



Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

Last Friday evening, I was fortunate to be able to go and see the Middles Production 'Marian and Robin Hood'. The whole basis of the 'Robin Hood' story rests on the desirability of a more equal society based on the redistribution of wealth and 'Marian and Robin Hood' added to this a modern and relevant feminist agenda with added touches of Shakespeare, Monty Python and an epic, almost mythical battle between the forces of good and bad. Written by our own Mr Bulmer, and directed by Miss Passmore, the play aimed to involve as many students as possible in as many substantial parts as possible. The acting showed good timing and subtlety throughout, with particularly memorable performances from Rosie Parrish, Freya Collins, Chloe Sault, Will Johnson, Harry Thomas, Izenosa Binitie and Ben O'Riordan. Louise Bender, Neo Merrell, Dominic Maddock and Bethany Linnell all produced powerful performances of great quality which enabled them to command the stage with astonishing presence for their age and experience. All the cast can be really proud of this disciplined, well-conceived and thought-provoking production, and further congratulations must go to the large production team, without whose help none of this would have been possible.

Earlier last Friday, I really enjoyed joining pupils for activities on Field Day, firstly, with the RAF in Crowborough and then the Army in Mereworth Woods. I was most impressed by the excellent leadership skills shown by the more experienced cadets, and the terrific sense of teamwork they engendered in the younger cadets. Everything I saw exuded high quality and committed engagement with the variety of activities provided, and I congratulate all pupils who took part, and also thank the Officers for providing such a brilliantly organised Field Day.

The last two weeks of term are characterised by music, and what could almost be called a "Festival" began on Monday evening with an outstanding Lent Concert in the Wessex Auditorium. This was closely followed by the Choral Evensong on Thursday evening, and continues this weekend with the concert to raise money for "Diabetes UK" in Saint Luke's Church in Cranham. Next week, on Tuesday 20th March, our Choral and Symphonic Concert is hosted by Brentwood Cathedral.

The "Rotary Youth Speaks" National Public Speaking Competition is reaching the final stages and our Junior Team will be contesting the National semi-final in April. We have a long and proud record in this competition and we wish them continued success.

Congratulations also to all who fenced this week at the Public Schools' Fencing Competition at Crystal Palace. Some outstanding individual performances and a great team effort ensured that we came second out of the 150 schools in the competition. Further details will be published next week.

Mr Quartermain appointed Head of Rossall School

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Quartermain has been appointed to the Headship of Rossall School in Lancashire. He will take up this position in August this year. Since his appointment to Brentwood in 2013 he has played a significant part in the modernisation of our curriculum and has been an integral part of our Senior Leadership Team. We will miss him, his wife Fiona and three daughters, Alicia, Caitlin and Teigan, and wish him and his family every success and happiness in the future. I am sure he will keep in touch with his many friends at the School in the years to come.

Headmaster's Endeavour Award

The Academic Endeavour Award this week was awarded to Faraz Malik in the Third Year. This was for his recent outstanding work in Computing. Faraz was proactive in learning the computing program Python3 and willingly taught a whole lesson on its uses. Not only did he deliver the presentation confidently, he also helped other students as required. Congratulations Faraz.



Academic Enrichment

At Junior Colloquium and JSABs this week, in connection with Maths week in the BAC, Thomas Hayward and Kimberley Punwani spoke passionately about why Maths is so crucial to all of us. Both presentations were engaging and thought-provoking as they encouraged us to imagine a world without numbers.

Next week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, in connection with the Classics Department, Sixth Form students, Rodi Donhue-Hibberd and Harry Linell are debating 'The Greeks or Romans- who were best?' All First and Second Year pupils are welcome to attend Junior Colloquium on Monday and all pupils in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Years are invited to JSABs on the Tuesday. Both meetings are at 1.20pm in the BAC Lecture Theatre.

On Thursday and Friday next week, the majority of our Third Year students are visiting the Battlefields of the First World War, including the graves of 4 Old Brentwoods who sacrificed their lives. They will be joining with members of our CCF and some Old Brentwoods at the Menin Gate service in Ypres, on Friday evening. Please note there has been a slight change in departure time from that previously published. We will be leaving Courage Hall on Thursday morning promptly at 5.15am, students are requested to be on site at 5am.

Fifth Year and Upper Sixth Form Revision

The upcoming Easter break is an absolutely crucial time for all pupils sitting exams in the summer.

Throughout the year, departments have been providing support before and after School, as well as during lunchtimes for specific groups of students and on a one-to-one basis. Many will be providing additional materials for pupils to work on and use as basis for their revision over the break. Google Classroom is a key vehicle for this, and in many subjects the virtual classrooms will be updated on a regular basis throughout the holidays.

Some departments will be running support revision sessions too - you can find a link to the most up to date timetable here.

[General Correspondence Folder - Revision Techniques: Link to folder containing 3 documents](#)

[Fifth Year and Sixth Form Easter Support of Revision Sessions - Link to document](#)

There may be sessions additional to those on the document, and once timings are confirmed for these, the timetable will be amended.

Brentwood School Learning Community

This week we hosted two events with a specific focus on supporting pupils at home in making the most of their revision time. Mrs Gorsuch ran an excellent workshop focusing on everything from stationery choices to effective revision techniques. You can find a copy of her presentation and resources [here](#).

Fifth Year parents were also invited to a short talk by Mr Quartermain, Mrs Khush and Ms Porovic on Wednesday this week. The aim of this session was to frame the evening and set the right tone and expectations of the pupils while providing parents with advice and guidance on how they can help at this crucial time. You can find a copy of the presentation [here](#).

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 |
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| Thurs 22nd March 2018 | Human Universe Lecture 4 - Linguistics (Mr Taylor) | Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk |
| TBC | Revision Techniques (1st - 5th) (Mrs Gorsuch) | Email ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk |
| Wed 2nd May 2018 | HPQ Pupil Showcase | 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 |

"Inspiring Future Leaders: 30 Years of Girls at Brentwood School"

To celebrate the momentous anniversaries of 30 years of girls in the First Year and 100 years of female emancipation, Brentwood School will be hosting a festival celebrating the achievements of all women in our School community. The aim of the festival is to empower all of our pupils, girls and boys, to aspire to be the very best that they can be and to be inspired by those in our community who are making a difference in many different spheres of life.

Please find below details of scheduled events – all of which take place in the week beginning Monday 23rd April 2018 and will be open to boys and girls in the Fourth Year and above. We will give more information and open up sign up for these events in the last two weeks of this term.

Event 1: Panel presentation followed by speed-dating style discussion groups (Tuesday 24th April 2018)

Event 2: Seminar on "Communicating effectively and confidently" (Wednesday 25th April 2018)

Event 3: The Brentwood School Innovation and Creativity Challenge (Thursday 26th April 2018)

There are still a few slots available for helping out with these events, so if you would like to share your life experiences, pass on wisdom that will help our pupils explore potential career avenues or would like to be involved in judging the creativity of our pupils please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ms Dina Porovic, Director of Teaching and Learning (dnp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk).

Classics Week in the Bean Academic Centre

Pupils are invited to join the Classics Department next week for a journey back in time! There will be Bacchic revelry at The Dionysia (more information later in this newsletter) where students will perform Classics-inspired skits. They can go on an Odyssey around the School: solve all five clues and rearrange the letters into a Latin sentence! There is also an opportunity for them to design their own movie poster inspired by a Classical myth, or solve the puzzles in the BAC Tuck Shop. There are prizes to be won for each activity!

Middles Production – Marian and Robin Hood

Following the recent performances of 'Marian and Robin Hood', professional photographs and headshots are now available to purchase online. Please see the attached flyer for details.

LAMDA

Another outstanding set of LAMDA results last week; well done to all our students and our LAMDA teachers for such consistent brilliance in these very challenging examinations. Every single student passed with Merit or Distinction, with special mention going to Karlis Tomsons who scored 100% in his Public Speaking exam and Ellie Williams, Alana Aseerwatham and Elizabeth Hepburn-Braham who all secured the Bronze Medal certification so very, very early.

If you would like more information on taking LAMDA at Brentwood please email Rachel (rocher@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) for lessons Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or Juliette (flemingj@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) for lessons on Wednesday. See the [LAMDA website](#) for the full range of examinations the students can take.

Charity Treasure Hunt

Next Thursday, 22nd March, at 1.15pm there will be a treasure hunt run by members of 1CM in order to raise money for LEPR, the year group's charity. It is £1.50 entry and pupils should meet in the Tuck Shop. There will be vouchers and other prizes to be won. There are posters around the School advertising this event; please come along and support 1CM.

Xanax

A recent BBC investigation has found the prescription drug Xanax is being sold online to teenagers. This is a potentially addictive tranquiliser which has become easily accessible. The drugs charity Addaction said the substance has become "part of youth culture" and while the extent of its use is not known, it was an issue of concern. The Home Office said it was taking action to prevent harm caused by drugs. Representatives from Both Instagram and Facebook said "Buying or selling drugs is prohibited on our sites and these accounts have been removed." Both sites urged users to report such activity using the site's reporting tools. <https://www.addaction.org.uk/>

The School Shop

The School Shop will close on Friday 23rd March at 4.30pm for the Easter holiday. It will re-open on Monday 16th April at 9.30am.

Speech Day 2018

This year there will be a revised format for the Promenade Concert on Friday 29th June 2018 and Speech Day on Saturday 30th June 2018, as follows:

Friday 29th June

6.30pm – 10pm Promenade Concert, Courage Hall

Saturday 30th June

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| 9.45am | Arrival |
| 10–10.45am | Commemoration Service, Chapel |
| 11.30-1pm | Prize Giving, Courage Hall |
| 7–11.30pm | Sixth Form Ball, Stock Brook Manor |

All First Years, Lower Sixth and Prize winners are expected to attend Prize Giving.

Dionysia

On Monday 19th March at 7pm, the Classics Department invite you to join them in an evening of frivolity, music, comedy, and even the odd tragedy at Brentwood School's unique:

DIONYSIA

Pupils from all years will be taking part in our Classical-themed cabaret, including performances from Latin talk shows, modern interpretations of mythology and much more. Seated at round tables in the style of a Greek drinking party or "Symposium", with Greco-Roman snacks and beverages, you will be whisked away into the world of Homer, Ovid and Virgil by the talents of our wonderful Classics students.

[Click here for tickets](#) on Eventbrite, £5 for adults and £1 for children.

Confirmation in Chapel

Each year, a number of our students are prepared for Confirmation in the Church of England here in School. Confirmation marks an important moment in our Christian lives where we make a public declaration of our faith and renew the promises made at our baptism.

This year the service will be held on Sunday 24th June at 3pm and will be led by the Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Revd. Roger Morris. There will be a series of preparation classes for those who wish to be confirmed and they will begin in the summer term and will take place in School and will be led by the Chaplain. As part of the Confirmation service, there is also the provision for those who have not been baptised to be baptised prior to being confirmed.

Please contact the Chaplain directly by the end of this term if you would like more details or if you would like your son or daughter to be confirmed: Revd. Dr. Adrian McConnaughe: awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk.

Symphonic and Choral Concert – Brentwood Cathedral

Please come and join us for our Symphonic and Choral showcase this term in the magnificent acoustics of Brentwood Cathedral on the 20th March at 7pm. The first half features our full Symphony Orchestra with Upper Sixth student Maris Lam performing Shostakovich's mighty Piano Concerto No. 2. Following the interval, Brentwood School Choral Society (BSCS) will perform "The Crucifixion" by John Steiner. Conducted by Assistant Director of Music, Mr Revels, and accompanied by our Organist in Residence, Mr Barber. The concert will feature Old Brentwood soloists Benjamin Clark and Chris Moore. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children, and [are available here](#). We look forward to seeing you at this inaugural concert.

Friends of Brentwood School Wine Tasting Evening

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 FoBS Wine Challenge which is being held on Friday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Bean Academic Centre Tuck Shop. Tickets for the evening, which will be held in conjunction with The Shenfield Wine Co, will cost £30 and are available through Eventbrite using this [link](#). You can book single tickets, or a table of eight. Last year's event proved hugely popular so don't miss out. The wine will be accompanied by a cheese platter courtesy of Abigail's Delicatessen in Ingatestone.

Ultimate Activity Camps

Ultimate Activity Camps are returning to Brentwood School in 2018 with their engaging holiday day camps and in the summer they will also be running the Adventurous and Ultimate Survival programme too. The Easter camps will be held from Tuesday 3rd to Wednesday 11th April (not Bank Holidays) and the summer camps from Monday 23rd July to Friday 24th August.

Ultimate Activity Camps offer exciting activity day camps for 4-14 year olds with over 40 activities every week delivered by engaging and enthusiastic staff who will instruct and encourage children to try new activities and make new friends – and naturally have lots of fun! During the summer, they will also offer Ultimate Survival which offers fun and adventurous outdoor day camps where children aged 7 to 14 years will try exciting outdoor activities and games, and learn new skills along the way. There's even the option for a Camp Out on Thursday night. Please visit www.ultimateactivity.co.uk for details or call them on 0330 111 7077 (local rate).

Sport

Brentwood half marathon and the GTCA

Elliot Cordery will be running the Brentwood half marathon on behalf of Georgia's Teenage Cancer Appeal, in its tenth and final year,

Alongside friends and family, Georgia Cordery, a former pupil of the School, decided to set up GTCA back in 2009, in order to help young people, like herself, who were suffering with life threatening or life limiting conditions. Thanks to Georgia and the hard work of the GTCA team, over £500,000 has been raised. This Sunday sees Elliot, Georgia's brother and current Brentwood School pupil run the Brentwood half marathon in her memory. If you would like to donate please visit the Virgin money giving website and search for Georgia Cordery on the donation search engine.

Good luck to Elliot and all of the other runners.

Football

Brentwood faced Sutton Grammar School in a block fixture on Saturday and continued its strong finish to the season winning nine of the twelve fixtures. The First and Second XI played in a combined squad against Sutton Grammar First XI and won 3-1 with a number of the Second XI putting in promising performances. Zach Davidson played extremely well in centre midfield with a very mature performance showing his excellent game understanding. George Pugh and Gabriel Gerlis also put in good performances. Goals came from Charlie Bacon, Joe Quick and George Pugh. The Third XI won 2-0 in another good performance with goals coming from Samuel Blundell and Alex Houston. The Under 14B team won 2-1 to continue a strong push for an unbeaten season under Mr Davies. James Dowsett and Alex Haward scored the goals in a well-deserved win against a strong Sutton Grammar School. The Under 13A team put in an impressive performance against Sutton Grammar winning a very close match 4-3. Goals came from Henry Smith, Ovie Jeyibo (2) and Man of the Match Benjy Mills. In one of the performances of the day the Under 13B team won 8-3 with a very convincing team performance. Goals came from Devan Mistry, George Clark (2), Alex Thomas, Charlie Hurley, Samuel Walsh (2) and the very impressive Max Holland who scored four goals. The other performance of the day came from the Under 12A team who played superbly well to win 9-0 – Stanley Skipper, Max Porteous and Tom Arnold were once again in imperious form.

On Tuesday, the Under 14A team played in the English Schools' Cup quarter-final against The Howard School in a very tense fixture. Brentwood took an early lead through Ethan Norris with an excellent right-footed finish from just inside the penalty area. Brentwood continued to play well and went into the break deservedly leading. A very dogged performance in the second half followed, with notable performances from Matthew Prince, Jem Ozkoch and Josh Catterall in defence. Despite a frantic last five minutes Brentwood held on to win 1-0 and put themselves into the semi-final of a competition entered by 663 schools! They will meet the winner of Whitgift and All Hallows Catholic School for a place in the semi-final. On Wednesday, the First XI played in the London Cup semi-final against Wellington College hoping to reach the final for the second year in a row. The conditions made it very difficult for either team to break the deadlock and at the half-time break the game was delicately poised at 0-0. Brentwood continued to mount a number of attacks in the second half and the deadlock was finally broken when Cameron Smith scored. Lewis Arthur then slotted home a second to secure a well-deserved win for Brentwood who progress into the final where they will face Hampton School.

Karting

We are delighted that the A team comprising of Callum Brooks , Ethan Brooks and Iaroslav Kovalev won the BSKC semi-final at the Brentwood track on Tuesday. The competition was extremely challenging with 20 teams competing but the boys drove superbly. This is the fourth time they have won this title, as they secured 117 out of a possible 120 points. Ethan drove superbly to win both of his races in commanding fashion, Callum also won both of his races in dominant style and Iaroslav claimed excellent 2nd and 3rd place finishes. It was an outstanding night of driving from all three boys and they now progress to the Regional Final at Buckmore Park in April.

Netball

This week the Under 13, 15 and Senior teams enjoyed a busy but exciting week as Brentwood played host to the annual Kelsall tournaments. The Under 13 team competed on Tuesday afternoon. After a wobbly start against Stephen Perse B the girls soon found their form and beat New Hall, Chigwell B and Forest to win their pool and faced Chigwell A in the semi-final. Again they had a slow start and were 4 goals down in a short space of time, they needed to draw on their reserve and fight back with determination. At half-time they had picked back up to be 4-3 down. The girls kept calm and strong throughout to finally win by a 5-goal margin. Brentwood then proceeded to beat Stephen Perse A team, comfortably in the final. The Under 15s lost narrowly in the final losing by one goal against a very strong Felsted School. The Seniors also competed well against difficult opposition and finished 5th in their overall group.

Rugby

On Wednesday, a young and inexperienced Senior 7s team travelled to Barking rugby club to take on some of the best 7s teams in Essex. Brentwood conceded an early converted try against Westcliff but redeemed themselves by scoring three unanswered tries to beat WHSB 19-7. The next fixture was played against Coopers' Coborn and again Brentwood's young side gave a very good Coopers' outfit a hard time. With the score seven all at half-time and everything to play for, Coopers' used the wind advantage behind them very well, and scored straight after half-time to take a 12-7 lead. In the final seconds of the game, Brentwood had all the chances to score but unfortunately the Coopers' defence held strong, and a turn over ball saw Coopers' run the length of the pitch to take victory from Brentwood's hands by 19-7. Brentwood's final opponents for the day came to the hands of Robert Clack, this was for the third/fourth place play off. With the wind behind their backs, the boys scored first, to take a 7-0 lead, Robert Clack pulled things back to 7 all. Brentwood scored just before half-time and took a 14-7 lead at the break. With everything to play for Robert Clack closed the lead to 14-12 and immediately after the kick off looked like they wanted to take control of the game, by scoring under the Brentwood posts and took a 19-12 lead. Brentwood, however, reorganised themselves and with a lot of patience on the ball broke through the Robert Clack defence to score under the posts, with the conversion successful, Brentwood took a 21-19 lead, this set things up for a very tense couple of minutes. The Brentwood boys held their nerves, and held on to their close lead for an excellent 21-19 victory. Well done to George Graver, Henry Batty, Ed Crosby, George Davis, Lennox Fraser Draper, Harvey Guiver, Owen Jenkins, Harry Millsom, Sebastian Margiotta and Robert Dos Santos Pardington for their excellent performances on the day.

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/0Bx56Kfjisy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>

Yours sincerely



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