



## Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

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Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to return to School on Monday and we have been basking in bright sunshine for most of the week. The Lower Sixth formers have been sitting internal examinations this week and our International Baccalaureate Diploma students embark on study leave next Monday. We wish them every success in their forthcoming examinations. As usual at this time of year, our Upper Sixth Formers are beginning the gradual process of disengagement from the School. This was marked and celebrated in our annual Sixth Former Leavers' Service which took place today. It was also a pleasure to host so many Praepostors for a drinks party followed by dinner on Wednesday evening to thank them for their hard work throughout a year in which they have been superb role models for younger students in the School.

I am pleased to report that students who took advantage of the plethora of trips and activities during the long Easter holiday greatly enjoyed the experiences to which they were introduced, and I am particularly pleased that the expedition to Everest Base Camp was such a success.

The recruitment consultants from RSAcademics, who were in School on Wednesday, asked me to pass on their thanks to all the parents and Old Brentwoods they were able to meet. They spoke in a particularly warm and flattering way about meeting our older students, who entertained them for lunch and a tour of the School.

We are all looking forward to the start of the Athletics and Cricket season tomorrow; the Tuck Shop will be open for refreshments from 1.15pm - 4pm. I look forward to seeing you.

### Academic Enrichment Clubs

This week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, First Year pupil, Faris Fahal, gave an eloquent presentation about whether military service should be reinstated in the United Kingdom. He gave both sides of the argument and this was followed by an interesting discussion. Both groups decided that on balance, they did not think that it was necessary for the UK to have compulsory military service.

Next week, at Junior Colloquium on Monday, and JSABs on Tuesday, as part of Art Week in the BAC, our Art Teacher Miss Perry is going to be presenting her ideas on 'Art and Ethics: Recent Controversies in the Culture Industry'. This will centre on perhaps the most widely publicised art-world debate of the past year, which found the Guggenheim Museum embroiled in controversy over Animal Rights. The talk will explore the implications of ethical problems when they unfold in the culture industry and their possible consequences for free speech.

All First and Second Year pupils are invited to Junior Colloquium on Monday and all in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Year students are invited to JSABs on Tuesday. Both meetings are at 1.20pm in the BAC Lecture Theatre.

### Art Week in the Bean Academic Centre

Calling all First to Third Years! For Art Week, pupils are invited to take part in a competition to create a map of Brentwood School.

This can be 2D or 3D and as formal or abstract as you choose. Students could create a papercut out, a collage, focus on the idea of contours, a hanging mobile or a formal drawing or painting.

Students can work from a bird's eye view or gather inspiration by taking photos from around the School with their iPad. Be creative.

Creations must be brought to the Art Department for judging by the end of school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Students are welcome to attend Art Club on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April between 4pm and 6pm to use any materials and equipment. If you have any queries or advice, please contact Miss Stimpson (EJS) in the Art Department.

**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](mailto:dnp@brentwood.essex.sch.uk))

Date	Event	Booking Details
TBC	Revision Techniques (1st - 5th) (Mrs Gorsuch)	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
Wed 2nd May 2018	HPQ Pupil Showcase	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
Wed 16th May 2018	Human Universe Lecture 5 - Controversial Artists (Mr Cooper)	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
Mon 4th June 2018	Human Universe Lecture 6 - Ancient Democracy (Mr Clark)	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
Wed 6th June 2018	EPQ/Extended Essay Pupil Showcase	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
Tue 19th June 2018	iPad Basics for Parents	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>

**“Inspiring Future Leaders: 30 Years of Girls at Brentwood School”**

This year Brentwood School celebrates the special anniversary of 30 years of girls in the First Year at the Senior School. In order to mark this occasion we will be hosting our first ever annual Inspiring Future Leaders festival.

The aim of the festival this year is to highlight the significant impact of female leaders in our community and to give all of our girls and boys the opportunity to develop their understanding of themselves, expand their horizons in terms of potential future careers and take part in a real-life “Apprentice”-style challenge with a pitch to a panel of judges. Most of the events are aimed at the Fourth Year and up but for pupils in First - Third Year, there is an opportunity to develop creativity and team working skills by designing the “30 years of girls” School logo.

The three events are listed below:

**Event 1 - Learning from Leaders - panel Q&A**  
**Tuesday 24th April 4 - 5.15pm - Memorial Hall**

This is your opportunity to hear from leaders from a number of industries including finance, architecture, sport, education, medicine and law. As well as hearing about the diverse stories and career paths of our speakers you will have the opportunity to network and ask your own questions.

**Event 2 - “Communicating effectively & confidently” workshop**  
**Wednesday 25th April 4 - 5pm - BAC Lecture Theatre**

Get insider information on how to present the best of yourself. Learn about body language and subliminal communication through this interactive workshop.



### **Event 3 - "Innovation & Creativity" challenge**

#### **Thursday 26th April 6.30 - 8pm - Wessex Auditorium**

If you've ever fancied yourself a prospective "Apprentice" candidate then this is the event for you. You will have until the event on Thursday evening to fulfil the task set and prepare your pitch to present to a panel of judges of female leaders from a variety of different backgrounds.

Please look out for an InTouch letter with a link to an Eventbrite page where you will be able to sign up to come and join the Event 3 audience.

### **The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards**

I am delighted to be able to congratulate Nirvana Leaver (OB) who has been awarded her Gold Award, Melissa Comber, Harry Millsom, Ishani Patel, Nida Suhail and Tingchi Zhang who have completed their Silver Awards and Sophie Gibson who has finished her Bronze award. If your son or daughter finished their award earlier in the academic year but has not yet submitted the details, do encourage them to do so. If they need assistance, they should contact Mr Carr, our Centre Manager, via email ([NJC@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:NJC@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)).

### **Friends of Brentwood School Wine Tasting Evening**

There are still a few tickets left for the 2018 FoBS Wine Challenge which is being held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](#). 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.

### **Sport**

#### **Absence from Sport**

Thank you to all parents and pupils for their continued support of school sport. As I am sure you are aware, representing the School on the sports field is a privilege and while we fully understand that absence from Saturday fixtures is occasionally inevitable, parents/pupils are reminded to email Mr Wignall, Director of Sport ([IAW@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:IAW@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)) and their respective team manager if their child is unable to represent the School on a Saturday. Your support in ensuring our sports teams are as fully prepared as possible is much appreciated. Furthermore, all pupils and parents are reminded that unless prior approval has been agreed with Heads of Sport, School sport takes precedence over club sport during the summer season. Any queries should be directed to Mr I Wignall.

#### **Athletics**

For all students taking part in Athletics this year, please be aware of the following – Boys' training: Monday and Wednesday. Girls' Training: Tuesday and Thursday. On Saturday mornings, all athletes are encouraged to attend to training.

#### **Equestrian**

The Equestrian team competed in the County Show Jumping qualifiers, at Beechwood Equestrian Centre, Hanningfield, to represent Essex at the National Championships (which are this coming weekend). In torrential weather, the 80cm show jumping team of Sophie Philpot, Charlotte Cooke and Imogen Pohl rode super rounds to win! Charlotte also won individually on her second pony and Sophie Philpot was placed third. This team now goes on to the National County Championships at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Bucks on Saturday 21st April.

We fielded two 90cm teams in the next class with the blue team of Emma Philpot, Grace Parrish, Ben Hogarth and Charlotte Cooke taking the runners up position, just missing out on qualification. Emma Philpot was 2 ½ seconds faster than the nearest rival to win individually so she goes forward to represent Essex as an individual in this class. Our white team consisting of Emma on her second ride, Sophie Philpot and Imogen Pohl all rode very well for fifth place.

The 100cm team consisting of Thomas Philpot, Emma Philpot, Grace Parrish and Ben Hogarth all jumped very well for 3rd place. Emma Philpot was also placed six individually. Emma Philpot then went into the arena and jumped a double clear in the 110cm to qualify for the Elite Hickstead Championships in August.

Grace and Sophie entered the Show Jumping National Qualifiers at Codham Park Equestrian Centre on 7th of April. Sophie jumped super clear rounds, coming second and qualifying in both the 80cm and 90cm category. Grace rode a stunning round in the 100cm to also be placed second and joining Sophie to qualify for the National Championships at Addington Manor in October.

Well done to all the riders and parents for their support.

### Basketball

We are delighted to report that Jessica Bakhsh attended Essex County trials over the last two weekends and was selected to represent Essex for the U13 Girls team in the inter-county tournament on 29th April which will determine the selection for the East Region Team for the Regional Development Tournament in July.

### Cricket

Following a very damp Easter and a disrupted pre-season programme Cricket will get underway on Saturday with matches against Bishop Stortford College. The First XI and Under 14 A and B teams travel to Bishop Stortford while the Second XI and the Under 15 A and B will host. In addition the Under 15C and Under 14C travel to King's Rochester. We wish all teams well. All Under 13 and Under 12 teams will be training at School from 9.30am.

### Football

It was a busy Easter break for some of our Football players and we are delighted to report that Kolade Alabi, Luke Richards and James Webb-Wood played for Herts and Essex at the Shrewsbury Festival. Zachary Davidson, Jack Brown, Dom Clatworthy and Joe Macdonald represented ISFA Under 16s in Belgium. Harrison Clayden and Jacob Knightbridge attended the ISFA Under 14 tour to Scotland, with John Sasere representing the Under 15 team. Jacob has also been selected for the England camp attending St George's Park later this month.

### Hockey

We are delighted to announce that Molly Smith and Hannah Knightbridge have been selected to represent Essex Hockey in the final inter-county tournament on Sunday 22nd April. Molly has been training with the Under 13 Essex Academy this year and her recent selection is an excellent way to end a very successful season. We wish her and the Essex team the very best for this weekend's competition.

### Sports practices

Information regarding the range of Trinity Term sports practices can be found on the School Calendar, SOCS.

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/0Bx56Kfjy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>

Yours sincerely



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