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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now experiencing longer days and colour is returning to our green spaces as bulbs bring life to Spring. It also indicates that the school year is already half way through and the targets and aspirations held by students, parents and staff for this academic year should be on the horizon and for some this maybe the time to reset and refocus.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have just completed their internal examinations in English, Maths and Science and Year 11 and 13 students are approaching public examinations, first through assessed coursework and then formal written examinations which will begin in approximately ten school weeks.

I would ask that all students have a safe and restful February half term and it is worth noting that physical wellbeing underpins mental wellbeing and getting enough sleep is the single biggest thing most likely to have a positive impact.

Martin Coulson
Headteacher



School Dates For Your Diary!
Half Term
Students finish on:
Friday 14th February @ 2.50pm
Students return on:
Monday 24th February @ 8.30am

Bring Your Son To Work Day

Below is a letter Mr Coulson received from the Protective Security Operations regarding Alfie's visit to London.

Sir,

On behalf of Alfie and I, we would like to thank you for giving permission for Alfie to have authorised absence on Friday 10th January 2020 in order to attend the Metropolitan Police Specialist Operations "Bring your Son to work Day".

This was a fantastic once in a life time opportunity for our children to see some amazing areas of London that is policed by officers and staff from "Specialist Operations".

This included a tour round the Palaces of Westminster, Houses of Commons and the House of Lords – One of the highlights of the day was a visit to Number 10 Downing Street.

Alfie expressed wanting to wear his Bromfords School tie as it went extremely well with his suit.

I have attached an image – for your attention.

Thank you very much.

Kind Regards



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Jack Petchey Award Winner November 2019

Elena – Year 7

Elena has settled in really quickly to the school and she is consistently producing high quality work in all of her subjects. She is incredibly mature and has a number of responsibilities at home that she doesn't let affect her effort and dedication to her studies, making sure that she always does her best. Elena is a great ambassador for The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College.



Bromfords Christmas Hampers

During December both staff, students and parents of The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College donated items to create Christmas hampers to deliver to our local neighbours. Over 30 students and many members of staff worked through their lunch breaks and free time in the



hope of bringing some festive cheer to the local community by surprising them with some beautiful parcels. This is the eighth year running we have organised the Christmas Box Appeal which proved a huge success last year.

On Tuesday 17th December students loaded up the Bromfords Sleigh with 71 parcels and made their special Christmas deliveries to some of our local residents.

Selma Baker who organises the appeal said she was overwhelmed by the responses for donations.

Bromfords' Christmas Bake Off

Year 7 and 8 students of The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College have been busy experimenting with their baking skills for the 2019 Bromfords' Christmas Bake-Off. From an initial 22 students, 9 were put through to the final where pupils showcased their culinary skills and produced some amazing tastes and creative designs.

Sarah Barnett and Clare Robinson who organised the bake-off have been overwhelmed with the effort and the calibre of bakers and after a tough decision Headteacher Martin Coulson crowned Molly the overall winner, with Emily coming a close second and Amelia and Keira coming third.

Well done to all concerned!



BBC Essex Radio Visit

Ben and Sonia from BBC Essex Radio visited The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College recently to meet a group of students to discuss what inspires them about science. The group talked about the science projects they are currently working on and how science may influence their career choices in the future.

This podcast was aired on BBC Essex Breakfast on 6th February.



Student Voice – Chaplin Lodge

Staff and students from the Bromfords School and Sixth Form College made a visit to Chaplin Lodge Care Home in Wickford. Leading up to the visit students were busy baking cakes and biscuits which they took along for an afternoon tea with the residents. Stories of old were told and games were played with lots of happy laughing faces throughout. Both staff and students said they thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the interesting and wonderful residents and staff of Chaplin Lodge.

Thank you.



Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College are celebrating the success of 19 of their students who completed the 'full' Duke of Edinburgh Award. This accomplishment involved over 900 hours of collective commitment and endurance.

Congratulations to all who were involved!



North Crescent Visit Bromfords

North Crescent Year 4 pupils spent a fun and exciting day at The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College, cooking Chinese dumplings and fortune cookies that they then used to create a business which they pitched to an audience.

All the pupils embraced the experience and were an absolute credit to North Crescent Primary School.





The Booktrust Letterbox Club

During 2019, The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College participated in The Booktrust's Letterbox Club for the first time. The Booktrust, is a charity that aims to promote a love of reading, offers schools the opportunity to enrol selected students into a programme where they receive their own colourful parcel of books, maths games and stationery each month from May to October.

Over the course of this period, twenty Year 7 students met monthly to receive their parcels and to discuss the books and resources they had received. On Tuesday 10th December, students were presented with an extra Christmas parcel, during a celebratory lunch, which included the new Guinness Book of World records.

The students really engaged with the programme. A selection of their comments can be seen below:

"I enjoyed all parcels ... My favourite part was reading all the books." Mason Jn'Baptiste

"I feel really happy that I get these packages. They help me with my learning." Billy-Rae Seal

"It was really fun. My favourite was City of Ghosts. It was very cool to read." Jessica Gracey

Mrs G Power

KS3 Coordinator for English



Public Speaking Competition

January saw Year 8 students compete in a Public Speaking Competition. The aim of the competition was for students to develop their public speaking skills, which will be needed not only for their GCSE courses but also for the future as they progress into further education and eventually their chosen careers.

During English lessons, in preparation for the competition, students had been exploring the work of charities and how they campaign for support from the public using different styles of writing and language. The students then used the same skills to write their own examples ultimately leading to the writing of their speeches.



The final of the competition was held on Friday 17th January with the finalists performing in front of the whole Year group. Despite the judges having a difficult time agreeing on a winner, eventually the trophy was awarded to Georgia who gave a very emotional speech about dementia.

The English department would like to thank all competitors for their hard work and the whole year group for their support and encouragement given to the finalists during the final.

DON'T FORGET!

Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 5th March 2020 - 4.00pm-7.30pm

Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 12th March 2020 - 4.00pm-7.30pm

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 2nd April 2020 - 4.00pm-7.30pm