successful weekend at the British Schools' Team Championships. The Under 13 Boys' Epees fenced very well in the pre-round but team 1 narrowly missed qualification for the quarter finals, with team 2 being eliminated at this stage by the eventual winners. The Under 15 and Under 18 Boys' Sabre teams were in great form to win Bronze, while the Under 15 Girls' Sabre team, consisting of Maddy Gale, Tanisha Rajan and Tamara Palamar, managed to win a fantastic Gold Medal. The success continued on the second day with all six participating teams coming home with a medal. Bronze Medals went to the Under 13 and Under 15 Boys' Foil. After an impressive display, silver was achieved by the Under 18 Boys' Epee team. The Under 13 Girls' Foil team, consisting of Sophia Jones, Jemima Mamelok and Prep School talent Chloe Leslie, was in superb form and secured the Gold Medal in a thrilling finale. A fantastic day of fencing from Faith Child, Maddy Gale and Tessa Birchley secured Gold in the Under 18 Girls. Last, but certainly not least, the Under 13 Boys' Sabre team of Fodayemi Akinyosoye, Matthias Milki, Ranveer Kanda and Alexander Williams were unbeatable to ensure a thoroughly deserved Gold Medal.

### **Rugby**

Congratulations to six of our current Under 13 Rugby players for their selection to the Essex Under 13 squad. Well done to Benjy Mills, Max Kingaby, Ovie Jeyibo, Nathan Frost, Max Holland and James Webb-Wood.

**Swimming**

Last weekend Jacob Stephen, Hannah Collett and Priya Dhillon travelled to Luton for the East Regional Championships. Jacob achieved three Bronze Medals in 400m individual medley, 200m individual medley and 50m butterfly. Hannah finished in fifth place in the 50m butterfly in a new long course personal best time. Priya competed in the 50m freestyle, gaining valuable experience from her first ever Regional Championships. Well done to all three students for their achievements.

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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