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Dear Parents/Carers

As a very busy and productive term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support.

It always gives me a great sense of pride to review the achievements across the school captured in this newsletter.

I hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday and we look forward to welcoming our students back on 6th January 2020.

Martin Coulson
Headteacher



School Dates For Your Diary!

Christmas Break

Students finish on:

Thursday 19th December 2019 at 1.15pm

Students return on:

Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.30am

Sarah Kitchener Award

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College have a well-established award for the main school. This award is in memory of Sarah Kitchener, who was a student at the school between 1993 to 1998. Sarah was an outstanding student who contributed to all aspects of school life. In 2006, Sarah was diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Her strength and determination to keep achieving never wavered throughout this illness, however sadly in March 2010 Sarah lost her battle with the illness and passed away.



The Kitchener family have been very keen to create a similar award for the Sixth Form. Following extensive discussions between the family and school, the STEM Bursary Award was established in 2018. The award is a £1,000 Bursary to support a student to continue their studies at University. Year 13 students are eligible to apply for the award if they are intending to study a University course in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM). The winner is decided through a selection process established by the family and school. The Bursary is a personal financial commitment from the family to annually celebrate and remember their vibrant, courageous, caring and charismatic daughter who was taken at such a young age.

This year's successful candidate was Emily Cooper, who has begun her path towards being a paramedic at Anglia Ruskin University. On presentation of the award Emily shared with us that the money will be well spent on textbooks, as well as her own stethoscope ready for the practical elements of her course.





Year 7 Residential Trip

The Year 7 Residential Trip that took place last term was a huge success. 123 students travelled to Staffordshire, visiting the Kingswood Centre. The students and some staff participated in activities such as the leap of faith, orienteering, problem solving tasks, jungle vines and laser quest. They certainly were three days packed full of adventurous activities where the Year 7 students developed their communication, team work, listening and communication skills. We all had a great time. Thank you to all the staff that supported the students and I would also like to thank the students themselves as they represented the school in a positive and vibrant way. We look forward to repeating the residential with this year's Year 7 students.



Bank of England Visit

Business students of The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College welcomed a representative from the Bank of England today for a Master Class. Students gained an insight into the world of banking and finance and learned how important the role of the Bank of England is within our economy.





Important Dates and Contact Details

Year Group	Parents Evening (4pm-7.30pm)	Celebration Evening 4pm-9pm (Yrs 11-13) 4pm-7pm (Yrs 7,8,9 & 10)	Options Evening (4pm - 7pm)	Academic Review Meeting (4pm-7pm)
7	30/4/2020	2/7/2020		
8	5/3/2020	2/7/2020	27/2/2020	
9	12/3/2020	23/6/2020		
10	2/4/2020	23/6/2020		18/6/2020
11	12/12/2019	6/5/2020		13/2/2020
Year 12	4/6/2020	6/5/2020		
Year 13	23/1/2020	6/5/2020		

Head of Year/Head of Lower and Upper School		Direct Line
Head of Year 7	Mrs K Morgan	01268 627855
Head of Year 8	Mrs K Hoyland	01268 627857
Head of Year 9	Miss F Horley	01268 627851
Head of Year 10	Mrs K Ruck	01268 627853
Head of Year 11	Miss E Huet	01268 627856
	Mr B Haines	01268 471201
Head of Sixth Form	Ms L Petch	01268 627858
Head of Lower School (Years 7-8)	Mrs R Clout	01268 627850
Head of Upper School (Years 9-11)	Miss E Huet	01268 627856
Safeguarding	Mrs Y Dixon	01268 627854

Young Writers' Competition

Just before the summer holidays a number of students put on their creative thinking caps to enter a writing competition set by 'Young Writers'. The task involved them having just 100 words to write a story linked to survival. All of the entries, from students across all year groups, were impressive, with lots of engaging stories with a range of ideas. The company had over 18,000 entries in total and we are delighted to announce that eight of our students



have been selected for publication! Congratulations to George Horne, Emma Lawrence, Ben Snowsill, Ellie Morgan, Connie Harper, Connor Ready, Charlie Greenfield, Harriet Frimpomaa, and Sophie Oliver!

'Mission Chaos' the book, is scheduled for publication on 1st November 2019 and we are immensely proud that our students will be published within it, it is an incredible achievement and one to be very proud of!



Ski Trip 2019

Easter 2019 saw students from The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College travelling to the USA for a ski trip. The destination for this year's trip was Winter Park in Colorado, which saw us fly into Denver, the Mile High City. A pleasant, but long flight was followed by a coach transfer into the Rocky Mountains to check into our hotel at the base of the mountain.

After a fairly short sleep, we made our way down to breakfast and then onto the slopes for our first day of skiing. Our previous skiers made their way up the lifts to take on the mountain, while our beginners took to the nursery slopes to learn how to control themselves and more importantly, how to stand up after falling!

Throughout the week, students developed their skills and progressed fantastically well in their skiing ability. We were blessed with fantastic conditions, with a few days of sunshine and blue skies followed by lots of snow, over 40cm in 24 hours. The fresh powder challenged the students further with their skiing and caused many a fall, however the soft landing helped.

As well as the skiing, students took part in various evening activities, including 10 pin bowling, tubing and Smore's making. At the end of the week, we made our way back to Denver, where the local shopping mall saw us all pick up a few nice bargains and some presents for family. A return flight saw us all reunited with family, tired but full of stories of skiing exploits.

A truly successful trip was made by the group of fantastic students that attended. They were an honour to be away with and watching them progress on the slopes was a privilege to see. Bring on 2021 and our next trip to CANADA!



Essex Specialist Teacher Silver Award

We are pleased to announce that The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College are the first secondary school in Essex to be presented the Silver Award by the Essex Specialist Teacher Service for commitment to the development of language and communication across the school.

It is a great testament to the hard work of our Speech and Language Therapist and all the teaching and associate staff at Bromfords.



Food Bank Donation

Well done to Years 7 and 8 who collected and donated so much to the Gateway Project which is run by our local Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is a Christian church and registered charity, working in 131 countries worldwide, that offers support, friendship and practical help to people of all ages, backgrounds and needs.

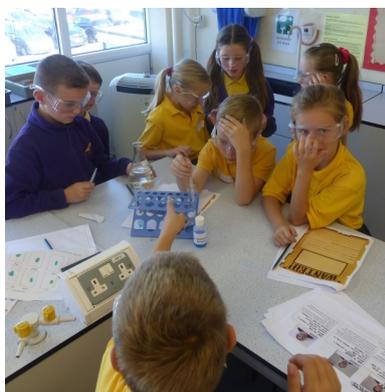
We are very lucky to live and work in a community that provides help and support to others when needed and I was overwhelmed with the amount of food and toiletries that the Lower School had collected. Congratulations to you all, but especially to 8.5 who donated 107 items and 7.1 who donated 95 items, you both received the most house points!



Abacus Visit The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College

Year 4 pupils of Abacus Primary School spent a fun and exciting day at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College studying forensics in our Science Department. The day challenged pupils in a 'Who Done It?' challenge that involved flame testing, chemical analysis, finger printing, fibre analysis and chromatography to help solve the crime.

The pupils were amazing and a great day was had by all!



MacMillan Cake Sale

On Friday 11th October, The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College hosted the annual MacMillan Cake Sale, a fantastic day where plenty of students baked and brought in cakes to raise money for a great cause! With the superb effort of the whole school community, we were able to raise £380.85 for MacMillan. Students were also competing to raise the most money as a house. The winners will be revealed in the rewards assemblies!

Well done to all students who supported the event, it was fantastic to see the school community come together and raise some money for charity!

Mr M Cardy
PE Teacher



Unplanned Closures

Should the school close due to snow or other unforeseen circumstances, we will notify you via:

- The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College website
- School twitter feed @bromfordsschool
- Local radio Heart Essex FM 96.3 102.6 and at www.heart.co.uk/essex.
- Emergency school closure page on ECC website.

If a closure period lasts more than three school days, work will be provided for students via Show My Homework from the fourth closure day.





Bike Safety for Students

Cyclists, Check Your Equipment

Always inspect your bike prior to riding

- The seat should be adjusted to the proper height and locked in place
- Make certain all parts are secure and working properly
- Check that the tyres are inflated properly
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes. A horn or bell, a rear-view mirror and a bright headlight also are recommended

Plan to Be Seen

Make certain drivers can see you

- Wear neon, fluorescent or other bright clothing
- Whenever possible, ride during the day
- If you must ride at night, wear reflective clothing and use flashing lights



Poetry in Performance

November saw students from The Bromfords School compete with students from both Shenfield and Beauchamps High Schools in a poetry recital competition based on the theme of war, linking with celebrations held this year for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The aim of the competition was to encourage a love of poetry and to give students from Year 7 an opportunity to develop their public speaking skills.

During English lessons, alongside their study of the novel *Boy in The Striped Pyjamas*, Year 7 students had to compete in a rigorous in-house competition so that finalists could be selected to represent the school in the final, held at Beauchamps High School on 15th November.

After listening to students' performances during rehearsals and the school final, Miss Carter, Head of English commented, "The students have really captured the essence of these poems. The emotions that they are able to portray in these recitals shows sensitivity and empathy for those caught up in war."

From the 220+ students in the year group, 10 students made it through to the final with Joshua Dennehy lifting the soloist trophy.

The students who took part were: Lucy Bangs, Holly Costa, Joshua Dennehy, Ellie Feagan, Harrison Gee, Samuel Gleeson, Jemma Hawkes, Alexander Henry, Thomas Jackson and Weronika Podolak.

The English department would like to thank all competitors for their hard work and dedication, and look forward to further success next year.





Charity Quiz Night

On Friday 15th November, The Bromfords School hosted a charity quiz night in aid of ex-colleague, David Briffaut, who was involved in a serious accident in July 2019 that has left him paralysed. The news sent shock waves through the school and the local community and everyone has been working together to provide support to the family. The night proved a huge success and thanks to generous donations and support from individuals and local businesses, over £5,100 has been raised towards helping David's long term care.

To find out more on David's story please see his justgiving page below:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/davidbriffaut



Jack Petchey Winners

Lilly - Year 8

When Lilly joined the school she was an anxious and shy student, but she has consistently worked incredibly hard and always tries her best at everything that she does. She is a great role model for her classes and this year has produced an outstanding video in Geography around the issue of plastic pollution that was then used to teach other classes about the problem. She demonstrates commitment in all of her subjects and will always go the extra mile to have a positive impact on others.

Millie - Year 8

Millie excels in every lesson, she consistently produces excellent classwork and homework. Millie gets along with everyone and is a great person for guidance and advice amongst her peers. She is always wearing a smile and manages to spread the love. She is always doing more than necessary to try and make others' lives better.





High Flyers

Another fantastic High Flyers event took place earlier this month. We had over 100 students from Year 7 to 12 taking part in this amazing gymnastics and dance show. We also had five local primary schools performing over the two nights. I would like to say thank you to all the students that took part. It was a real pleasure working with you all; you were all amazing. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Brendan for helping me personally with the gymnastic routines and Lauren for choreographing the “Wicked” act performed by all of our gifted and talented dancers.

Congratulations to you and I look forward to High Flyers in 2020.



The 2019 Jack Petchey Awards

The 2019 Jack Petchey Awards were held at the Towngate Theatre where we were able to celebrate the achievements and dedication of our young people over the past year. Ms Petch also received her leader award for her support to students across the school and especially within Sixth Form. The evening was kicked off by an excellent performance by the Bromfords Theatre Company that was by far the biggest performance of the night and was full of energy. Parents and staff were justifiably proud of all of our students who either received awards or performed.

