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## ***Headteacher's News***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have already commenced public examinations for both Year 11 and Sixth Form students and this is always a sign of the academic year nearing its end. Clearly, there is still seven weeks left in the second half of the summer term and this time is vital for students in Year 7 through to Year 10 to ensure they make the most of all the time available.

We have held our Year 11 and Sixth Form Celebration Evenings and next half term there will be a number of events celebrating the hard work and success of many of our students. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events and I am sure you will have the same sense of pride as I do when I see the outstanding work our students produce across a range of activities.

Martin Coulson  
Headteacher

## **School Dates For Your Diary**

### **Half term**

Students finish on  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.50pm**

Students return on:  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am**

## ***Rylee raises funds for Cancer Research***

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College is celebrating the success of 15 year old Rylee. Rylee was nominated by MacMillan Cancer Research for the Young Fundraiser of the Year. Rylee was up against four other candidates in the final and was awarded overall winner for 2018. Rylee has been continuously working hard fundraising for deserving charities such as Prostate Cancer Research and MacMillan Cancer Research by organising charity football matches at Roots Hall, home ground of Southend United FC. His first charity event raised £782 and he then smashed that target and raised an amazing £1,835 at his last match!

Rylee's fundraising continued with a match on 8<sup>th</sup> May at Bowers and Pitsea FC with all proceeds going to Great Ormond Street Hospital.



## ***Mark Francois MP visits The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College***

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College was delighted to welcome Mark Francois MP, Rayleigh and Wickford, pictured here with Headteacher Martin Coulson.

Mark had taken time out of his busy schedule to catch up and listen to developments and progress in the school since his last visit in November 2017.





### ***Bromfords students launch their rocket at Stow Maries Aerodrome***

On a drizzly Monday in March, the Bromfords' Apollo B rocket building team had a test flight at Stow Maries Aerodrome. After building a rocket with fully functioning rocket engines, the team (Brendan, Charlotte, Danielle, Dean, Jessica, Jessica, Melissa and Lily-Mae) wired up the rocket and pushed the button for launch. The Apollo B rocket surged into the air reaching a startling height of 700ft. Out of sight above the cloud cover, ejection gasses allowed the parachute to deploy successfully and the whole rocket landed in one piece. The team is now working towards shedding weight from the rocket for the Regional Qualifying Round, where the rocket will have to reach a height of 800ft and safely land two raw eggs housed inside. This was one small step for Apollo B resulting in one giant leap from the Bromfords' team.



### ***Gold DofE Achievement***

Tia and Zoe are celebrating the success of completing their Gold DofE. This is an immense achievement which has involved 24 months of volunteering; 21 months of physical activity; 12 months of skills; 18 nights on expeditions plus one week residential.

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College is extremely proud of the girls and their huge commitment to complete this.

### **DON'T FORGET!**

Year 9 & 10 Celebration Evening

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**5.30pm - 9.00pm**

Year 7 & 8 Celebration Evening

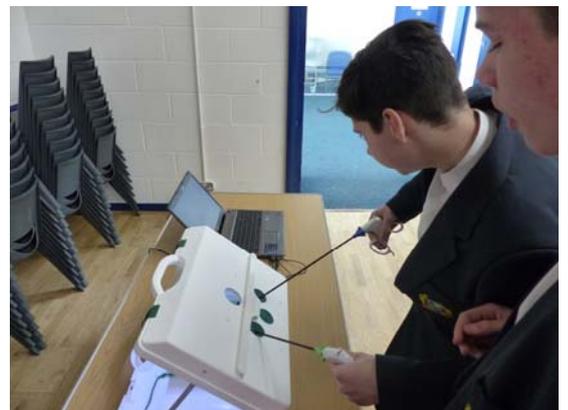
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**5.30pm - 9.00 pm**

Invitation letters to follow

### ***Year 9 Medical Mavericks: Careers in Medical Science***

Year 9 students were given a taste of a life in the world of medicine by visiting presenters, the Medical Mavericks. The Mavericks ran a day of workshops giving students the chance to take pulses, use ultrasound and even practice keyhole surgery (not on real people!). The event was designed to show how science can be applied in the real world and to inspire students to consider a career in medicine and health care.



### ***Year 9 Visit Olympic Park***

Three Year 9 GCSE  
Geography classes

visited the Olympic Park and the surrounding area to see the impact of the regeneration on the area and to see which parts have not benefited as much as the others. The students gained a lot of first hand knowledge around the topic to support their theoretical studies as well as working towards their field work examinations.



### ***District Trampolining Competition***

Congratulations to all the trampolinists who once again performed exceptionally at the District Trampolining Competition that was held at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College. The competition was tough, but with all the hard work they have put in practicing their routines, they won every category. Therefore I would like to congratulate the following champions:

Under 13 Girls – Frankie Smith, Macey Marra, Ashleigh O’Neil and Scarlett Murray-Nickson

Under 15 Girls – Amy Newland, Molly Barwick, Emily Simpson and Alea Daniel

Under 15 Boys – Nathan Bentley, Reece Hudson, Kai Eldridge and Josh Graton

Under 19 Girls – Holly Newland, Maisy Cockrill, Taylor Sharpe and Masie Jarman

I would also like to congratulate our teams who both came 4<sup>th</sup> they are Under 13 Girls – Lauren Bowers, Sophie Middleton and Mia Burgess and Under 15 girls – Evie Brown, Lauren Woods and Holly Semple

Well done to all of you!!



### ***Raising and Giving Week***

Raising and Giving Week raised over £540 for five chosen charities; St Luke’s Hospice, Alzheimer’s Society, Great Ormond Street Hospital, SENSE and Sports Relief.

Daily fund raising events included cake sales, staff bench ball, “I’m a Teacher Get Me Out Of Here” and “Bromfords Got Talent”.

Miss Cullen who organised the events said she has been overwhelmed by the support of staff and students who donated, gave up their time and helped beat last year’s fund raising total!

### ***Netball Success***

Over the Easter holiday 66 students and 7 members of staff from The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College travelled to Disneyland Paris for the 2018 Netball and Football tournament. Students stayed at Davy Crockett Ranch close to the resort.

Four Netball Squads and two football Squads competed over two days. Netball teams received a day of coaching by players from the Surrey Storm Super League Team. Mrs Fitzsimmons, Trip Leader, said “this was an invaluable experience”. Students and staff attended an awards dinner on the last night and we are proud that a number of trophies and awards were given to Bromfords students for their success in the tournament. A particularly pleasing success was for Tyla Sartain who was named the ‘Player of the Tournament’.

Students were keen to offer their comments (Maisie Jarman Year 11) “This is a trip I will never forget”. (Kieran Jones Year 11) “It was a great experience coaching younger year groups”. These quotes really shine a light on the importance of experiences such as these for young people.

Mrs Fitzsimmons said “I am so proud of all of the Bromfords students - they represented The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College extremely well, their sportsmanship was second to none throughout the competitions.”





### Essex Healthy Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March staff and students from The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College attended the Essex Healthy Schools Awards Ceremony held in Waltham Abbey Town Hall. Bromfords' Student Voice Committee, who have been organising events in order to have a positive impact in their local community, were nominated in acknowledgement of all their hard work and outstanding contribution. The day proved a real success with the school being recognised as overall winners for "Outstanding Contribution to Pupil Voice".

Miss Cullen and Miss Williamson escorted students Ehsan and Melissa who were presented with this prestigious award.



### Jack Petchey nominations

#### Josh - Year 9 - February 2018

Josh has worked hard to really overcome his anxieties and he has shown great maturity in his approach to his learning. Josh now attends mainstream lessons for Maths, Science, Geography, History and Support which, considering his previous school history, is nothing short of amazing! Of course, this didn't happen without the support of staff but ultimately Josh has persevered and really achieved a great deal since his start at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College.



#### Montana - Year 7 - March 2018

Montana is a kind and thoughtful student who had really long hair. Whilst she was researching different cancer charities to donate some money to, she came across the Cancer Research Charity pages where different young people's stories were recorded. Moved by these stories she decided to support the youngest patient on there, who was a 6 year old girl in Scotland who had lost her hair through treatment. However, rather than just donating money, she decided also to donate her hair to the young girl so that a wig could be made for her. This is an amazing and inspiring sacrifice that deserves to be recognised.

### Councillor Tony Ball visits The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College were pleased to welcome Councillor Tony Ball for a visit. He met with students and staff, and saw the school in action. Councillor Ball said: "I was extremely pleased to see the excellent work achieved at Bromfords School. I received a warm welcome by staff and pupils and was especially pleased to see the fantastic work that was happening in the specialist autism provision. I am really happy that Bromfords is continuing to improve and see no reason why more success will not happen in the future."



#### ROAD SAFETY

For public safety reasons, could we please ask that parents drive within the correct speed limit when driving through Grange Avenue and adjacent roads.  
Thank you.



### High Five Course

During March and April, another High 5 course ran at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College. This time the initiative, aimed at introducing Year 5 students to a range of secondary school subjects, saw students from across the Wickford Primary schools working with staff from the Science Department led by Mr Masters and Miss Mayhook. The students learnt the basics of scientific investigation with a focus on determining PH scale.

Mr Masters commented that, all the Year 5 students were "very enthusiastic and methodical in their approach to the investigations".

Mrs G Power  
Primary Liaison