



## Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

Dear Parents,

As usual at this time of year, our attention turns to the September 2018 11+ entry and further to the examination two weeks ago, Scholarship interviews have been taking place throughout this week. It is always a pleasure to take the time to meet parents of potential scholars and we look forward to welcoming many of them into the School next September.

Our first Choral Evensong in Chapel on Thursday evening proved to be a lovely service and I would like to congratulate Mr Revels, Choir Master, for his splendid work in bringing the Senior Choir up to standard in such a short time. We look forward immensely to the next Choral Evensong on 22<sup>nd</sup> February which involves the participation of the full choir that includes younger Senior School pupils and Preparatory School pupils. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Following on from the Choral Evensong we are looking forward to "The Battle of the Big Bands" on Saturday when our School Big Band plays alongside the professional "Seven Steps" Big Band from London. This is an excellent evening and every seat has now been taken.

### Headmaster's Endeavour Award

I was very pleased to award Alice Grundy and Victor Sarpong, both in the Lower Sixth, the Headmaster's Academic Endeavour Award, in assembly this week. As main speakers for the senior public speaking teams, the pair have spent hours writing and honing speeches of the highest quality in preparation for the competition. In the first round of the competition, of the eight teams that competed, Brentwood secured first and second places thanks largely to Alice and Victor, and this is a considerable achievement when we bear in mind that judges do prefer to advance teams from different schools. Audiences have quite simply been captivated by the quality of their speaking skills. Alice's anecdotal speech was delivered with intelligence, warmth and humour, while Victor presented with gravitas and authority. They have been a huge credit to the School, showcasing academia in the most engaging and practical of ways.

### Academic Enrichment Clubs

At Junior Colloquium and JSABs this week, Sixth Form student, Emma Booth, spoke passionately about the relationship between art and politics. She explained how throughout time, politics has influenced the art that is produced and an insightful discussion was had by both groups in terms of how much art also influences politics. The work of Banksy was also a key discussion point. Next week at Junior Colloquium and JSABs, students from the Fifth Year and Sixth Form will be presenting in connection with Chinese BAC week. On Monday at Junior Colloquium, Adeline Zhao, Helen Zhang, Chloe Ho and Caroline Liu will be presenting on Food and Fashion in Asia. At JSABs on Tuesday, Gloria Ma, Chak Yee Chan, Alex Zhon, Ryan Zhang and Harry Shi will be debating China and Globalisation. All First and Second Year pupils are invited to attend Junior Colloquium on Monday and all pupils in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Years are invited to JSABs on Tuesday. Both meetings are at 1.20pm in the BAC Lecture Theatre.

### Brentwood School Learning Community

Please find below a reminder of upcoming events. All events take place in the BAC Tuck Shop and begin at 6.45pm with tea and coffee unless stated otherwise. 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
Mon 5th February 2018	Motivation and Resilience workshop (Supporting Links)	SOLD OUT
Thurs 8th Feb 2018	Digital Showcase (Mr Dean & Digital Leaders)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>



## Academic Support for Fifth Year Pupils

In the Fifth Year folder in the Letters Home area on Google Drive, you will find the latest version of the Fifth Year Academic Support Sessions now in place for your son/daughter. It really is imperative that they attend the sessions as agreed with their Form Tutor/Head of Year/Deputy Head of Year.

## Life Skills

Third Year pupils had four lessons of Life Skills on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and have focused on the following topics: Self-esteem, to understand what it is and how to build self-esteem; Self Harm, to understand what it is, how to recognise the signs/triggers and how to support yourself and friends; Reframing failure, to understand what is meant by resilience, and it's role in success, what is meant by failure and how to reframe this and learn from it and Fast Tomato, a preliminary look at careers and options for the future.

Fifth Year students will have a Drama production on 5<sup>th</sup> February, focusing on Road Safety. 'Dead End' is delivered through incredibly powerful monologues interspersed with theatrical action, and imagery via a projection screen, the audience is guided powerfully through the key messages. We see the build-up to, and consequences of two crashes. Designed for this age group, the performance uses a 'talking heads' style approach with graphic descriptions of the crashes and the emotional scars. This performance has been particularly effective as a means of communicating powerfully with this age group, who have proved highly receptive to this more sophisticated and emotive approach.

Key messages: Don't Drink/drug drive; Wear Seatbelts; Don't distract the driver; Don't speed or show off.

If you have any concerns or would like further information, on any of the above, then please contact Mrs Rajani via email at [kdr@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:kdr@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, Revd. Dr. Adrian McConnaughie, directly by the end of this term if you would like more details or for your son or daughter to be confirmed this year: [awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

## Choral Evensong

This term marks the start of an exciting new Choral tradition at Brentwood School with the introduction of Choral Evensong in the School Chapel. Choral Evensong is a traditional, sung service which takes place every day in most Cathedrals and is often led by an experienced choir of men, boys and girls. The service offers an important moment as we draw to the close of the day to be uplifted through an act of worship which combines singing, scripture reading and prayer. The first service was held yesterday evening at 5 pm in the Chapel.

This term, we have two further Choral Evensong services and we would be delighted if you could attend. The services all begin at 5pm in the Chapel. The dates are 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Junior Chapel Choirs) and 15<sup>th</sup> March (Senior Chamber Choir). There will be refreshments after the service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February which marks the launch of our Junior Chapel Choirs and therefore it would help with catering if you contacted the Chaplain directly if you are attending this service. Revd. Dr. Adrian McConnaughie: [awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:awm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

### Senior School Production – ‘Change Please’

How do YOU feel about the subject of homelessness? Sympathetic, understanding, critical, hostile?

You are invited to promenade into the twilight world of the homeless. Dress warmly and be prepared to be both moved and challenged by what you see. This challenging performance aims to raise awareness of a very relevant problem and provide the participants with some insight into what it is like to live rough. You will be escorted on your journey around the School to various locations where you will experience for yourselves the highs and lows of living on the streets. This unique theatrical experience has been devised by the Senior pupils who combine a variety of play texts, original material and live music.

One pound from each ticket sold will go to Chess, a homeless charity and source of inspiration for the work: <http://www.chesshomeless.org/>. There will also be a retiring collection. In addition, the cast and crew are organising a collection of items and more information can be found on the poster in the Concert and Productions Folder in the Letters Home area of Google Drive. Please donate if you can by bringing donations along with you on the evenings of the production or drop them off at the Drama Office in Huddleston.

The production takes place on the 6th, 7th and 8th February and will start in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. We have a limited number of tickets available, which are priced at £7 per adult and £5 per student. [For tickets please click here.](#)

### Middle School Production – ‘Marian and Robin Hood’

A story of magic and battles, power and deceit; the country’s finest archer and the world’s bravest woman.

The evil Prince John has left his brother, Richard the Lionheart, to rot and die in a prison thousands of miles from home. Robin now a knight of England, comes home after the Crusades to try and salvage what is left of his country. Poverty and suffering are everywhere as John, the witch, Morgan le Fay and the Sheriff of Nottingham have bled the people dry with their ever increasing taxes. However, among the starving bodies of the poor one person has been fighting back. Marian Fitzwalter, leader of the Revolution, has been doing all she can to keep John from the throne and ultimate power. With Robin by her side there might be some hope left yet for England.

The production takes place on Wednesday 28th February, Thursday 1st March, Friday 2nd March and Saturday 3rd March in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. Tickets are £7 per adult and £4 per student. [Please click here](#) for tickets and then select your chosen night and number of tickets required. Refreshments will be served in the interval.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sherwood Forest.

### An Evening of Jazz and Spoken Word

Following the huge success of our Evening of Jazz and Spoken Word last year, please come and join us for another evening entertainment of Words and Music as we go on a ‘Winter’s Journey’ with the theme of the poetry readings on this occasion being the romance and poetry of cold weather.

This will take place on Thursday 22nd February in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. A collaboration between the English and Music Departments of Brentwood School, this evening will feature a selection of fun and serious poetry interspersed with small ensemble jazz performances. Poetry will be read by a number of staff and pupils and the jazz performed by our senior and junior jazz ensembles, both under the tutelage of Head of Jazz, Mr. Matthew Sulzmann. Come and relax with sultry blues, thought-provoking poetry and a glass of wine in the interval.

Tickets are priced at £5 per adult, (students do not have to pay for tickets). For tickets, [please click here](#). We look forward to seeing you in the audience.

### Sing with the Brentwood School Choral Society - Tuesday 20th March, 7pm

On Tuesday 20th March, Brentwood School Choral Society (BSCS) will perform "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer in a very exciting choral and orchestral concert at Brentwood Cathedral. 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. In a unique opportunity, parents and OBs are invited to participate in this special performance. You will be coached by Mr Revels in two dedicated rehearsals before joining with the BSCS for the concert. There will be no auditions and all are welcome. We ask for a small contribution of £10 which will go towards rehearsal refreshments, the hire of the scores etc.

Numbers are limited so to secure your place [please register here](#). Your place in the BSCS Adult Chorus will be confirmed in advance of the first rehearsal. Please forward this information to other parents or OBs who you think might be interested. If you would like to attend the concert as a guest, tickets for non-singing supporters are £10 for adults and £5 for children, [and are available here](#). We look forward to seeing you at this inaugural concert.

### National final of the Teflon Diamond Standard Keen Young Cooks Award

Congratulations to Fourth Year pupil, Sarah Blockley, who secured a place in the national final of the Teflon Diamond Standard Keen Young Cooks Award. She competed against 11 other finalists and made a delicious dessert dish of Raspberry and Pistachio Friands with Crème Anglaise and Pistachio crumb with a tart Raspberry Coulis.

Sarah achieved joint first place - a fantastic achievement in this national competition. The Head Judge, Lesley Waters, complemented Sarah on the balance of her flavours and her organisation and focus during the final. Congratulations Sarah.

### News from an Old Brentwood

As reported in the Brentwood School Times (BST) recently, Old Brentwood, John Stowell (2009-2011) received a First Class result in this Third Year English examinations and, as a consequence was made a Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. In addition he has been awarded a Wright Prize, conferred on those who achieve the top third of First Class results across the University, and an Alfred Hall Prior Scholarship.

Additionally, as part of his degree John won the University prize for the best English dissertation, and as part of that prize it was published in the Cambridge Quarterly Review (December 2017). The dissertation was on aesthetics in Darwin's writings. John is currently studying for an MPhil in Cambridge, in the faculty of History and Philosophy of Science. Well done John.

### Parent App for coach pupils

CoachHire will launch their Parent App on Monday 19th February. The app will automatically update parents of their children's progress on their route, provided they swipe on and off each time they use the coach. Registration details will be sent to all coach parents during the half term.

### Sport

#### Water Polo

On Tuesday, the Under 16 team travelled to QE Barnet for the final round of The London League. Brentwood played Highgate first, which was a tough match for the team who lost 9-1. In the next match against QE Barnet, Brentwood was unlucky to lose 6-3 but demonstrated considerable progress which will no doubt result in future successes.

On Thursday, the Under 19 team travelled to Haberdasher's Aske's School for the semi-final of The London League. In the first match, Brentwood took a while to get the play going against the City of London School, and was two goals down at half-time. In the second-half Brentwood were on fighting form and scored four goals (Warman 1, Ackerman 1 and Pessina 2) to win the first match 4-2. In the next match, Brentwood had a lengthy battle against QE Barnet eventually losing 6-3. In the final deciding match against HABS, Brentwood fought hard in what was a very close match, resulting unfortunately in a 7-5 loss. Brentwood now progress onto the B Finals in a few weeks' time against Alleyn's School, City of London School and Whitgift School.

### Swimming

Brentwood were victorious in the pool once again at the Brentwood and District Relays. The students won an incredible 14 out of 16 events, crowning them District Champions once again. Very well done to all of the students that took part, they displayed some incredible performances which we were all extremely proud of.

### Hockey

Alec Hunter Academy presented a challenging field of players who required the Under 12C Brentwood girls to draw on their fitness to reach a score draw (2-2) at full time. Some excellent defending by Isobel Alder and fantastic goalkeeping by Evie Jerman kept the opposition at bay. Determined attacking manoeuvres by Mobolu Olowoyeye and Olivia Sorae played a significant part. The team came together and played a very strong second-half. Well done girls!

The Under 12D team played Alec Hunter Academy on Monday and despite them having a couple of strong girls in defence, Brentwood managed to secure a 3-0 victory. The girls used the width well and Hannah Ali scored her first hat-trick of the season. Well done on a much deserved win.

The Under 13C team played its final match of the season against Alec Hunter Academy on Thursday after school. After a slow start, they found, the girls found their form and scored a goal, after this the goals came thick and fast through Rachel Hepburn-Braham, Elana Aseerwatham and Kirsty Dewar, who also received 'Player of the Match' for her sterling efforts in midfield. The final score was 5-0.

Last Thursday saw the last of the Under 13Ds competitive matches this season, and what a game to finish on. The team worked exceptionally hard against a strong Alec Hunter side but appeared confident in a 2-1 victory. All the girls put their best foot forward and showed great team spirit. The match really displayed the improvement they have made in both skill and match awareness this season. I look forward to seeing how they progress as they move to full size pitches as U14s next year.

The Under 14A team put on an impressive team display against King John School in the Essex Cup, the girls were denied several chances by the oppositions excellent goalkeeper but the deadlock was eventually broken and Brentwood went into the half-time break with a 3-0 lead. Brentwood sustained pressure in the second-half and the final score was 4-0. Goals were scored by Freya Killilea, Erin Fitzgerald, and Annabel Hill.

The Under 14A team had a second fixture of the week versus Coopers' Coborn School. In such a competitive fixture, the final 2-4 score line did not reflect the overall game. Brentwood was unlucky to find themselves 2-1 down at the half-time break after taking the initial lead and an unfortunate change in formation at half-time due to an injury meant Coopers' exposed the team in the defending half. However, credit must be given to Coopers' who executed short corners and was clinical in the D. Special mention must go to Freya Killilea who scored both the goals and Annabel Gregory who commanded her defence throughout the tight battle.

The Under 15As played in an evenly-matched fixture against Coopers' Coborn School last Wednesday. After an even first half, Brentwood was unlucky to go in to half-time 0-1 down, having had opportunities in front of goal that did not convert. The second-half was a similar story and the girls were unlucky not to score

through efforts from Emma Philpot and Caitlin Goodbody. At the other end of the pitch, Vicky Yeong was outstanding in goal, making a number of excellent saves. This performance earned Vicky 'Player of the Match' but unfortunately was not enough to stop a 0-2 defeat.

On Thursday, the Under 15As had their final match of the season against Saffron Walden School. After a delayed start, the girls were unlucky to concede a goal early in the first-half. They battled back and equalised with a goal from Annabelle Williams after a sterling run through midfield by Emma Philpot. In the darkness and rain of the second-half, and hampered by player absence, illness and injury, the girls were unlucky to concede a second goal in the second-half to lose 1-2.

The Second XI played its last competitive fixture of the season against strong opposition, Coopers' Coborn School. All players put in an admirable work rate throughout the whole match but were unfortunate to suffer a 6-0 defeat. A particular mention goes to Abi Coe who came very close to scoring an excellent goal but narrowly missed the deflection.

### Fencing

Many athletes from Brentwood School Fencing Club represented the School at the Eastern Region Youth Championships last weekend. Jemima Mamelok, Charlotte Elliston, Neo Merrell, Robbie Woolterton, Tessa Birchley, Alex Lockyer, Callum Anderson, Krishan Kanda, Jack Leonard, Adnan Yagub, Jack Haynes, Carlisle Bailey, Adam Hogarth, Alex Williams, Ranveer Kanda, Caleb Lim, Tamara Palamar, Tanay Sonawane, Topias Pulkkinen and Guillaume Goodey all fenced very well but could not grab the qualification spots available for the Eastern Region for the British Youth Championships finals later in May.

A huge congratulations to Jacob Leslie, Maddy Gale, Tom Woolterton, Kavinan Pathmanathan, Matthew Goodwin, Alice Moorhouse, Ben Nagelkerke, Faith Child, Haliya Alagbaba, Fodayemi Akinyosoye, Tanisha Rajan and Valentin Ivanov who won bronze medals and silver medals were won by Lily Jeffery, Ian Ho, Jaidaksh Anilkumar and Rosa Xu. In addition, congratulations to the following students; Joshua Elsworth, Sophia Jones, Jack Elsworth, Tilly Fisk and Matthias Milki who qualified to the quarter-finals in their respective disciplines.

A special mention must go to Jacob Leslie who, following his bronze medal in Foil Under 12 on the Saturday, went all the way on Sunday to become the new Boys' Under 12 Épée Eastern Region Champion. In total 23 athletes qualified to represent the Eastern Region in the British Youth Championships in Sheffield in May, a fantastic achievement.

### Netball

On Saturday, Brentwood competed against Forest School winning all four matches in the Under 12A (27-7) and B (32-1), Under 14B (23-13) and Under 15B (41-5) age groups. With all teams making strong starts to the games, Brentwood was able to take comfortable leads with consistent shooting and team work from all mid-court players. As well as this, the Under 13A and B teams travelled away to Bedford Modern School winning both set of matches, convincingly. Congratulations to all players who competed for a very successful morning of fixtures.

As Essex champions, the Under 16 netball team was representing their county in the Regionals Finals on Saturday 27th January in Welwyn Garden City. The team was disappointed to lose its first game against Stephen Perse School but came out with a feisty and determined spirit to win the next three games in succession, beating the county champions of Bedford, Suffolk and Norfolk. The girls then faced St Edmunds in their last game knowing that a win would secure them a place in the semi-final. Unfortunately, at half-time, Brentwood was down by 4 goals and had to make positional changes to try and counteract the play. Sadly, this didn't play off and St Edmund's went onto win comfortably. The girls narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-final and should be extremely proud of their progress in this competition. Congratulations

to the following girls: Faith Rufai who lead as captain with an outstanding attitude motivating the team every step of the way. To Grace Cannell who had a great tournament throughout, Skye Lynch and Lucy Holloway in the mid-court, Zara Phillips and Lauren Ager who ably supported Faith in the defending circle, Sarah Dawe who played a solid wing defence and finally Lauren Burgin, Anna Reeves and Evie McKnight who faced immensely strong defence in the shooting circle.

The 1st VII achieved a solid win against Saffron Walden during the mid-week friendly fixture. A sleepy start meant that Brentwood was trailing 5-7 after the first quarter. However, the team managed to step up a gear for the rest of the match, with some lovely passages of play moving down court. Despite the windy conditions, the shooters managed to keep putting away the goals, ending the game with a 28-18 victory. Player of the Match was awarded to Megan Fraser for her fantastic pressure in defence and countless turnovers.

The 2nd VII team lost in a well-fought battle against Great Baddow's first team in the MESSA league (18-35). There was excellent defensive work from Grace Parrish and Zara Smalley which was complemented well with the mid-court and attacking players.

On Wednesday evening, both the Under 12 and 13 netball teams travelled away in a MESSA league netball match against Chelmer Valley School. A very competitive and successful set of fixtures saw Brentwood win all four matches convincingly. The Under 12A team won 22-2 with excellent play throughout, Player of the Match was awarded to Annabel Simmons for her solid performance in defence. The Under 12B team won an impressive 31-2 with the Under 13A team winning 26-4, Player of the Match was awarded to Taaliyah Foster. Finally, the Under 13B team won by an impressive score line 38-1, with Penelope Wood awarded Player of the Match for her excellent mid-court play.

### Football

On Friday, the Under 12 teams faced City of London in a traditional fixture block. Brentwood took the spoils winning all seven fixtures in some extremely competitive games. The Under 12A and Under 12B both won 6-0 with two outstanding performances. Freddie Thorn scored again for the Under 12A team who continue an excellent run of form. The B team played magnificently to win 6-0 with goals coming from Rory Philpot (3), Zach Puchakayala, Thibaud Mathieson and Steven Russell. The Under 12C team won 6-4 in an end to end game with Owen Romhany playing extremely well again alongside the impressive Freddie Abbott. The U12D footballers had a very successful day with a 5-2 win over City of London. Nathan Udall scored two excellent goals whilst Lucas Wright put in a Man of the Match performance in goal.

The Under 12E team won 5-0 with some excellent individual performances, James Sydenham in particular put a great performance in with some outstanding left foot deliveries that caused problems for City of London from the start. Joseph Zinyemba also played well scoring in the process. The Under 12F team also won by a convincing 5-0 score line. Harold Madunagu played extremely well showing excellent energy from start to finish. In the first fixture of the season, the Under 12G team put in a great performance against the City of London F team winning 3-2 following an excellent game in which Jacob Sparks and Olusegun Idowu played particularly well. Rohan Aggarwal was the hero of the hour putting in a Man of the Match performance for Brentwood making some spectacular saves in goal as well as showing how brave he was. Other good performances came from Jola Akinrin and the very dynamic Ran Lin.

On Saturday, Brentwood faced Bedford Modern in another traditional block in which the boys came away with thirteen wins, one draw and one loss. The First XI put in a great performance with Man of the Match Cameron Smith scoring two breath-taking goals whilst Tom Takar and Charlie Bacon also got on the score sheet.

The Second XI put in one of the performances of the season winning 7-0 against Bedford Modern. Goals came from George Pugh, Cameron Allen (2), Max Fewster and the very impressive Isaac Ng (3). The Third XI drew 3-3 having missed a number of good chances to deny victory to the boys who were certainly the stronger

team. The Fourth XI again impressed under Mr Murphy's guidance with a 3-0 win. Goals came from James Willy, Harry Prasad and Ed Brown but the most pleasing part of the performance was the solid defensive showing to ensure a clean sheet. The Fifth XI continued to show its improvements throughout the season winning 2-0 with a number of excellent performances with particularly good performances by Brandon Mahmut and Charlie Cortney.

The Under 15A team put in a good team performance to win 2-1 although the boys knew a much tougher task was ahead when they would face Bede's in the Elgin League semi final on Thursday. The Under 15B team put in the best performance of the season winning 11-0 following an amazing team performance. Brentwood was the superior team in every department and showed quality play with a number of well-worked goals.

The Under 14A team suffered its first loss of the season with a 3-2 loss away to Bedford which meant the dream of an unbeaten season was no longer possible. The Under 14B team however, did manage to continue its unbeaten season with a 5-1 win over Bedford. Goals came from James Abbott, James Dowsett, Alex Haward, Connor Bartell and Jake Griffiths.

The Under 13A team won a nail-biting match 6-5 scoring with one of the last kicks of the game. Another impressive performance from Fiz Jaiyesimi saw him score two goals whilst Henry Smith scored a hat-trick and Ovie Jeyibo finished off the scoring for a very energetic Brentwood side. The Under 13B team put in another good performance with a 3-1 win over Bedford with goals coming from Angus Robertson (2) and Nathan Frost. Thinod Balage was awarded Man of the Match following an excellent performance in goal. The Under 13C team also put in an impressive performance winning 9-0 in a very one-sided contest. Goals came from Luca Bassett (3) who continued his excellent form this season, Angus Hampson (2), Samuel Walsh (2), Max Small and Alex Howard completed the scoring for Brentwood.

The Under 12A team made it two wins in two days on Saturday with a 3-2 win against a competitive Bedford Modern team. The Under 12B team also won in a convincing 6-0 win with Leo Troubridge impressing and Oren Goddard also putting in a good performance in goal. Thomas Eastwood continued to show his outstanding football intelligence to control the game for Brentwood from the centre of the park. The Under 12D team played against Bedford Modern C team and played extremely well winning 1-0. Played in difficult conditions, Alexander Kelsey scored early whilst Jackson Booth and Dhaanish Belliani played particularly well.

On Monday, the Under 14A team faced Collingwood College in the last 16 of the English Schools' FA Cup, a competition entered this year by 663 schools. The team won 1-0 with an excellent goal from Theo Newton, who again came up with an important goal for the very successful Brentwood side. Jem Ozkoch and Harrison Clayden played with their hearts on their sleeves managing to make a number of important tackles, headers and blocks to ensure Brentwood kept a clean sheet and progressed to the last eight of the national competition.

On Wednesday, the First and Second XI faced Dulwich College in the London Cup in two very entertaining games. The First XI won 4-3 to avenge the cup final loss from the previous season in the same competition to Dulwich. Brentwood took a very early 3-0 lead through goals from Joe Quick and two goals from the ever-impressive Thomas Takar. Lewis Arthur added a fourth from a corner before Dulwich scored late on in the first half. The second-half proved to be a very difficult half which would in the end require some very resolute defending from the outstanding Lewis Arthur and Henry Larke. The Second XI unfortunately lost 2-1 after extra time in another good game that could have gone either way. Bradley Marshall impressed in central defence whilst Jonny Mace again played well in central midfield. Cameron Allen also continued to show his value to the team with another versatile and committed performance.

On Thursday, the Under 14A team had its second important cup game of the week as the boys faced St. Bonaventures School in the Essex Cup where they managed to win 2-1 in another tight match. Joel Winter and Josh Argent scored the all-important goals for Brentwood to see them through in yet another cup. The

Under 15A team played against Bede's School in the semi-final of the Elgin League. Having started very well Brentwood went behind against the run of play to Bede's who managed to hold on till half-time to take a 1-0 lead to the break. In the second-half, Brentwood managed to swing the momentum of the match and scored a deserved equaliser. Brentwood continued to excel and managed to score the winner in the last minute of the game following an excellent finish from Seb Clatworthy. The whole team performed extremely well but Oliver Moore and Brooklyn Kabongolo put in outstanding individual performances.

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