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Dear parents/carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year and indeed the first newsletter post lockdown that we all experienced.



Despite having to adapt to what is a new normal the students across the school have demonstrated enthusiasm and a fantastic positive attitude to the return. As a staff body we are all delighted to have all students back in school and re-engaging with our core purpose of teaching and learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last few months and look forward to continue working together to ensure the best for your children.

Kind regards.

Neil Dunn
Headteacher

School Dates For Your Diary! Half Term

Students finish on:
Friday 22nd October 2020
Students return on:
Monday 2nd November

Christmas Break
Students finish on:
Friday 18th December 2020
Students return on:
Monday 4th January 2021

Essex Teacher Awards

The Essex Teacher Awards were held on Thursday 6th February at Highlands House. The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College had two nominations put forward by parents and students.

Congratulations to the ASD provision who were Highly Commended in the category for Team of the Year and to Laura Petch who won the Student Choice Award for Teacher of the Year. This is a fantastic achievement for all individuals concerned as well as for the school.



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Science Department Donate Goggles to NHS

Back in March, the Science Department at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College donated 180 goggles to the NHS. Below is the response we received from them:

"This is an enormous thank you from all the nurses, healthcare assistants, matrons and therapists at Basildon/Wickford Integrated Care Team for kindly donating your safety goggles to us. These are in use every day as we go out and visit our Covid Positive patients and help keep us all safe at this very worrying time.

We will always remember the incredible kindness and support the NHS is receiving and once again thank you for your generosity. We hope you like the photographs of our glamorous staff wearing their PPE with pride!"

Regards

*Sharon Copping
Basildon/Wickford ICT Team
Clinical Lead Nurse*



Southend United Visit to The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College

It was with great pleasure and excitement that The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College invited Charlie Kelman in to talk to some of our students. Since leaving the school, Charlie has begun his life as a professional footballer with Southend United FC. His career has seen success where he has scored vital goals for Southend, but he has also had to show determination and patience with time out due to injury. He is rapidly becoming a vital part of Southend's team and his future is looking very bright.



Charlie came in to speak to our students about his career so far, his highs and lows and also offered advice on how to make a success out of whatever course the students take in life. Students asked lots of questions about Charlie's career so far and his life at Bromfords. Questions ranged from how did school life prepare Charlie for a career in football, to how life at Southend has been playing with a variety of players and managers.

The key messages that Charlie gave were that hard work in everything that the students do is vital; that they must know what their ambitions are and to work towards them with focus and 100% effort.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Charlie back to school and to hear how well he is doing in his career. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being able to quiz a professional footballer, especially someone who had been in their position just a few short years ago. Hopefully this will not be the last time that Charlie visits us to update us on how his career is progressing.



Year 7 Creative Castles

Year 7's History homework last half term was to research the history of castles and to create a project on a castle of their choice. The level of castle projects this year was outstanding. There was an impressive arrange of building materials, from cardboard, wood and granite to the ever popular cake (unfortunately no longer available for viewing). The pupils also excelled in covering a range of historical castles from the early Motte and Bailey affairs, to the ever popular square keep and also some impressive productions of concentric castles.

We would like to thank all of the pupils for their efforts in this project and to bring some special praise to these exceptional creations.



District Gymnastics Competition

Another successful District Gymnastics Competition that was held at Chelmsford Gymnastics Club. The whole squad performed to their best and we came out with fantastic results. The Under 19 squad came second, the Under 13 Year 8 team also came second and the Under 13 Year 7 team came third. Congratulations girls you all performed really well.



Jack Petchey Winners

January 2020

Lewis is a fantastic student who has impressed with his ability to settle into life in secondary school. He has overcome challenges with anxiety to make sure that he is consistently in school and makes valuable contributions to lessons which staff have recognised with his high credit total. He is a great friend to his peers and is a real asset to the school. The funds are to be split between PE and Provision.



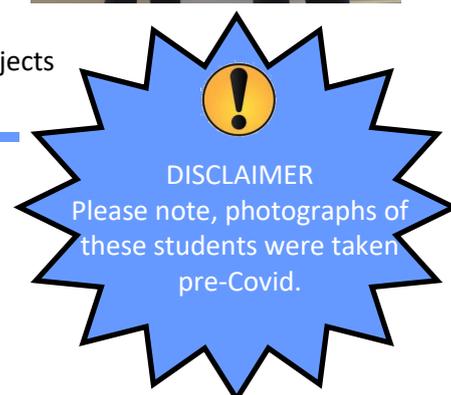
February 2020

When Chantelle started at the school she was quite shy and reserved. However, over her time at the school she has massively improved in her confidence and is now feeling brave enough to put her hand up in lessons, which is something that in Year 7 would never have happened. She is able to successfully implement strategies to work independently and is now able to express her emotions more freely. She is doing well in her subjects and is a fantastic student.



Student's Art Work Drawn for Local Hospitals

Attached at the reverse of this newsletter is a letter we received from Broomfield Hospital showing pictures drawn by students which were being displayed in the wards of COVID-19 patients.



DISCLAIMER
Please note, photographs of these students were taken pre-Covid.



Jack Petchey Community Award

Two amazing students of The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College have been awarded the Jack Petchey Community Award. This award has been newly launched by the Jack Petchey Foundation to recognise young people who have gone the extra mile in these difficult times.

Sisters Emmie and Zahra Tang cooked kebabs for their VE street party and have been busy making face masks, ear protectors and wash bags from pillow cases for the NHS.

Congratulations to you both!



Jack Petchey Winners - March - June 2020

Ellie – March 2020 has gone above and beyond with her homework, never stopping and not complaining during this trying time and with other challenges at home in the past year. She is always attempting the challenge tasks and produces excellent work. Her commitment and dedication are outstanding.

Joe – April 2020 has overcome any fears and worries that he may have, and approached this time with determination, good humour and positivity. Particularly, when his routine has totally changed and it could have been a very tricky time for him. He has approached remote learning with enthusiasm, checking in promptly every week. He is producing excellent work and encouraging others in the provision to also do so.

Paige – May 2020 is a great friend and has helped me emotionally when I was involved in an accident. As soon as she heard, she called me to see if I was OK and she spoke to me every day from that accident until I returned to school. She was there every step of the way and even when I came back to school she didn't care that I looked different she was glad to see me in one piece.

Grace - June 2020

Grace has suffered a bereavement during lockdown but has thought of others all the time. She has used her skills and hobbies to include those in her community that may be isolated. Grace coloured some mindful pictures and shared them in her community with those isolating. It prompted people to call and chat and to thank her for her efforts.



The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College New Minibus

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to secure our very own 17 seater Bromfords School minibus which will be invaluable for our many successful sporting events, our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and future school trips.



Thank you from Broomfield Hospital



Good afternoon,

I am a nurse in the St Andrews Centre at Broomfield Hospital and we have just received a delivery of some beautiful drawings, colourings, and paintings from your students! I have spent the afternoon putting them all up at our window so the people in the atrium can enjoy them as well as the patients in our waiting room, and of course all of us nurses and doctors too!! Everyone has been so impressed with how talented you all are and wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU to you all. It has brightened up our department and our day! I have attached some photos I have taken of them all on display so I hope you can see just how much we do appreciate them. Thank you so so much!

Lots of love and best wishes from all the staff at St Andrews.

Take care

Asha x

Kind regards

Asha Laurence
Staff Nurse
St Andrew's Outpatients
Broomfield Hospital



Dear everyone at Bromfords School, thank you very much for the beautiful coloured posters it has certainly brightened up our department..

I would just like to say I come from Wickford and attended Bromfords School I left in 1987.

Stay home, Keep safe, Saves life's...
Burns Department
Broomfield Hospital

