



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy September has now given way to October and the school continues to have a very positive vibrant atmosphere.

Our annual Year 6 Open Evening was held last week and the staff and students did a fantastic job to show all that is good about our school. Our Year 7 Student Ambassadors, who gave presentations to parents alongside my speech, were brilliant. To consider they had only been



in the school for just five weeks, they spoke with confidence and a real passion for the school and staff.

You will be pleased to note that our building work is nearly complete and the scaffolding will be removed within the next two weeks. This work has completely re-laid our flat roof area and ensured the roof is secure for the coming years. It will also reduce our heating bills due to the improved insulation.

As we move to the clocks going back at the end of October can I ask that any student riding their bike to school checks that their lights are working, alongside wearing bright fluorescent clothing and cycle helmets.

Regards

Martin Coulson
Headteacher

School Dates For Your Diary!

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 9th November 2017
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Christmas break
Students finish on:
Tuesday 19th December 2017 @ 12.15pm
Students return on:
Wednesday 3rd January 2018 @ 8.30am

Dora Love Prize, 2017-2018

On 26th September ten Year 9 students: Lauren, Emily, Jennifer, Katie, Sasha, Katelin, Jamie, Luke, Jacob and Ben visited the University of Essex for the introduction of the Dora Love Prize 2017-2018. Dora Love was a Jewish survivor of Stutthof concentration camp who died in October 2011. She spent her life speaking up against hatred and ensuring people remembered the importance of the Holocaust.

The students listened to a talk by Holocaust survivor Frank Bright about his life after the Holocaust. They then attended different workshops focusing on various aspects of the Holocaust. The day was very thought-provoking. The students are now focusing on creating their own project on the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018, the 'Power of Words.'

Mrs K Barlow
History Teacher





Sarah Kitchener 2017 Nominations

Year 7 Theo Yellop

Theo was nominated for this award partly due to his contribution to the SEND Department and partly due to Theo just being Theo. He has worked as an ambassador for the SEND Department, visiting primary schools on our behalf to help students with similar difficulties overcome any anxieties and fears that they may be experiencing during the transition to secondary school. He is always happy to meet with younger students who require extra visits to help them settle in. Theo's happy, smiley face instantly puts them at ease.



Meanwhile, Theo battles every day with his own anxiety and difficulties due to Autism. Theo participates in extra curricular clubs, is always impeccably dressed and fully prepared for school on a daily basis. Theo's attitude to school is extremely positive, he has collected the highest amount of credits in his tutor group and has 100% attendance. Theo is a very caring, sensitive and polite young man who is an excellent role model for The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College

Year 8 Lauren Woods

Lauren has been awarded for her outstanding contribution towards extra curricular activities including taking part in the school production, regular attendance of homework club and making the Christmas boxes for our elderly neighbours. Lauren takes part in numerous sporting activities including athletics, trampolining, basketball, handball, dance, gymnastics, netball and rounders, representing the school in competitions in some of the sports. Lauren always gives 100% to anything she does including her attendance which has been 100% since starting at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College in Year 7.

Year 9 Danni Kerr

Danni started The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College with severe communication issues. Danni had little confidence and found it very difficult to engage with staff or fellow students. This proved a real disadvantage to her in school life, however through dedication and commitment to battle her issues, she has worked incredibly hard and has overcome her struggles. Danni is a confident and caring young lady who has a very good friendship group and now participates in class events taking part in presentations. Danni's confidence has grown; she is also an excellent role model and ambassador for The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College.

Year 10 - Brandon Nyman

Brandon has Asperger's and finds some aspects of school, especially English, really difficult but he always tries so hard in everything he does. Social situations can be extremely problematic, but he always goes out of his way to be polite and friendly when, for him, it must feel rather awkward. When it was released that Brandon was nominated for this amazing award, there was an overwhelming reaction from staff who were all in agreement that Brandon would be a worthy winner.

Year 11 - Gabriela Wells 11

Gabriela's mother is English but lives in Spain with Gabriela's father. Gabriela has lived with her parents in Spain all her life and went to a Spanish speaking school. In September last year her parents felt her education would be better served here in England and as such she came to live with her grandparents, but sadly her Grandfather passed away at the beginning of this year. Since she has been at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College she has worked hard and is a credit to herself and the school. She is a genuinely lovely, polite and helpful student and has adjusted well to the move and the change in her family circumstances. Gabriela deserves to be acknowledged for this.



LOtC Mark Bronze Award

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College has achieved an important benchmark by being awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Mark (Bronze) Award. The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College is the only mainstream secondary school in Essex to hold this award. This is a powerful statement of understanding the commitment and the benefits of learning outside the classroom (LOtC).



High 5 Computer Course

As a result of collaboration with the Wickford Primary schools, the last half-term of the summer saw the delivery of the very first High 5 course run by staff at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College. All the primary schools in Wickford each selected two Year 5 students that they felt would be suitable for a five-week course learning the basics of computer programming. The students attended Bromfords for one hour per week from 3:45pm to 4:45pm and spent the time in a computer suite being guided through the BBC Micro Bit software by Mrs Victory, Head of Faculty for Technology, IT, Business and Media. The culmination of the course was a presentation where the students were able to show their family members how to programme a Sphero robot to navigate a maze.

The students all showed exceptional computer skills and according to Ms Victory “made more progress than expected”. More High 5 sessions are planned for the forthcoming year covering Art, Mathematics, Science, Literature and once again Computer Programming.

Mrs G Power
Primary Liaison



DofE Expedition to Snowdonia

Year 13 students, Tia, Zoe, Amy, Jordan and James completed their Gold DofE Expedition from the 13th - 17th September in Snowdonia. They faced horrendous weather with rain every night resulting in them having to navigate around swollen streams and constantly having to amend their routes. All five of them showed great determination to complete the expedition and they were praised by their instructors for the huge improvement they had all made in their navigation and other expedition skills.

Mr T Marshall
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager





Jack Petchey Awards 2017

On the 13th September our Jack Petchey student award winners, including Mrs Barlow, went to the Towngate Theatre in Basildon to receive their medals from the Mayor of Basildon. It was a fantastic and uplifting evening where we celebrated our students achievements and were also fortunate to hear one of our Sixth Formers, Nikita Revell, play an excellent piece by Einaudi on the piano. Mrs Barlow received her Leader Award for her work both in History and as a Form Tutor, but also for the things that she does beyond that. Students have said that "she always goes out of her way to support and help us".



The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support

On Friday 29th September The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College hosted a cake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Students and staff were busy giving up their free time baking some fantastic and delicious cakes that were sold during break and lunch time.

Miss Cullen who organised the event has been overwhelmed with the donations. Staff, students and parents dug deep to donate and we are

pleased to announce that previous years totals have been beaten and we have raised a whopping £519.56.



The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College opening times

Please note the following opening times:



Main Reception Monday to Thursday
08:00 – 16:00, Friday 08:00 – 15:30

Student Reception and First Aid 08:15 – 15:15

An answer machine service is available outside of these hours 01268 471 201. We will return your call the following school day.



Girls' football

On the 3rd October the under 13 girls' team played their first school cup match. It was 0-0 at full time so they went through to extra time where they battled until the final whistle, keeping the score at 0-0.

Finally we went through to dreaded penalties, the atmosphere was intense, Cecil Jones managed to scrape the victory this time but The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College girls held their heads high as they played an incredible match.

Miss A Richardson
English Teacher