



## Weekly Newsletter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

With the lights of Christmas fading and the delights of a New Year beckoning, it was a great pleasure to welcome back all our students in Assembly on Wednesday.

There is so much to look forward to in 2018, and our contribution to celebrations surrounding the enfranchisement of women in 1918 will be to celebrate thirty years since the School opened its doors to girls in the First Form. While acknowledging countless years of educating generations of boys and their significant achievements over time, this is a great year to recognise the huge contributions our girls have made to all aspects of school life, especially the intellectual, sporting, dramatic and cultural domains. I would like 2018 to be a year in which we empower our girls, as well as our boys, to even greater things in the future. I would be very pleased to hear from any mother or female Old Brentwood who would like to volunteer their time to speak in a programme of lectures /seminars aimed at girls in the School with a view to empowering them to aspire to and we hope thrive in a variety of careers after school and university.

All female Old Brentwoods are invited to attend a drinks reception on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July to help us with this celebration.

In addition to the full Lent Term programme, we have a very special event scheduled right at the very end of this term. Our Third Year, the CCF and several Old Brentwoods will be gathering in Ypres in Belgium for a Service of Commemoration at St. George's Church to remember Old Brentwoods who died in conflict. This will be a particularly memorable and moving event and forms part of our celebrations to commemorate the ending of the First World War in 1918. Wreaths will be laid at the Menin Gate by members of the Third Year, CCF Cadets and members of the Society of Old Brentwoods at the daily service which is held at 8pm every day. Parents are, of course, most welcome to join us at both the Church Service, the Menin Gate and also for supper afterwards, to which all Old Brentwoods are also warmly invited.

Once again, a genuine continuity of community between current and past pupils comes to the fore in these two events, and the support of our alumni is greatly appreciated.

### Brentwood School Learning Community

The Lent Term programme for the Brentwood School Learning Community is coming together with many events to look forward to - some giving parents a flavour of the richness of our curriculum and others whose focus is 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 the instructions in the table below. You will also receive a letter via InTouch in due course. 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
<b>Tuesday 9th January 2018</b>	Digital Safety workshop for First Year parents (CEOP)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
<b>Wed 17th Jan 2018</b>	Life Skills Showcase (Mrs Rajani)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
<b>Mon 22nd January 2018</b>	Human Universe Lecture 3 - Parasites (Dr Paredes)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
<b>Mon 29th January 2018</b>	Motivation and Resilience workshop (Supporting Links)	See separate InTouch letter sent on 15 <sup>th</sup> December and details for booking via Eventbrite



<b>Mon 5th February 2018</b>	Motivation and Resilience workshop (Supporting Links)	See separate InTouch letter sent on 15 <sup>th</sup> December and details for booking via Eventbrite
<b>Tue 6th Feb 2018</b>	Digital Showcase (Mr Dean & Digital Leaders)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
<b>Wed 21st Feb 2018</b>	Teenagers Translated (Wessex Auditorium, external speaker)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
<b>Tue 13th March 2018</b>	Revision Techniques (First – Fifth) (Mrs Gorsuch)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 22nd March 2018</b>	Human Universe Lecture 4 - Linguistics (Mr Taylor)	Email Miss Butterfield <a href="mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>

## First Year iPad Rollout

All First Year pupils will receive their School iPad on Tuesday 9th January. This process will involve the setup of devices along with pupil training on use of Google, key apps and will feature a talk from Debbie Schofield (ICT Inspires) on Digital Safety. Parents of First Year pupils are warmly invited to attend an evening also led by Debbie. Topics covered include:

- Raising awareness of the changes to human behaviour when online
- Risks and benefits to children and young people when using internet technology
- The technologies children are using: explanation of different risks including grooming, sexting, cyberbullying, addiction, inappropriate content, gaming and 'friends'
- Practical advice for parents to help keep their children safe
- Top tips for parents and signposts to further information and resources

Please sign up to attend this event by contacting Miss Butterfield [ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ButterfieldF@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

## 5th Year Work Experience and Sixth Form Options

The School sees great value in pupils undertaking work experience during the summer holidays of the 5th year. Mr Salisbury has sent a letter to all parents of pupils in the 5th year outlining the process and procedures for your information.

Similarly, as Sixth Form choices are now being made, Mr Salisbury is available to discuss options with pupils or parents and can be reached in the first instance on [sts@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sts@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) to make an appointment.

## Third Year GCSE Options Evening – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Ahead of Third Year Parents' Evening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Third Year pupils and their parents are warmly invited to GCSE Options Evening. The evening will commence at 7pm in the Wessex Auditorium with a short introductory talk about the process of choosing GCSE options. This will be followed by an opportunity to visit departmental areas where staff will be available to answer questions about our diverse and exciting range of GCSE courses. Mr Quartermain, Mrs Lazenby and Mr Prest will also be available to answer questions about the relationship between GCSE choices and subject choices in the Sixth Form, as well as any other queries that pupils or their parents may have.

## Musical Events this Term

We have an exciting and varied programme of musical events this term, which are listed below.

- **Thursday 25th January:** Chamber Concert, Memorial Hall at 7pm.
- **Saturday 3rd February:** Battle of the Big Bands Concert, Wessex Auditorium at 7pm.
- **Thursday 22nd February:** Jazz and Poetry Recital Evening, Memorial Hall at 7pm.
- **Wednesday 7th March:** Lent Concert, Wessex Auditorium at 7pm.
- **Saturday 17th March:** Big Band Concert, St. Luke's Church, Cranham, at 7.30pm to raise money for Diabetes UK and Above Us Only Sky (a charity for the homeless)
- **Tuesday 20th March:** Choral/Symphonic Concert, Brentwood Cathedral at 7pm.

Further details and the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Chamber Concert and the Battle of the Big Bands Concert are below.

### Chamber Concert

The Lent Chamber Concert takes place on Thursday 25th January in the Memorial Hall. The evening will include solo and ensemble performances showcasing Chamber Music from a variety of genres and featuring a range of vocal and instrumental talents.

The concert starts at 7pm, and refreshments will be served in the interval. The concert will finish by 9pm. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and there is no charge for students or accompanying children. Please click [here](#) for tickets. We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to this exciting evening of music in the Memorial Hall.

### Battle of the Big Bands Concert

Following another sell-out and sensational performance last year, London-based and professional Big Band, The Seven Steps Big Band return to Brentwood School to battle it out with the Brentwood School Big Band. The Wessex Auditorium promises to be treated to an evening of high energy and exciting swing, funk, latin and vocal numbers. This is a highlight of our musical calendar and is simply not to be missed.

The concert takes place on Saturday 3rd February at 7pm (doors open at 6.45 pm). Tickets for this amazing concert are priced at £10 per adult and £5 per child. Please click [here](#) for tickets. Refreshments will be served in the interval. We look forward to seeing you there! Looking further ahead to our Promenade Concert, please note that this year it takes place on Friday 29th June at 7pm in the Courage Hall. We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming musical events. Letters for parents are located in the Letters Home area on Google Drive.

Please save it to your bookmarks! <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bx56Kfjy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>  
Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.



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