



Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

At the end of our first full week of the new School year we can look back with considerable satisfaction at a week of great commitment from all our new students, and renewed determination from all. I was particularly pleased with the turnout on Saturday by our new First Year pupils for Netball, Hockey and Rugby.

Tomorrow, we welcome back our Old Brentwoods Hockey Team, which is playing the School's First XI, and it is always good to hear news of their achievements. This is the first of a series of fixtures against Old Brentwoods, culminating on Saturday 16th September, Old Brentwoods Day.

Several students will be starting their university careers next weekend, and I am very pleased that the following students secured their places at Oxford and Cambridge.

Andrew Ejemai	Corpus Christi College, Cambridge	Mathematics
James Elms	Magdalene College, Cambridge	Classics
Anjali Jayasekera	Newnham College, Cambridge	Veterinary Science
Jiaqing Low	Churchill College, Cambridge	Law
Caolán McConnaughe	Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge	Geography
Joshua Portway	Christ Church, Oxford	History
Peter Scott	Emmanuel College, Cambridge	Engineering

James Elms has already started at Cambridge; he is currently enjoying the University's pre-season Rugby tour to South Africa.

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Many parents have told me how outdated our Parent Portal, FROG, is, and so I'm delighted to confirm that we will now be posting letters home on Google Drive, which means they can be viewed on any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 which are added to your son or daughter's year group folder. Letters referring to trips yet to happen will be transferred into Google Drive. 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. During 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 launch this trial.

Digital Safety – Parent Support

We have subscribed to www.parentzone.org.uk. This website contains a wealth of resources to help parents support their children to access the online world safely. Notably, they provide a set of online courses for parents of subscribing schools for free. You will find a letter giving instructions on how to sign up [HERE](#).

Launch of Brentwood School Learning Development Clinic – Saturday 9th 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



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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 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.

Life Skills

Lower Sixth Form pupils had Life Skills sessions on 1st September focusing on the following topics: Knowing who to talk to, Keeping Healthy and How to Own Stress. Please could you encourage the pupils to have open and honest conversations with staff should they have any problems. If you have any concerns or would like further information then please contact Mrs Rajani via email at kdr@brentwood.essex.sch.uk

Fifth Year pupils had a day of Life Skills on 5th September and have focused on the following topics: Banter/Bullying, Body & Self Image, Emotional Resilience, Self-esteem, Tests and Exams and Stress and Relaxation. Please could you encourage the pupils to have open and honest conversations with staff should they have any problems. If you have any concerns or would like further information then please contact Mrs Rajani

First Year pupils will have a day of Life Skills on 12th September and will focus on the following topics: Emotional Resilience Workshop, Organisation of Written Work, E-safety and Cyberbullying, First Aid, Road Safety Play, Friends and Responsibilities and Support Network.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This has been a busy summer for DofE participants. Bronze awards were completed by Lauren Burgin, Tiggy Coyne, Ellie Deans, Millie Defries, Ciara Donnelly, Caitlin Goodbody, Jamie Hammond, Amelia O'Leary, Simran Sahni, Orissa Uppal, and Annabelle Williams; Silver awards by Abigail Chapman, George Fitzgerald, Finlay Hardy, James Jensen, Lewis Matthews, Chani Merrell, Mathena Quashie and Jack Warman; Gold awards by Old Brentwoods Daniel Hirst, Ellie Holmes, Emily Jerram and Faye Stewart. Special mention should go to Upper Sixth Former, Lily Brook, who completed her Gold Award over the summer. Her final sections were a 70-mile row along the River Thames and a week spent caring for terminally-ill young people on an educational holiday.

There are a large number of pupils who have completed their awards except for the submission of their assessor reports. If your son or daughter is in this category, please encourage them to do this as soon as possible. If they need assistance, they can approach their award leader (Miss Gellard for Bronze or Miss Preston for Silver) or see Mr Carr, the Centre Manager.

Finally I would like to remind you of the DofE Information Evening we are holding for parents on Monday 18th September to explain the Award to parents whose children are starting it at Bronze (Third Year), Silver (Fourth Year) or Gold (Lower Sixth). The evening will also provide the opportunity to meet the staff running each level. Full details of the event and a reply slip are on the letter located on Google Drive



House Music Competition: Wednesday 20th September – 6.15pm start, doors open at 5.30pm.

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 6.15pm 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.

Entry is by ticket only and they are already selling fast. Tickets are £5 per adult – there is no charge for children. Due to the huge numbers taking part we can supply a maximum of 4 tickets per family. Doors open at 5.30pm. The competition will end at approximately 9pm. This is traditionally an extremely popular event and it is difficult to accommodate last minute requests, so please order your tickets early. To book your ticket please [click here](#).

House Music Competition - Arrangements for the Day

The normal timetable will run in the morning. In the afternoon, lessons will continue for all pupils in the First – Fourth Year although those pupils in the House Music Competition will leave lessons in order to participate in final rehearsals.

Fifth Year pupils will have supervised Private Study throughout the afternoon except when rehearsing.

For Sixth Form pupils involved in the House Music Competition, rooms will be available for quiet study in the Sixth Form Centre but pupils will not be supervised when they are not rehearsing. Sixth Form pupils not involved in House Music are free to depart from 12.50pm. or they can stay in School and participate in quiet study. A small number of senior pupils will be involved in School fixtures during the afternoon.

Coaches will depart at 4.10pm as usual. First Year pupils in the competition will be expected to remain in School between the end of afternoon school and the start of the House Music Competition. However, pupils in the Second – Fifth Year may leave the School premises but return for supper or for the start of the event.

A light cooked supper will be provided for all First Year performers in the Dining Halls at 5pm. Pupils in the Second Year – Sixth Form are also welcome to have supper in the Dining Halls if required.



London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA)

Congratulations to our LAMDA students and teachers for yet another outstanding set of results. LAMDA provision continues to grow at Brentwood and this is down to the wonderful tuition consistently given by Juliette, Rachel and Kirsten. Particular praise must be given to our successful Gold Medal distinction candidates James Elms, Will Hibberd and especially Elizabeth Hepburn-Braham (who achieved her medal while still in the Fourth Year). A full list of the students achievements is attached to this newsletter.

French Rugby Exchange November 2017 & May 2018

Our annual French Rugby exchange will be taking place between 23rd to 29th November 2017. In return we will go to Biarritz in May 2018. It is always a very successful experience, both culturally and sportingly. This is open to all Second and Third Year students, boys and girls. If you are interested, please find the letter on Google Drive. The link to the Drive is at the end of this newsletter.

Pupil Achievements

Sophie Farquhar, who recently played the role of Tigerlily in our Lower School Musical of Peter Pan, recently achieved an A* in her GCSE Dance, which she took at the Adagio School of Dance in Hutton. Sophie completed her exam three years early. This is an amazing achievement! Well done, Sophie!

Congratulations to Fourth Year student James Maltby who has been presented with the Chief Scout's Gold Award – one of the highest accolades in the Scouting movement. Fourteen-year-old James, who has been working towards the milestone for the past two to three years, had to complete eight Challenge Awards along the way. He was presented with his top honour by Clive Pretty, the Scout Leader for 1st Danbury Scouts. James, who was a member of the St Cleres Troop, tried his hand at a number of adventurous activities including coasteering off the North Devon coast and caving in the Cheddar Gorge. Congratulations James!

News of Old Brentwoods

Matthew Carpenter (2007-2014) has been awarded a First Class Degree in Management from the University of Warwick and is now working in the Human Resources Department for a company in London. His brother, Thomas (2006-2013) gained an Upper Second Class degree in Law from the University of Southampton and is now working for an insurance broking firm in London. Congratulations to both Matthew and Thomas.

Work Experience

I have received the following account of her work experience from Year Four pupil, Sarah Blockley:

"It's no secret that I am an avid baker in my spare time and so applied for work experience at The Gourmet Cake Company in Chelmsford, having had my birthday party there when I was younger. To my surprise, El (the founder and director of the business) agreed to take me on for a week's work experience. I was extremely excited because I had been recently watching her on the Channel 4 programme 'Extreme Cake Makers', where she created some of the most incredible cakes! I expected to just be doing all of the boring jobs such as washing up after cake classes but hoped that I might pick up a few tips along the way whilst watching El. However, the week exceeded all of my expectations. As well as the mundane jobs like sweeping the floor and setting up for classes, I was trusted with baking on my own the sponges to be used in customer birthday cakes and making decorations to adorn a wedding cake. El taught me how to make intricate sugar paste flowers and was even happy enough to use some of my cake decorations on one of her cakes for the next series of Extreme Cake Makers, which she was filming at the time! I also dealt with members of the public by ordering supplies and taking messages over



the phone, using the till in the shop and talking to customers on the courses. Overall, this was a fantastic opportunity and enjoyable experience as I not only got to further improve my cake baking and decorating skills but was able to get an insight into the running of a small business."

Well done, Sarah!

Friends of Brentwood School Parent Committee Meeting – Wednesday 13th Sept, 2pm

There will be a Friends of Brentwood School (FOBS) Committee Meeting on Wednesday 13th September at 2pm in the Senior School. Refreshments will be provided. If anyone is interested in joining FOBS and coming along to this first meeting of the new term, please contact the FOBS Chair, Mr Adams, at adamso@brentwood.essex.sch.uk. You can find out more about the valuable contribution that FOBS makes to the School on our [website](#).

Sport

Code of Conduct

All pupils and parents are reminded of the sports team selection and code of sporting conduct and the necessity to set an appropriate example to visiting schools and spectators. For further information please see the information on our website at [this page](#).

Equestrian

We are delighted to report that Eloise and Tia Squibb were selected to represent England during the summer holiday in Scotland. Eloise was the highest ranked England team representative aboard her pony Drumaclan Flight and she rode every round beautifully to help secure England the Gold medal! As a result Eloise is the only child rider in the U.K. to qualify on three different ponies for the 128cm final which takes place at the NEC Birmingham in October. Eloise was then selected to jump for England on her 128cm pony, Wyndham Tom Thumb, she rode superbly, riding two clear rounds as the team finished 4th. To round off an amazing summer Eloise also came 4th at The Royal International at Hickstead.

Football

We started the season with a fantastic set of fixtures against John Lyon winning seven out of seven and only conceding three goals along the way. The First XI kicked off their season with a 3-0 win with goals from Thomas Takar (2) and Jack Brown. The Second XI enjoyed a 7-0 win putting in an excellent performance as Cameron Allen (2), George Pugh, Isaac Ng and Joseph Macdonald (3) scored the goals. Joseph also received the Man of the Match award following an excellent debut. The Third XI won convincingly, 5-0. The team put in an outstanding team performance dominating the game from start to finish. The Under 15 A team also won by a large score line winning 6-0. Mason Murray was the standout player scoring a magnificent hat trick. The Under 15B team started their reign under Mr Willingham and Mr Bauer with a fine 9-2 win. Goals came from Henry Abbott, Tom Mitchell, Ayo Jaiyesimi (2), Ed Cleverley (2), Ziggy Wamae, Harry Jones and a rare Benjamin Fordham goal. The Under 14B team also won with an outstanding team performance and goals galore following an 11-1 win. Goals came from James Abbott (2), Emmanuel Olaniyan, Harrison Hooker (3), Alex Haward (2), James Dowsett, Sam Pepper and George Lewis.

Fencing

Matthew Goodwin represented the School in the Under 20 British Selection Epee Event in Bromsgrove. He advanced through the group phase winning 8 out of 12 fights to earn a bye to the first elimination round. Despite a close fought fight Matthew lost his second elimination round 15-14 to a GB fencer to finish in 46th place out of over 80 fencers.



Rugby

Bright sunshine welcomed our guests to our early season First XV tournament on Saturday. Local rivals Coopers' were our opponents in our first game. Both sides were equally matched throughout the game but two tries in the last few minutes saw them run out 12-0 victors. Up next was a very strong Campion side, who were fresh from their summer tour to Australia. The familiarity of having played together on tour was evident and our young side were beaten 32-0. With confidence a little low, the tough games didn't stop and the much fancied Leys School from Cambridge were our next opponents. The players upped their game and led 5-0 at the break with a try from debutant, George Davis. This stirred The Leys into action and after the break they really upped their game to win 31-10. Our pool position saw us play against Ipswich in the final game of the day. A very even match ensued with both teams playing their best rugby of the day. Unfortunately, for the second time in the tournament, two tries were conceded in the dying minutes, as Brentwood succumbed to a 12-5 defeat.

Despite being one of the smaller teams in the tournament the players can be pleased with their first run out of the season. Early injuries to key players didn't dampen spirits and we look forward to an exciting season. Congratulations to George Davis, Harvey Guiver and Harry Millsom in the Fifth Year for making their First team debuts.

It was great to see over a hundred First Year boys at training last Saturday. This Saturday, the boys will meet at 10am for a 10.30am start. Parents are more than welcome to watch and/or join us for tea after training in the Dining Halls at 12.15pm.

South Africa Rugby Tour

On Thursday 6th July, a tour group of 32 very excited students set off on a rugby tour to South Africa. For many of these students and staff it was their first visit to the Rainbow nation. Our boys did not have long to find their feet before enjoying the first fixture in Durban against Amamzimtoti Rugby Club. All of the pre-tour preparation and training paid off, with a stunning 52-24 victory. The following day the boys were very fortunate to be involved in a training session with ex South African player Deon Kayser at the Natal Shark Rugby Academy, and meet some current South African players and Super 18 stars from the Sharks, this experience gave the boys new inspiration and experience, to test out against their next opponents, Hillcrest Rugby Club. This fixture took place under floodlights. The Brentwood boys rose to the occasion and beat Hillcrest 50-22.

The tour party departed Kwa-Zulu Natal for their next leg of the tour and flew to Port Elizabeth, before a long coach journey to Mosselbay. During our stay in Mosselbay and Knysna, the mornings were spent preparing ourselves with some tough training sessions, in preparation for our next few games, and having some exciting, if slight unusual, excursions, including riding an ostrich and handling elephants. We departed Knysna for a long scenic coach journey, down the Garden Route towards Cape Town, for our next fixture against Elsie's River. On arrival we knew that this would be a very testing and challenging fixture. Brentwood played some fantastic attacking rugby scoring the first points, but we were even more impressive on defence, by keeping the bigger Elsie's River boys from our tryline to secure a 26-0 victory.

Our tour group visited the local township Langa, where thousands of people live in horrendous conditions in houses made out of corrugated fences, it was heartwarming to hand out over two hundred rugby shirts and balls to the local community and the appreciation they had for receiving these gifts left many of us speechless. We also visited Robben Island and enjoyed a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain.

Our final match of the tour took place against HTS Bellville. Brentwood took an early 12-0 lead and we were well on course to maintain our unbeaten record. Bellville came back and it was only in the last few minutes when Brentwood took the game away from their opponents to win 34-24.

Well done to all our Under 15 and Under 16 boys who took part in this fantastic Rugby Tour to South Africa, you were fantastic ambassadors for Brentwood School.



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Opro – Gumshield fitting service

All students are welcome to attend a gumshield fitting next Wednesday 13th September, 12.30pm - 2pm. Appointments should be made via www.opro.com

Karting

We are delighted to report that Adam Harding retained the Brentwood Senior Go Karting championship over the summer holiday.

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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Yours sincerely



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FoBS

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FoBS Ladies' Shopping Trip

to Bicester Village, Oxford

Tickets: £20

Thursday 12th October

Coach leaves Shenfield station at 9am and
leaves Bicester Village at 5pm

Contact Beryl Wise for more
information and to book a ticket

Email: wizzos@aol.com or call: 07740980822



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Save the Date

Michaelmas 2017

FOBS Committee Meeting:
Wednesday 13th September, 2pm,
Governors' Conference Room
Senior School

Trip to Bicester Shopping Village:
Thursday 12th October

FoBS Curry Night
17th November, 7.30pm
Maharaja Restaurant, Benfleet

Christmas Lunch:
Tuesday 5th December
The Plough, Mountnessing

Prep Christmas Fayre:
Saturday 9th December

LAMDA Results Summer 2017

Surname	Forename	Examination	Grade
Adams	Aaron	Speaking in Public - Grade 1	Distinction
Anoushka	Angukumar	Solo Acting - Grade 4	Pass
Elana	Aseerwatham	Combined Acting - Grade 5	Distinction
Scarlett	Catton	Group Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Ethan	Cooper	Solo Acting - Grade 4	Distinction
Oliver	Curtis	Solo Acting - Entry Level 3	Distinction
Tom	Davenport	Solo Acting - Grade 5	Distinction
Cameron	Davies	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Merit
Grace	Dinning	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Distinction
James	Elms	Solo Acting - Gold Medal	Distinction
Matthew	Fullerton	Speaking in Public - Grade 1	Distinction
Jessica	Gunning	Speaking Verse and Prose - Grade 1	Distinction
Ella	Hawes	Solo Acting - Grade 5	Distinction
Rachel	Hepburn-Braham	Speaking Verse and Prose - Grade 3	Distinction
Elizabeth	Hepburn-Braham	Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8 - Gold Medal	Distinction
Will	Hibbard	Solo Acting - Gold Medal	Distinction

Emily	Hill	Group Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Olivia	Hiller	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Distinction
Tanvi	Hirekodi	Solo Acting- Entry Level 3	Merit
Janie	Horton	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Distinction
William	Johnson	Solo Acting - Grade 5	Distinction
Max	Kingaby	Speaking Verse and Prose - Grade 3	Merit
Felix	Kyte	Combined Acting - Grade 3	Merit
Sabrina	Lee	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Distinction
Bethany	Linnell	Solo Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Laura	Maddison	Solo Acting - Silver Medal	Distinction
Jemima	Mamelok	Group Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Ella	McGillicuddy	Solo Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Amy	McGonigle	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Merit
Jensen	Martell	Verse and Prose	Distinction
Chani	Merrell	Solo Acting - Silver Medal	Distinction
Neo	Merrell	Solo Acting - Grade 5	Distinction
Claudia	Moore	Solo Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Savanah	Morrish	Group Acting - Grade 3	Distinction

Sara	Mushtaq	Solo Acting - Grade 4	Merit
Amelia	O'Learly	Solo Acting - Grade 1	Merit
Mobolou	Olowoyeye	Group Acting - Grade 3	Distinction
Andrew	Onwude	Solo Acting - Grade 7 - Silver Medal	Distinction
Abigail	Rice	Speaking in Public - Grade 2	Distinction
Hannah	Shea	Solo Acting - Grade 4	Distinction
Connor	Smithers	Combined Acting - Grade 3	Merit
Tanay	Sonawane	Speaking in Public - Grade 2	Distinction
Karlis	Tomsons	Speaking in Public - Grade 3	Merit
Kajaanki	Uthayaranjit	Solo Acting - Grade 2	Merit
Ellie	Williams	Combined Acting - Grade 5	Distinction
Victoria	Yeong	Solo Acting - Grade 3	Distinction