



## Weekly Newsletter from **the Headmaster**

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Dear Parents,

Hundreds of Old Brentwoods returned to the School last Saturday to re-ignite friendships with old friends and hear more about developments at the School. There were Hockey and Netball fixtures against strong Old Brentwoods Teams, and the Old Brentwoods Football Club fielded seven teams in total in what proved to be, overall, a day of competitive sport played in the right spirit.

At the AGM of The Society of Old Brentwoods on that day, the constitution was changed to enable all students at the School to become members of The Society at no cost, if they so wish. This change ensures a lifelong continuity of community from which all past, present and future students will benefit.

The Society of Old Brentwoods runs a sports club about two miles from the School, and such is the need for pitches for Saturday fixtures against other schools, we intend to use pitches at the Old Brentwoods Club from September 2019. Such a positive link helps to reinforce this continuity of community that we value so highly.

### Boarding

As you are aware, the School has a thriving Boarding Community, accommodated in two Boarding Houses, Hough House for boys and Mill Hill for girls. Lower Sixth Form boarder, Ekaterina Kondrateva, writes:

"We are happy to say that all boys and girls settled in this year amazingly quickly. On 5th September, Mill Hill house celebrated the birthdays of Mrs Monro and Chloe Player. We signed greeting cards and had some tea with cake. On 7th September, Mill Hill joined Hough House for a quiz night with pizza and chatting. The boarders were divided into seven teams and participated in a brainstorming quiz on different topics, such as Animals, Travel and Geography, Capital Cities and Entertainment. Next Sunday, both houses are invited to Broadstone Warren to have a fun day of abseiling, climbing, zip wiring and shooting with a bow."

We hope to receive a regular update on Boarding activities in this newsletter throughout the year.

### Letters Home to Parents on Google Drive

We will continue posting letters home on Google Drive this year, 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 that are added to your son or daughter's year group folder. Letters that reference trips yet to happen will be transferred over. The Google Drive folder can be accessed by clicking [this link](#).

Parents of new pupils to the School will receive a letter from the Bursary in due course to ask them to register for a Parent Pay account in order that they will be able to load money onto their child's Tuck Shop Card. These cards will be issued in two weeks' time.

We no longer operate a dedicated Parent Portal but we are looking to implement something during the course of the coming academic year.

### Brentwood School Term Dates Academic Year 2019/2020

I thought you might like to make a note of next academic year's provisional term dates:

#### Michaelmas Term 2019

- Start:
  - Tuesday 3rd September - Staff Training Day
  - Wednesday 4th September - Senior School First Years, L6, U6 Senior Praepostors and all pupils new to the Senior School
  - Thursday 5th September – all existing Senior and Prep pupils
- Half Term: Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November
- Finish: Friday 13th December

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## Lent Term 2020

- Start:
  - Monday 6th January - Staff Training Day
  - Tuesday 7th January - all pupils return
- Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
- Finish: Friday 3rd April

## Trinity Term 2020

- Start: Tuesday 17th April – all pupils return
- Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
- Finish: Friday 3rd July

These dates will be confirmed later this term.

## Brentwood School Learning Community

Our Learning Community continues to flourish and this year we have extended our range of events and opportunities for parents with the ambition of giving parents a sense of the richness of our curriculum and to support parenting 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.

Our Human Universe Lecture this coming Thursday, *"The Origins of Democracy"*, will explore how democracy first arose in ancient Athenian culture and contributed to the successes and failures of Athens in the 5th Century BC.

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	Title	Booking Details
20/9	Human Universe lecture 1: Democracy - ancient and modern	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
24/9	Introduction to Educational Research and the R&D programme running	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
25/9	EPQ Showcase	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
1/10	Talking Pre-Teens (Supporting Links)	Look out for letter via InTouch
4/10	Screens, social media, your child and you (Supporting Links)	Look out for letter via InTouch
10/10	Parent workshop - Supporting learning at home	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
11/10	R&D parent session 1	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
12/11	Talking Mindset 1 (Supporting Links)	Look out for letter via InTouch
14/11	Teenagers Translated session 1	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
19/11	Talking Mindset 2 (Supporting Links)	Look out for letter via InTouch
26/11	Human Universe lecture 2: "Success: do you have what it takes?"	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
28/11	Teenagers Translated session 2	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>
6/12	R&D parent session 2	Email <a href="mailto:ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk">ParentEvents@brentwood.essex.sch.uk</a>

We were pleased to hear a number of pupils took the opportunity to complete their CREST award over the summer holidays, where they undertook an investigation into an area of their choice within a STEM discipline. Highlights that we received this week included Sammy Li's investigation into whether music affects the growth of plants. To find out more about how to achieve your award; speak to Mr Walland, Mr Paredes or Dr Ross.

The following pupils were awarded their Bronze CREST award on Monday:

James Sharp - Does the time of day affect internet download speeds?

Isabella Alder - What is the effect of different drinks on tooth decay?

Tilly Fisk - Can left handed people text faster than right-handed people?

This year's STEM theme is "Humans in Space" and we have a range of exciting projects to get involved with. Stay tuned for details.

### House Music Competition – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Arrangements for the Day

The morning is as normal. 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 students 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 students 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 to Fifth Year may leave the School premises and return for the start of the event. At 5pm in the Dining Hall a light cooked supper will be provided for all First Year pupils and for those Second to Fifth Year pupils performing in the event who require it.

### School Photographs

All students were photographed by the Carmel Jane Photography team at the start of term. Your child will have brought home an A5 flyer with a login code to their individual gallery. The photos are of a very high quality and we are sure you will want to view them. If you have lost your code please contact Carmel Jane Photography: [www.carmeljane.co.uk](http://www.carmeljane.co.uk) Telephone: 01277 822674 Email: [info@carmeljane.co.uk](mailto:info@carmeljane.co.uk)

### Friends of Brentwood School

#### Winter Ball – Saturday 24th November 2018

The Friends of Brentwood School (our parent association) are holding a Winter Ball on Saturday 24th November 2018 from 7pm-12am at Hamptons Sport & Leisure in Chelmsford. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Tickets are £70 per person, and the ticket price includes a Prosecco reception and three-course dinner with wine. Dress is formal and a DJ will play after dinner. There are tables of 8 available to all parents and staff at the School. All proceeds go to the Friends of Brentwood School.

You can purchase tickets on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fobs-winter-ball-2018-tickets-50227288171>. Please contact Anj on [aunjali@gmail.com](mailto:aunjali@gmail.com):

- for table bookings smaller than 8
- for dietary requirements
- to provide table names once booked

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## Ladies' Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018

The Friends of Brentwood School (FoBS) Ladies' Christmas Lunch will be returning this year on Tuesday 4th December at The Plough in Mountnessing. Enjoy a delicious three-course meal at this wonderful restaurant and take a break from the busy festive season. To find out more or to book a space at this hugely enjoyable event, contact Sarisha Naidoo on 07828 966817 or by email: sarisha4@mac.com Tickets are £35 per person.

## Ultimate Activity Camps

With October half-term coming up, we wanted to let you know that Ultimate Activity Camps are making a welcome return to Brentwood School with their exciting programme of fun activities. Here are the key details:

- Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October
- For children aged 4-14 years
- Early booking offer £40 per day or £174 per week when booked by Tuesday 2nd October

As well as their full range of engaging activities, for October half term they will also offer some extra seasonal activities. Please book via [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk) or call 0330 111 7077.

## Sport

### Football

On Saturday, Brentwood senior football teams welcomed the Old Brentwoods for the traditional fixture held on Old Brentwoods Day. The first XI lost to a very competitive OB team despite taking an early lead through Lewis Arthur.

The Second XI drew 2-2 having led 2-0 following an outstanding performance from Fifth Year Ollie Moore. The Third XI also put in an excellent performance but unfortunately lost 3-2 following a good performance from Chris Lehr and Mason Murray alongside a solid showing in the sticks from Amir Samiee. The Fourth XI took part in an eight-goal thriller eventually losing 5-3 but can be proud of their start to the season. The Fifth XI also came unstuck against a very experienced OB side but have shown great potential for the season ahead. A solid performance from the Under 15A team resulted in a 3-1 win v Great Baddow. Ethan Norris and Freddie Topel score outstanding goals while Josh Catterall scored a good header.

On Wednesday, the senior teams faced Alleyns in their traditional fixture block hoping to start the season on a positive note. The First XI managed to win 4-2 having been 2-1 down when Harrison Sullivan came up with the goods scoring a hat-trick to ensure a win in the first league game of the season.

In a competitive Second XI game in which we tried to impose our passing philosophy, Brentwood unfortunately lost to a very tough Alleyns side. Individual errors were punished by Alleyns, who won 3-0 although that is a flattering score line. Ethan Dowman was the standout performer in a difficult game.

The Third XI game started out as a cagey affair with Mason Murray scoring a fortuitous goal. Alleyns came back into the game to lead 2-1 just after half-time. The Third XI then rescued a result in the dying embers of the game with Samuel Blundell's deep cross finding Will Pryor at the far post to make it 2-2.

The Fourth XI lost in a very controversial game following an excellent team performance. Goals came for Man of the Match Oliver Margiotta and top scorer Terrence Ng but, unfortunately, Alleyns scored with virtually the last kick of the game to win 3-2.

### Hockey

The Senior Hockey team had a close encounter against the Old Brentwood Hockey team last Saturday, narrowly losing in the last 5 minutes for the game to finish 3-2 to the Old Brentwoods. The match was played in excellent spirit with players and spectators enjoying the occasion. Thank you to all those OBs who returned for the annual match and we look forward to next year already!

The Under 16s competed in the Essex Hockey tournament on Thursday. They started the day with an excellent 1-0 against Forest School, followed by a 1-1 draw against New Hall with goals from Lucy Holloway in both games. They lost the third game to Bancroft's side in which we also lost our goalkeeper to injury. Emma Philpot stepped up against Chigwell to play kicking back and Freya Killilea got the game off to an excellent start with two early goals to secure the win. The final game was against Coopers' where Freya Killilea gave the team the lead but unfortunately, Brentwood conceded a penalty stroke in the final minutes of the game and with no goalkeeper, it was an easy goal for Coopers'. The girls finished in a respectable third position and congratulations to Millie Defries who got Player of the Tournament for Brentwood.

### Rugby

Last weekend, the School's Rugby teams started their season against Bancroft's and St Albans playing eleven matches drawing one, losing two and winning eight.

The First XV started successfully with a 24-19 win against Bancroft's. Captain Bradley Comber and centre Jack Mayes combined for both of Brentwood's first two tries with the second scored in acrobatic fashion by Romone Persaud. A galvanised Bancroft's, scoring successively to cancel out Brentwood's lead; however, it was Bradley Comber who had the final say to ensure a 24-19 win. Notable performances came from Harvey Joy and Obinna Nkwocha ensured a positive outcome. The First XV followed up their weekend victory in the National Cup, with an emphatic win away to Robert Clack on Wednesday. The game started at a hectic pace but a Henry Batty try after several phases and a clean line break put Brentwood ahead. After repeated pressure from Jack Mayes, Brentwood scored again to go 12-5 up. In the second half, the First XV upped the attacking pressure, compounding Robert Clack mistakes with three tries from Toby Gifford. With some late enthusiasm against a now changed Brentwood line up, Clack managed to sneak a late consolation try, however time was called shortly after the conversion to make the final score 29-12 in Brentwood's favour.

The Under 16 team's first game of the season was a tense and well-fought affair. After a slow start, which saw Brentwood go two tries down, the forwards started to find their rhythm and the half back pairing gelled well. The second half saw some outstanding individual performances from Edward Scott and Omair Hussain, but Man of the Match goes to scrum half Michael Gurin who held the link between forwards and backs and made constant line breaks, at all times looking to go forward. Special mention to Glebs Ribzamens who made a try saving tackle worthy of an international player. The Under 15 boys had a fine start to their season with a super victory over Bancroft's School. Matthew Reeves struck early in the game with a fine break. This was soon followed by two excellent long-range tries from David McGill. The boys continued to play some super offloading rugby and tries by Alex Mead and Archie Walker (2) and Adom Ofosu-Oboobah completed the tries in the first half. Bancroft's came out a lot stronger in the second half but further tries from Scott Davey; Scott McKenzie; and a second try for Adom Ofosu-Oboobah rounded off a fine performance by all involved. Three conversions by Rohan Van De Merwe took the final score to 61-0.

The Under 14A team also played against Bancroft's. The team started slowly and missed a few key tackles to concede some soft early tries. However, as the half progressed Brentwood grew in strength, galvanised by some strong running, and tackling from Ovie Jeyibo, came back into the match. Benjy Mills kicked all five of his conversion attempts and the leadership skills of James Jupp and Max Kingaby meant that the team did not give up and kept scrapping right until the end. This sustained effort meant that Brentwood came from behind to earn a credible draw. Final score, 35-35. The Under 14B team started their season with a good win. Brentwood were very dominant with 70% possession and territory. Freddie Wise controlled the game very well from the fly-half position. Jack Ridgwell was awarded as Man of the Match with his hat-trick of tries in their 39-22 victory.

The Under 13 A team kicked off their first matches of the year showing the continued development from pre-season training. Against Bancroft's, whilst dominating possession, the boys did not initially capitalise by turning pressure into points. Hard work, focus and endeavour helped turn around a 5-0 half-time deficit to record a 15-5 win. The players showed continued progress in their match v St Albans (who drew with Bancroft's) to record a resounding 30-5 victory. All the boys enjoyed good performances all over the pitch. Brentwood's try scorers Tommy Idowa, Tom Arnold, William Ellis, William Howard, Ross Mandie. The Under 13B team started the season well with a 35-0 win against Bancroft's, with tries from Ore Fashesin-Souza, Christopher Thompson, Callum Weedon and Damifola Odelusi. Most notable was a solo effort from Damifola

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Odelusi, who received the ball on the halfway line and stepped his way through the opposition to score. In the second match, the B team lost to a well-drilled and determined St Albans side 20-5 but there are many positives to take forward into what looks to be a promising season. Brentwood's Under 13 C battled to a hard-fought but deserved 20-10 win against St Alban's while our Under 13 D team won team won 65-20 against St Albans. Good performance from D and E squad players Liam Mcneilly 4, Harry Douris 2, Oren Goddard 2, Luke Nash 2 and Harold Madunagu 1 scoring the tries.

This weekend, our rugby boys will be competing against The Judd School. Any parents who wish to support their son in the away fixtures, please see the following address. All games at Vizards Playing Fields, pitches & parking postcode: TN11 9BB

### Running club

Mr Warburton is extremely excited at the prospect of getting the running club off to a great start this Michaelmas Term. The club is open to all abilities. Interested pupils should report to the Courage Hall at 12.50pm on Monday.

### Netball

On Saturday 8th September, Brentwood's first and second VII team looked forward to an eagerly awaited Old Brentwoods netball match. This was a particularly well attended event with sixteen Old Brentwoods returning, both recent and longer-term leavers. Our current first VII team played in an extremely close and well-fought match, winning the overall match comfortably. Similarly, the second VII had a very close match, narrowly missing the victory against the Old Brentwoods. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for all and a thank you to all Old Brentwoods who returned to the annual match. We look forward to next year's competition.

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/0Bx56Kfjsy8PFOHR1YV9Jc183NzA>

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