



## *Headteacher's News*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you as we move towards the end of the spring term. We have been pleased to welcome many of next year's parents and students into our school during the last couple of weeks. We have opened the school in order to enable all new students to have as much opportunity as possible to prepare themselves for their important next steps. The feedback from our visitors has been incredibly positive and, as ever, it has been a pleasure to 'show off' the achievements of our current students.

As you will be aware, students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are all getting closer to their upcoming exams. This can be a time of trepidation for students (and parents)! Our staff and students have been preparing incredibly hard (both in and out of lesson time) and this will continue over the next two months. There is much that you can do to support at home. If you would like to help you son or daughter, but are unsure how to, please don't hesitate to contact their Form Tutor.

Our students have, as ever, excelled this half term. I had the pleasure of presenting Connor Murray (Year 9) with his SEND Ambassador Award (see picture below). Connor has made excellent progress over the past 18 months and provides school tours for prospective SEND pupils and parents. He supports other students with special educational needs and disabilities and is an excellent role model. I was also pleased to see the inaugural meeting between the Student Council and members of the Governing Body to discuss school life and ways to maintain communication between the two groups.

On Friday staff and students took part in activities to raise money for Comic Relief. Among a variety of fund raising events, there was standing room only in the hall at lunchtime when Anna Warman (Year 10) had her head shaved to raise money for Cancer Research. Anna raised over £400 with an additional £1,050 being collected for Comic Relief. I am looking forward to seeing the story published in the local news later this week.

Have a good Easter break.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

Students finish on:

**Friday, 22nd May 2015**

**@ 3.00pm**

Half term commences:

**Monday, 25th May 2015**

Students return on:

**Monday, 1st June 2015**

**@ 8.30am**





## **BROMFORDS SCHOOL SWIM INTO MEDALS AT THE DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA!**

Our senior swimming team made a big splash at the District events calendar by claiming the title as District runners up for their year group! In Year 10 for the girls, Charlotte Jordan won gold in the Butterfly and Holly Tyler won gold in the Breaststroke, where she set a new DISTRICT record. For the Year 10 boys, Matthew Cahill won silver in the Backstroke. The Mixed Relay Team also won silver medals. Our Year 10s were not the only students to make impressive performances. In Year 9 Samuel Bryan smashed the District record with his impressive gold medal performance in the Breaststroke.

These are just a few of our talented swimmers who claimed medals at the Basildon & Billericay District Gala held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, the extensive list of all the medals our students won is shown below.

Huge congratulations and thank you to every student who was there on the day. Together they have helped Bromfords School to an overall third place in the district for a THIRD successive year. For further information on this story, please refer to the school website.

The PE Department

**DON'T FORGET!**  
Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening  
**Thursday, 16th April 2015**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

## **PRACTICAL EXAM DATES 2015**

Board	Title	Date	Time
GCSE	Physical Education and Sport Analysis of Performance <b>Moderator</b>	24th March	9.00-1.00
GCSE	Art Externally Set Assignment	25th March	9.00-3.00
GCSE	Art Externally Set Assignment	26th March	9.00-3.00
GCSE	Photography Externally Set Assignment	15th April	9.00-3.00
GCSE	Photography Externally Set Assignment	16th April	9.00-3.00
GCSE	Music - <b>Creative Task Exam</b> (recorded work)	20th April	9.00-1.00
GCSE	Drama Rehearsals	20th April	8.30-3.00
GCSE	Drama - <b>Moderator - Yr 10 Drama Students to attend audience</b>	21st April	8.30-3.00
GCSE	GCSE Dance controlled assessment filming	23rd April	8.30-3.00
GCSE	Dance - Year 11 <b>Moderator</b>	1st May	9.00-3.00
GCE	AS & A2 Art & Design - Fine Art	6th May	9.00-3.00
GCE	A2 Art & Design - Fine Art	7th May	9.00-3.00
GCE	A2 Art & Design - Fine Art	8th May	9.30-3.00



### ***DISTRICT GYMNASTICS FINALS - GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE!***

The Bromfords School Gymnastics Squads all finished on the podium! All three teams nervously performed two vaults and a floor solo routine each.

The Under 14 Boys Squad took the Gold team medal, the Under 19 Girls Squad took the Silver team medal and the Under 14 Girls finished in third place.

The Bromfords School were the only school in the district to be placed in all three competitions.

A huge congratulations to all the gymnasts involved.



### ***SCHOOL TRIP TO ITALY***

Congratulations to the 55 students and staff that went to La Polsa, Italy on the school's Snow Tour. All the students were immaculately behaved and became competent ski or snowboarders. Every group tackled the mountain and managed to ski/board down various runs from blue to black. The whole team had a great time and would love to go again. Details of the Snow Tour 2016 to come out soon.

Mr C Baker



**DON'T FORGET!**  
Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening  
Thursday, 30th April 2015  
4.00pm - 7.00pm



### ***BROMFORDS STAFF RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON***

Next month two of our staff will be running the London Marathon and aiming to raise money for charity. On 26th April both Mr Baker and Mr Tree will be running the 26.2 mile course having completed months of hard training over the winter. Mr Baker is running his first marathon and raising money for PhabKids, a charity which supports children and parents with a range of disabilities and complex needs. He is hoping to complete the course in around three and a half hours. Mr Tree is running his third London Marathon having run in both 2012 and 2013. He is raising money for Guys & St. Thomas' Hospital in London and hoping to improve on his 2013 time of 4hrs 15 minutes. We wish both members of staff the best of



luck with both their fundraising and the run itself. You can find more about their chosen charities on the internet pages below:

Mr Baker - <https://www.justgiving.com/C-Baker5/>

Mr Tree - [www.virginmoneygiving.com/jochentree](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/jochentree)



### ***ESSEX COUNTY HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS***

On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College travelled to The Brentwood Centre to take part in the County Handball Championships. Girls and boys teams in the Under 13 and Under 15 categories were competing and had trained hard for this event in order to try to progress through to the next round of this national competition.

All of the hard work in training paid off, with both Under 13s boys and girls teams, along with the Under 15 boys team, winning their respective competitions unbeaten. They and now progress through to the regional section of the competition where teams from Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire will be challenged in order to go through to the national Finals.



#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that should your child suffer from asthma they need to carry their inhalers on them at all times. We would also ask that spare inhalers are provided to the school to use in an emergency.

Thank you.