



Dear Parents,

This Newsletter reaches you at the height of the exam season, which has been extended this year by the authorities to provide bigger gaps between exams, as a COVID precaution. Good luck to all the students who will have a busy half term preparing hard for the resumption of exams after the Platinum Bank Holiday weekend.

One of the points that emerged from students' responses to our survey in January was the post-COVID absence of community activities in the autumn term 2021. I think we can safely say that the BUCHS community has changed that completely, as you will see from this Newsletter. Co-curricular activities are back in full swing and charity fundraising events have taken place more or less weekly for some time now.

We are firmly back in school and have re-established our expectations and routines, particularly regarding academic matters. The same is true in terms of uniform and behaviour, though we are still looking for your support in upholding our high standards regarding jewellery, hairstyles and skirt length. If we work together, I'm sure we can prevent either students or teachers having to waste time talking about those issues, rather than more important things. If in doubt, please check the uniform regulations in your child's planner.

A number of important projects are contributing to the upkeep of our ageing buildings. Having finished the very costly upgrading of our heating and fire alarm systems, we are now dealing with our pitched roofs, some of which have not been repaired since they were made good after German bomb damage in the war! In the coming months we will replace the windows in the A block, dating from 1964, which are environmentally very inefficient.

At the same time, we will replace old lighting with LED systems, again to bring us up to efficient modern standards. We have to bid every year for big capital projects of this kind, and it is testament to our School Business Manager, Mrs Cowler, that we have been so successful recently. Unfortunately such projects are largely hidden, from the students' point of view, and are part of our duty to maintain a safe environment. Money for more obvious benefits, such as improving classrooms and toilets, has to be found from our normal budget, which is a big challenge, with energy costs rocketing and inflation affecting schools as well as families.

Later this term and in September, please look out for the information that we will be providing about our assessment and reporting routines. We have taken a great deal of care designing systems that we believe are both educationally sound and helpful to you and the students, some of which we will be piloting with certain year groups before the holiday. The roll-out for all years will start in September, so information will be provided and an opportunity to ask questions about this important aspect of our school life.

Dr Richard Wilkin MA, EdD, Headteacher



BPhO  
British Physics Olympiad

Over the last few weeks, Year 10 students have had the opportunity to take part in the British Physics Olympiad Year 10 Physics Challenge. This online challenge quizzes our students on their knowledge of different areas on Physics, including Energy, Forces, Astrophysics and famous scientists.

We hope to receive the results in the coming weeks so we will keep you updated. Well done to every student who took part in this national competition!

Mrs Baird, Assistant Headteacher



**Join us in celebrating the Queen's  
Platinum Jubilee!**

# JUBILEE COMPETITION

Create a poem, piece of creative writing, photography,  
or artwork inspired by the platinum Jubilee or what  
being British means to you (this could focus on pop  
culture, food or traditions)

**Hand in to your form tutor or to J33**

**Deadline: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

Any questions message: [16aandr@buchs.co.uk](mailto:16aandr@buchs.co.uk), [16jelli@buchs.co.uk](mailto:16jelli@buchs.co.uk), [16kderb@buchs.co.uk](mailto:16kderb@buchs.co.uk),  
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### **Our students' work shines at Jubilee Art Competition!**

We were delighted to participate in The Baytree Shopping Centre's School Art Competition to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Students were inspired to create exciting entries featuring a range of themes; from portraits of the Queen herself, to Royal residences and the Queen's horses and Corgis! Entries were produced in a variety of media and formats and really honoured this unique moment in history – the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

We were absolutely thrilled to receive the wonderful news that from all the entries from different primary and secondary schools in the area, two of our students had made the shortlist of 20. Shirley in 9C produced a beautiful painted portrait of the Queen dressed in turquoise; and Grace in 9A, the overall winner, created a bold and skillful, abstract portrait design. As the winner, Grace received a hamper of art materials and our school will receive £1,000.

Grace attended a photo call with the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gareth Barrett, The Baytree Centre Manager and Miss McGoldrick, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was lovely that Grace's parents and grandparents were also able to attend to see Grace's winning piece enlarged and professionally printed.



Also professionally printed and enlarged for display in the exhibition, was the shortlisted entry (left) from Shirley in 9C. Shirley captured beautifully, every detail of the Queen on an official engagement.



**Well done to all our students who created their stunning entries!**





## The Cathedral Parish of St Mary & St Helen

Fr Martin is asking every adult parishioner of Brentwood Cathedral parish to register in order to make sure that he has up to date parish records that comply with data protection regulations (GDPR). At the same time, the Cathedral priests need to know who their parishioners are. This is especially the case if someone comes to them requesting a sacrament, eg the sacrament of matrimony or a baptism for their child, or asking for an official document to be signed.

### How do you register?

It is very simple and will take no more than five minutes of your time. Each adult parishioner should either go to "Parish Census" at [www.cathedralbrentwood.org](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or use the QR code below:



Fr Martin would like to thank you in advance for giving your time to fill in this registration form.

## Boxing Competition

Anna-May in 9A (pictured on the left in the newspaper clipping below) belongs to the Main Event Boxing Gym and is competing this month. We wish her the best of luck in the match.

She also appeared in 6th May issue of the Echo newspaper as she, along with other members of the 'This Girl Can Box' team, had the opportunity to meet the former GB professional boxer, Nina Hughes. The undefeated boxer gave the girls some advice and guidance which we are sure will be of use to them in their own boxing matches!



## Clare's House Week

In the week beginning 19th April, the Clare's House Team organised a range of activities and events in order to raise money for Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, also known as BCYS. The week consisted of: a bake sale on Tuesday which continued throughout the week, karaoke in the Main Hall on Wednesday, a Domino's pizza sale on Thursday and a staff netball match in the Merici Hall on Friday. We had an excellent response from students and teachers and no food went to waste! We raised a total of £290. This donation to BCYS will help all aspects of their work; including their bursary fund to help young people in financial need to be able to attend pilgrimages and events, their work with catechists across the diocese, the development of their resources and the training and formation of young leaders for the future. We would like to thank everyone who donated, the staff who participated in the netball match and Miss Ashford for making the week run smoothly!

Natalya 12.4, Tillie 12.2 and Genevieve 12.4





## Interhouse Competitions

This half term has been a very busy time for Interhouse Competitions. The overall leader board is currently showing a tie between Brescia and Clare's in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Angela's close behind!

	Brescia	Clare's	Ursula's	Trinity	John's	Angela's
House Music	40	60	20	30	50	10
House Cross Country	60	60	20	20	30	40
House Reading Challenge	10	30	50	60	20	50
House Maths Relay	60	40	30	20	10	50
House Science Competition	10	60	40	30	20	50
House Basketball	60	20	20	50	50	30
House Netball	40	40	60	60	10	20
House Football	10	30	40	30	60	60
House Hockey	60	60	10	60	20	30
House Recycling Challenge	50	40	10	30	20	60
*Charity fundraising	£427.87	£290.65	£203.52	£55.00	£542.73	£372.50
	100	60	40	20	120	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>480</b>

Upcoming House events / results to be announced include House Rounders, Cheerleading and Sports Day.

Please look out for details of these events on your House Teams page.

*\*Charity fundraising takes place during each House week – this is worth double points.*



## Vacancies

**The school is recruiting for Exam Invigilators from September (as and when required during exam sessions.)**

**Please email your CV to: [mfreeman@buchs.co.uk](mailto:mfreeman@buchs.co.uk) for further information**

Year 12 BTEC Performing Arts students present a modern day adaptation of the acclaimed musical Blood Brothers, also featuring GCSE Drama students from Years 9 and 10.

For their final performance, Year 12 have chosen this modern musical that explores how issues of poverty in our modern society are more than just about a lack of income. The play's text is taught as part of the English curriculum and the students will produce a recording of the performance to be used in support of their studies. This will be available through the Performing Arts channel on Microsoft Teams.

If you would like to join us live on the evening of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in U24, please contact Mrs Wortley for further details of how to secure a ticket.

We look forward to welcoming our live audiences in to our revamped studio space.

Mrs G Wortley, Teacher of Performing Arts





## PE

This term has been as busy as ever with a wonderful return of the much anticipated sunshine. Activities this term have made full use of the harder ground due to the improved weather conditions.

Athletics has been the order of the term with all year groups partaking in track and field events during their timetabled hours with many students choosing extra-curricular PE to stretch and challenge their development after school hours.

The PE Department have been delighted with extra curricular attendance with over 60 pupils attending Tuesday night athletics and even more at rounders on a Wednesday. What we strive to achieve as a department is to encourage and develop as many students as we can across the school day; but even better to have students returning in their free time to develop further. This is really wonderful to see!

We have had some great success with our Year 10 rounders team; qualifying for the National Rounders Competition.

Our Junior Athletics Team headed up by Miss Ball and Mrs Wilkinson-Ross were fantastic; representing the school superbly and producing wonderful results. We keep our fingers crossed when the results come through that we make the 'A' finals.

Cricket has been added to the curriculum this year and has been proving a real hit, especially with Year 10 who remain exceptionally competitive!

A special mention goes to Sophie in 9A who has had a plethora of successes at her Irish Dancing competitions this year. We are in awe of her achievements and she continues to show so much development in what is a wonderful sport. See the photo of Sophie below with all her trophies! Many Congratulations to you Sophie!



A further special mention must be given to Mary in 10A who has made the U15 Essex team for Rugby. Another fabulous success. Well done to Mary!

Please continue to send us news and photos of your child's achievements and we will share them in the newsletter. We are so proud of the students' extra curricular activities, and are so often blown away by the commitment and determination shown to succeed in their chosen endeavours.

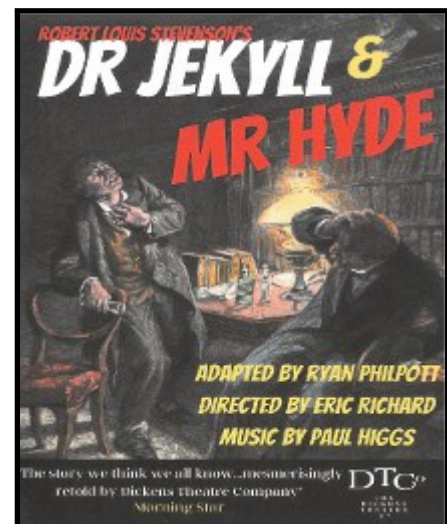
We have District Athletics coming up. Preparation is well under way for students to compete for selection. The best way for this to happen is for attendance at extra curricular athletics.

A date for your diary: BUCHS' Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 8th July. This will be held at Brentwood School. More details to follow.

Thank you for all of your support.  
PE Department

## Year 10 Theatre Trip

The English Department had a very successful trip to Brentwood Theatre on Thursday 12th May with Year 10 students to watch a stage production of 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.'





## Year 13 A Level Politics Conference

In April, our Year 13 A Level Politics students took part in a conference at the Vue Cinema in the Westfield Centre in Stratford.

They listened to presentations geared towards their forthcoming A Level examinations on Democracy and Participation in the UK, the nature of the UK Government, Core Political Ideologies including Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism and the government and politics of the USA.

Students were able to display their knowledge in a variety of challenging tasks and quizzes and the BUCHS students represented themselves admirably against others from local schools and Sixth Form colleges.

Our best performing student on the day, Sy'ria, won a prize for having the strongest overall knowledge of contemporary political issues!

Mr Earle, Teacher of Politics

## Debate Club

Debate Club is run by the Year 12 Politics Prefect and Year 12 Politics and History students.

We hold a debate each half-term for KS3 and KS4 students in which we discuss contemporary political issues which directly affect our students.

For example, at KS3, we have discussed whether free school meals should be introduced for all school students as a means of combatting the childhood obesity epidemic, which the majority voted for. And at KS4, we discussed the possibility of lowering the voting age to 16 in the UK. Those taking part concluded lowering the voting age to 16 could result in an increase in younger people participating in elections and that, consequently, the government could take the needs of the youth of the UK into greater consideration.

In Debate Club, we encourage students to think for themselves, to develop their own informed opinions on topics, and to meet with other students who share the same drive for debating political issues.

Olivia Mills, Politics Prefect



## Assembly For Our Lady

Year 7 took part in a special assembly in devotion to Our Lady on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. May is a very important month in the Liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, as it is when we give special thanks and devotion to Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Prior to the assembly, each student wrote a devotion to Our Lady during registration with their Form Teachers. Students also spent time practising the hymn, "As I Kneel Before You," as this formed part of our assembly. The students' devotions were written on a prayer card which they then also decorated. The cards were then placed before Our Lady's altar during the assembly.

Mr White, Director of Music, also joined us to play some beautiful hymns. The Year 7 Liturgy Reps then led us with the bidding prayers. Gabrielle and Grace in 7B presented Our Lady with a floral crown and a bouquet of roses, while Mr White and Mr Barber played 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest' on the piano and guitar.

Miss O'Grady spoke to the students about the significance of Our Lady in the Catholic Church. All students then processed to Our Lady's statue to present her with their intentions. These intentions will then travel to Lourdes with our students from the Brentwood Youth Service in the summer and be placed at Our Lady's grotto.

The assembly was a beautiful experience and all the girls were a model example of being an Ursuline student; living out the school's motto of 'Duty'.

The statue of Our Lady has a prominent position in the School Chapel and the May altar will remain in place throughout the month. The display can then be seen by all who come into the Chapel to pray.

Some Year 7s have been selected to write a letter to the Sisters in the Grange to tell them about our special assembly. This ensures we maintain the special relationship with the Ursuline order and keep them part of our school community.

Miss O'Grady, Head of Trinity House  
Head of Business and Computing







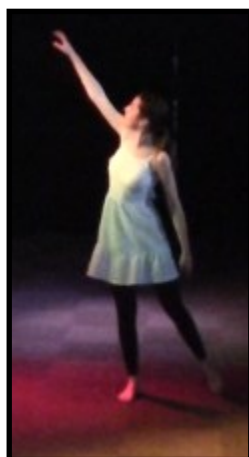
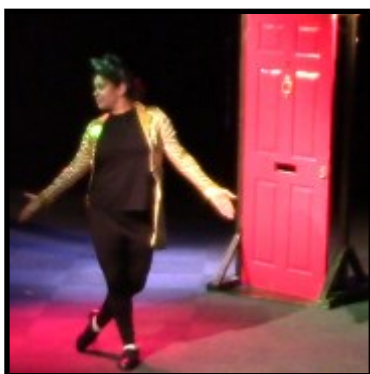
## BTEC Performing Arts



On 5<sup>th</sup> May, we were able to host an invited audience of parents and relatives to watch a live performance of Year 12 and 13 examination pieces. This is the first time we have been able to perform to an outside audience for a couple of years due to covid restrictions and it was wonderful to finally be able to share the students' hard work.

This was the final performance for the Year 13 students and we now wish them the best of luck as they go on to continue their studies of Musical Theatre, Music Technology, Performing Arts and Occupational Therapy at Guildford School of Acting, Bournemouth, Buckinghamshire, and Portsmouth Universities.

Mrs Hilder & Mrs Wortley, BTEC Performing Arts



## Our New French Friends

Earlier this year, a lady named Lisa Talma wrote to us here at BUCHS. She was a pupil here and left in 1984. Her life took her to France, following a University degree studying the language at The University of Sussex and she settled in the French Alps. She has been a teacher there for many years and remembers her Ursuline Days with fondness and keeps in touch with some of her old classmates. In France, her pupils don't wear a uniform and Lisa keeps her Ursuline blazer in her classroom for them to see and appreciate some of the differences between French and English schools. The French children have noticed many differences already. One being that they seem to all learn to ski, a natural result of living in the Alps! Also that they learn foreign languages from a young age, so their English is already quite good.

Lisa asked if we would like to make contact and we jumped at the chance!

The link so far:

We have sent a package of display work to Lisa's school based on the topic of 'My Town,' our most recent Year 7 topic. All of our work is in French and the plan is for Lisa's work to be done in English by her pupils. Lisa's pupils were thrilled with the work we sent and have put it on display in the corridor. At my request, they also judged which pieces they felt were the best from our Year 7 pupils and have sent us handmade certificates to be presented to the lucky girls at the end of May. Lisa's pupils soon wrote letters back and we too have put some of these on display in the T corridor, including a letter from Lisa explaining where she lives and works.

As May half term approaches, we have now managed to allocate a pen pal to every pupil in Year 7. There are fewer pupils at the school in France, so some pupils might be lucky enough to have 2 pen pals! We have written letters to our new pen pals based on the topic of 'My School' and these are almost ready to be posted. Some Year 8 pupils, continuing with GCSE French in Year 9 have also asked for a pen pal. As this is a 'school to school' project, all letters and all communication will go through the two teachers; myself and Lisa in France. It has been very exciting to receive real letters. There is nothing like it, and some of our pupils have never received such a letter before due to the ways in which we communicate these days.

This link will be purely letter writing for now and may include a video link up in the future so that we can see the other school. Many language teachers will cite their reason for learning a language as having pen pals back when they were at school and it is exactly the same for us here at BUCHS.

Recently, Lisa asked if we would like to be part of a cook book she is producing with her pupils this year and once again we have been happy to agree. The pupils studying both Food and French here at BUCHS will be the first to be invited to submit recipes and we can help translate them before we post them.





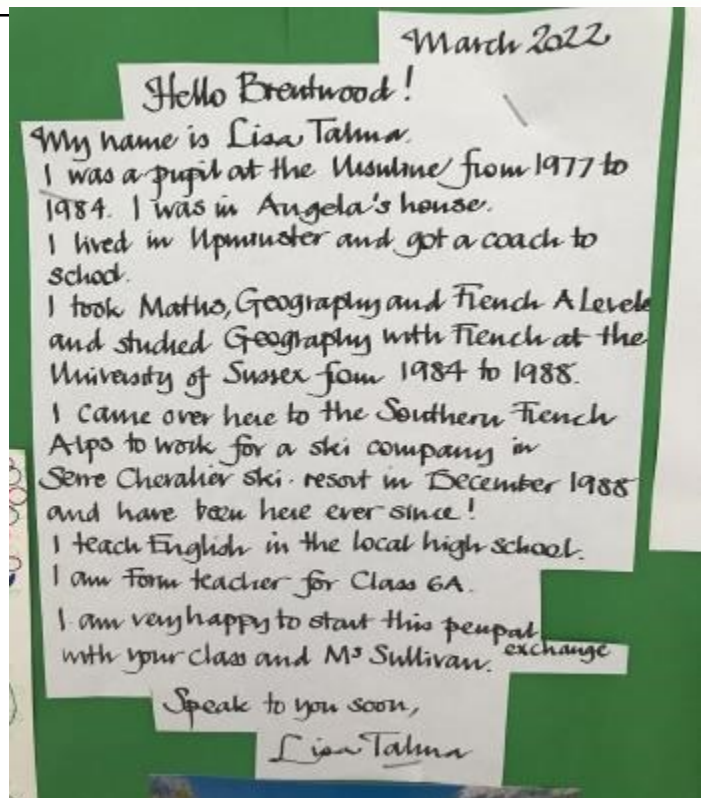
## Our New French Friends Continued

This will also be run as a competition, but the French school will be the judges! It's an exciting link, made stronger and more meaningful by the fact that Lisa was a pupil here herself.

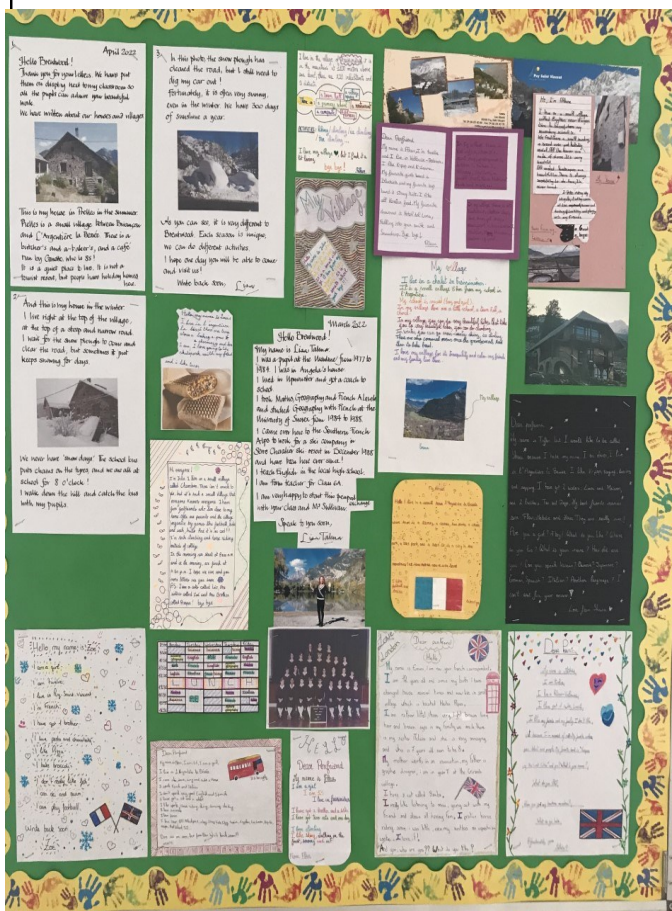
Where will this link lead in the future? Who knows, but for now, we are enjoying sending and receiving good old fashioned letters and drawings and it makes our topic choices suddenly very real in Year 7, which is a great boost following the pandemic, where we felt very far away from such possibilities. Anyone interested in knowing more about this partnership should see Mrs Sullivan, in J22. Take a look at the display board in the T corridor too!

Well done to the student in Year 7 who won 'The best piece of work on My Town' as judged by the French pupils from their school in the Southern French Alps.

Mrs Sullivan, Teacher of French



Above: A Letter from ex BUCHS student Lisa, who now teaches in France



Above: A display here at BUCHS of work from the French school



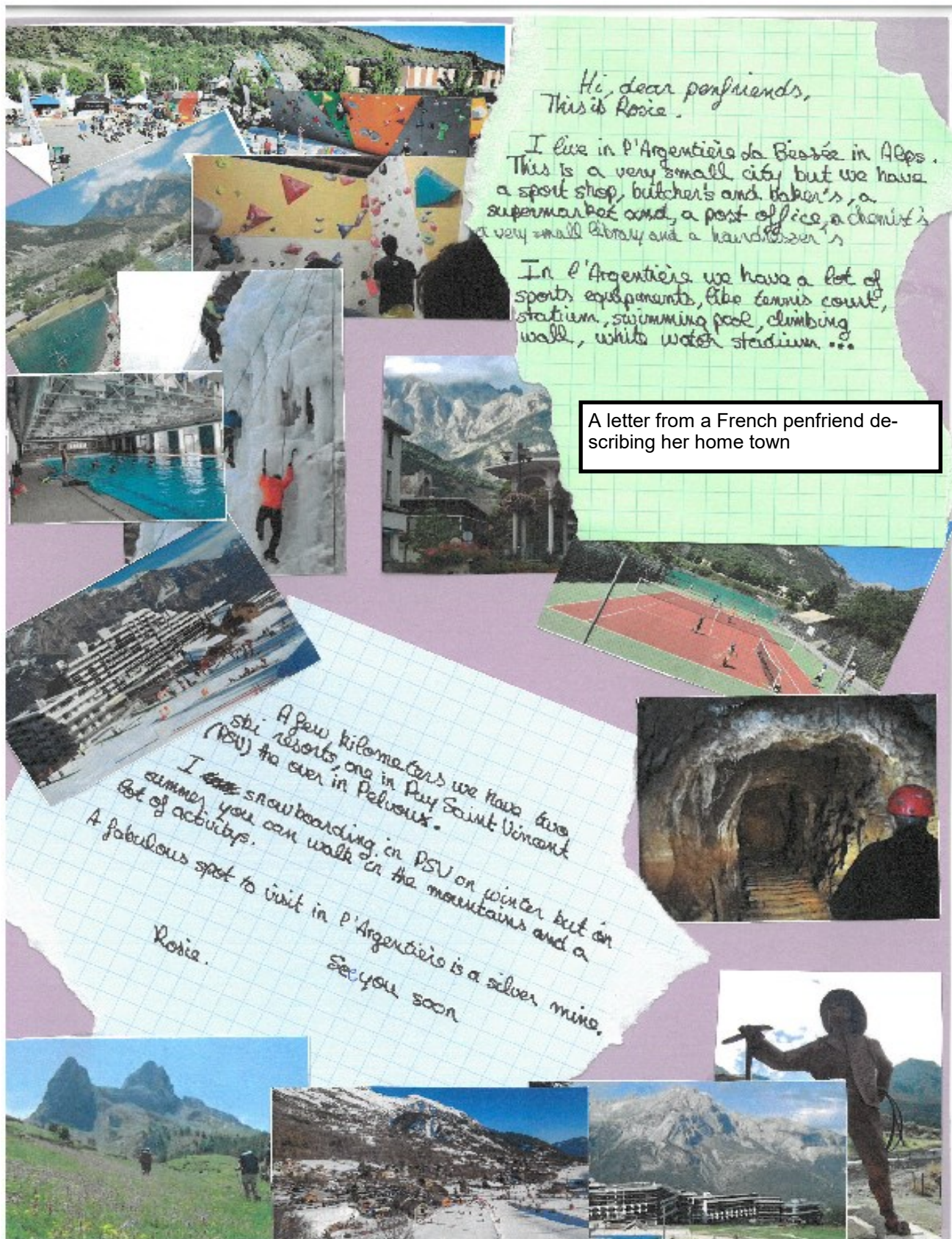
Above: Lisa in France and below as a student with her class at BUCHS.







### Our New French Friends Continued







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Above: Photos from the area near the school in France

Vial  
Nina  
5°C



the station

the city



the cinema



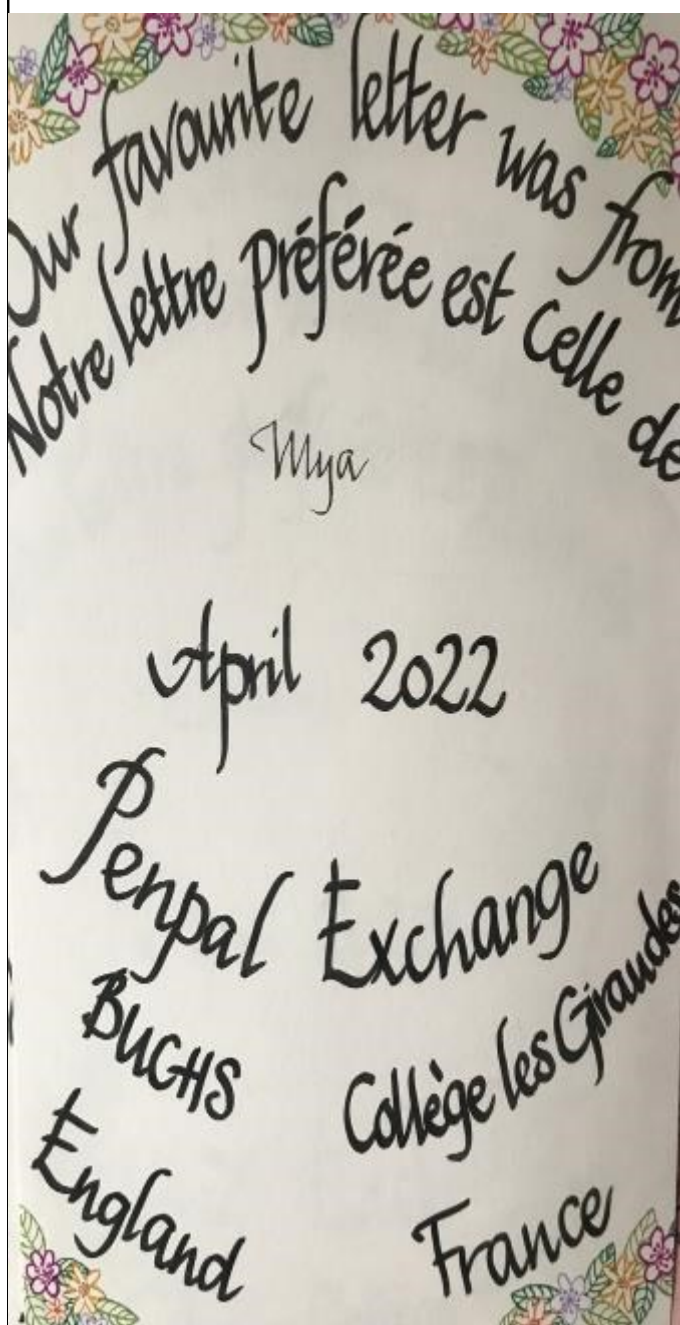
Hi! I am happy with your letter.  
My name is Nina, i live in L'argentiere  
la Bessee. My college is in my city but  
he is not very tall. My city is small  
but there is: a city center, a station, a  
cinema, of supermarket, a sports shop,  
a bookshop, a chemist's, a post office,  
a baker's, a butcher's, of hairdresser's  
and a very small library.

A letter from French penfriend, 'Nina'





### Our New French Friends Continued



Above: The Collège Les Giraudes announcing their winning letter!

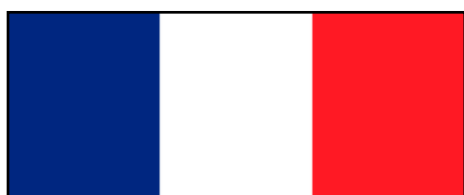
Bonjour les enfants de l'école française je m'appelle Mya - j'ai été vraiment ravie de vous envoyer cette lettre. je vis dans une très petite ville au milieu de l'est de Londres appelée Dagenham! y a beaucoup à faire dans ma ville, par exemple, nous avons un très grand stade près du quai de Dagenham d'où viennent tous les bateaux et c'est là que l'équipe féminine de West Ham s'entraîne. Nous avons également de gros bus rouges qui traversent la ville.

je vais à l'école à Brentwood Ursuline c'est une école pour filles mon professeur de français est celui qui nous aide à vous envoyer toutes les lettres j'espère qu'un jour nous pourrons venir en France pour voir votre école ou vous pouvez venir en Angleterre pour voir notre école et nous pourrions voir tous les grands monuments de nos deux pays et j'espère pouvoir vous envoyer plus de lettres

au revoir j'espère reparler bientôt



Above: The winning competition entry by Mya in 7B







## BUCHS Old Girls' Reunion Day

Old Girl's Day is when past students of Brentwood Ursuline can come back to visit. They can have a look around the school, remember old memories of when they were here, or they could just sit down and talk with old school friends. It is a great experience for the 'old girls' to remember their time at BUCHS; and a great experience for the people helping, as they can share stories with past pupils. As someone who went to help at the event, I found it really fun and interesting. It was an amazing opportunity to learn, take on responsibility and be able to share all that with friends in my year. We got to serve tea, coffee and food to the old girls. We also got to chat with them and talk about the differences and similarities of BUCHS then and now. We were able to give them a tour to show them what the school looks like now. They got to participate in a raffle to win many different prizes, and just outside of the dining hall was the archive area where they could look back through old newsletter and photos. While I went round and had conversations with the old girls, I heard some interesting things about the school back then. Some things were very different and some the same. It was fantastic to hear the many stories and feelings from the ex students. I enjoyed attending the event and would definitely go again if I were asked; it was amazing to hear stories, serve food and drink, give tours, and do all this with friends!

Jo, 7B



Above: BUCHS 'Old Girls' who left in 1999:  
Left: Angela Corbett (née Lamb,) Vicki Martinson (née Lindblad) and Jo Fitzgerald (née Luxford.)

## Year 9 Assembly

It was the turn of 9J this week and the theme for the week was 'The Peace of Christ.' We chose to talk about CAFOD. CAFOD stands for 'The Catholic Agency For Overseas Development.'

We began with a prayer:

**Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with  
everything we need,  
forgive us for the times we cause it harm; for the  
times our way of life affects our neighbours. Inspire  
us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives  
and communities; to share in the griefs and  
anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation may flourish. Amen**

We talked about the fact that 'in these uncertain times, where we are slowly recovering from the impact of the pandemic, and when the news seem to have only negative reports to give us, we must remember that people are standing shoulder to shoulder and making a difference, positively influencing the lives of others.'

We looked at the CAFOD website and discovered that: 'CAFOD was born when a team led by Jacquie Stuyt came together with others from the National Board of Catholic Women, the Catholic Women's League and the Union of Catholic Mothers to organise the first Family Fast Day in 1960. Due to the number of collections taking place across the dioceses, two years later, the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales registered CAFOD as an official charity.

Jacquie and the other volunteers responded to an appeal from the people of the Caribbean island of Dominica where children were starving to help raise funds for a mother and baby clinic.

As well as funding the new clinic, the project also helped people to make a living for themselves, including providing water and teaching people how to plant vegetable gardens. This determination to reach those most in need and help people fulfil their potential is still at the heart of CAFOD's mission.

Today, CAFOD has global reach. They are part of one of the largest aid networks in the world. Because of their global reach and local presence, they have the potential to reach everyone. Local experts help some of the most difficult to reach people in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Whether it's a single mother living in a remote area, a teenage boy living in a war zone, or a disabled father and daughter who are discriminated against, they help anyone regardless of faith, gender or ethnicity.



## **Year 9 Assembly Continued**

CAFOD has the potential to reach so many people because they are a member of a global Church network with a presence in 165 countries.

Recently, our school has been involved in helping the people of Ukraine by donating items to a collection. CAFOD are also working with other organisations in Ukraine and neighbouring countries in the following ways:

- Support in paying for rented accommodation, bedding and essential furniture.
- Providing electronic tablets and internet for children so that they can continue attending the online classes delivered by their schools in Ukraine.
- Helping people access medical consultations (physical and psychological) and medicines.
- Providing supplies for soup kitchens and food distributions to those in need.

Pope Francis has called for political leaders to make "a great examination of conscience before God, who is the God of peace and not of war."

In his Angelus address on 6th March, Pope Francis said: "I make a heartfelt appeal for humanitarian corridors to be genuinely secured, and for aid to be guaranteed and access facilitated to the besieged areas, in order to offer vital relief to our brothers and sisters oppressed by bombs and fear."

We then suggested ways in which Year 9 could help, which included being aware, finding out the facts, donating at Church and even donating to our collection in assembly. This past year, 9J have been bringing in items to donate to local foodbanks every week. We are proud to say this has continued and today is no exception. We are collecting items from Year 9 students and form tutors and directing them to those who need them.

Our reading had a key message, underpinning what we said in the assembly:

A reading from Philippians 4:4-9

"May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice!

Show a gentle attitude towards everyone. The Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart."

We chose the song 'Man in The Mirror' by Michael Jackson for a moment of reflection as the lyrics call you to 'take a look at yourself and make a change' which we thought was very appropriate.

We finished with this prayer which we said together:

**Father of love, hear our prayer.  
Help us to know Your will  
and to follow it with courage and faith.  
Accept the offering of ourselves,  
all our thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings.  
May our lives be spent giving You glory.  
Give us the strength to follow Your call,  
so that Your Truth may live in our hearts  
and bring peace to us and to those we meet,  
for we believe in Your Love.  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,**

**Amen.**

May we thank those who donated today. Your items will reach those who need them. Have a peaceful half term week from 9J.



**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**The school would be grateful to receive  
donations of used school uniform in good  
condition.**

**Items can be handed in at the school  
reception.**

**Thank you in advance.**





## LAMDA

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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May saw the return of BUCHS students to LAMDA examinations. Mrs Wortley joined the students at the LAMDA Drama School headquarters in London, where 12 students from Years 7-13 took a total of 14 examinations across Public Speaking, Acting and Musical Theatre. It was our first time at a public exam centre and it was a little nerve wracking. Of course, there was nothing to be concerned about, LAMDA 3<sup>rd</sup> Year degree students and staff were there to greet us and guide us through the day. Thank you to all the parents that made the journey and got an insight in to a day in the life of a performer. Any student interested in taking a LAMDA examination should come along to the Drama Studio and speak to Mrs Wortley in the first instance, or look out for the sign-up sheet in the near future. Fingers crossed for some strong results for our amazing students.

Mrs Wortley, Teacher in charge of Drama

## Dance



Can You Dance (CYD) is one of the biggest national dance events. It's full of dance workshops where you can learn something new and there's also a competition. I participated in this competition, which was a regional qualifier, with my dance team – the Elite Inter squad for Spicer Dance Company. We performed a routine called, 'Survive' and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. I loved being at CYD and had fun with my friends. I learnt new things from the workshops and my favourite part was performing on stage!

Faye, 8C

## Statutory School Appeals Could you be a Volunteer Panel Member?

Appeal Panels are convened to examine cases in which parents wish to contest either the refusal by a school's Admissions Authority to admit a child, or a Governing Body's decision to permanently exclude a child.

Essex County Council Statutory Appeals Team are currently looking for panel members for both Admission Appeals and Exclusion Appeals. Each case is heard by 3 panel members, including one who is trained to act as a chairperson. A trained clerk is also present and gives advice on the law and regulations to make sure panel members follow the right procedures. Do you have the ability to listen, to be impartial without being swayed by emotion, can appreciate both sides of an argument and are able to make reasoned decisions, you may be just the person we are looking for. Can you spare a few days or more each year to participate in this rewarding and interesting task?

Previous specialist knowledge of this field is not essential, we are looking for people who have time to consider the issues properly. We offer full training and will reimburse travel and subsistence expenses, although at present Appeal Hearings take place via Zoom..

Membership of Appeal Panels is constituted in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and some people may not be eligible to serve.

If you would like further information please contact Ann Coldicott on:

0333 013 4566 or

email [StatutoryAppeals@essex.gov.uk](mailto:StatutoryAppeals@essex.gov.uk)





## Foundation Day

The School celebrated our Foundation Day on Friday 22nd April this year. This year marks 122 since our school was established by the Reverend Mother Mary Clare in 1900. Students and staff celebrated with a special Mass in the morning, and enjoyed cupcakes made by Mrs Townsend and her team. They were also invited to wear a white carnation for the day; Mother Clare's favourite flower.







## Library News

### Author Visit

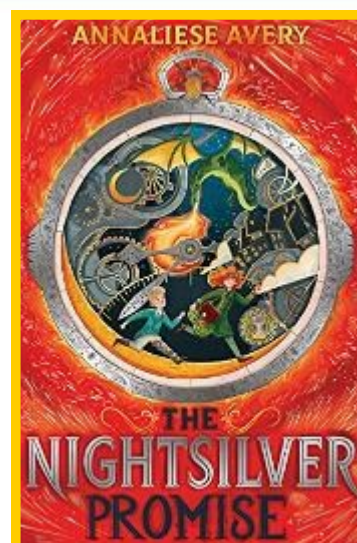
On Friday 22nd April, author Annaliese Avery paid a visit to the Main Hall to talk to Year 8 about her new book series 'The Nightsilver Trilogy.'



Annaliese introduced the plot and characters and read an extract from book 1, 'The Nightsilver Promise.' The storyline has a 'STEM' theme as we learned that Annaliese has a keen interest in astronomy and physics. She then answered a large number of excellent questions from the audience!

Students who had purchased books had their copy signed.

There are also copies of books 1 and 2 available in the library for all year groups to borrow.



### Yoto Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2022

The Yoto Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are the UK's longest running and best-loved children's book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people.

The Yoto Carnegie Medal is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.

The 2022 Medal winner will be announced on Thursday 16th June. Below is this year's shortlist:

- October, October by Katya Balen
- Guard Your Heart by Sue Divin
- Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
- Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle
- When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
- The Crossing by Manjeet Mann
- Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick
- Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

If you're looking for an interesting and challenging read, then come to the library and choose one of the shortlisted books. We have all eight in stock!

### Years 8 and 9– What should I read?

If you are in Years 8 and 9, it is a good idea to start preparing now for the types of fiction you will be studying as you work through your GCSE English Literature syllabus. There is a display in the library near the computers which could help you with this.

It contains books from a range of genres—all GCSE standard, and so could give you a head start and help you feel more confident with language styles and particular authors and themes.

Please ask Mrs Osborn for more information or for help choosing your next read.



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**Parent/Student Calendar**

<b>Wk 34B</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>
Mon	06/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Tue	07/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Wed	08/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s. Year 10 Art and Textiles end of year exam. <b>Y9 Enrichment theatre trip to "And Juliet", Shaftesbury Theatre, London. 7.30pm. 46 students. GW plus staff.</b>
Thur	09/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s. Chamber Concert (C3.2/Chapel/Library), 7.00-9.00pm, with daytime rehearsals.
Fri	10/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Sat	11/06/22	
Sun	12/06/22	
<b>Wk 35A</b>		<b>Forgiveness</b>
Mon	13/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Tue	14/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Wed	15/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s. Art/Textiles/Photography end of year 12 exam. <b>Y9 Reward Trip for Attendance (45 students) – Adventure Island Southend, 3.30-7.30pm by Coach. SWR, LN +tbc.</b>
Thur	16/06/22	Year 8T Retreat in the Chapel. Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s. <b>PCE: Year 12 Virtual PCE – 4.30-7.00pm remote via School Cloud.</b>
Fri	17/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Sat	18/06/22	
Sun	19/06/22	
<b>Wk 36B</b>		<b>Equality</b>
Mon	20/06/22	World Refugee Day. Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Tue	21/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Wed	22/06/22	<b>CURRICULUM EXTENSION DAY (3)</b> <b>Y7-10 District Sports Day - Brentwood Schools Athletics Championships at Melbourne all day.</b> Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s. Art & Textiles – End of Y9 exam.
Thur	23/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s. <b>International Women in Engineering Day.</b> Y12 PA unit 6, Evening Performance.
Fri	24/06/22	Exams: Y11 GCSEs and Y13 A2s.
Sat	25/06/22	
Sun	26/06/22	



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<b>Wk 37A</b>		<b>Commitment</b>
Mon	27/06/22	<b>w/b 27<sup>th</sup> - Yr9 &amp; Y10 Interhouse competitions P5/6.</b>
Wed	29/06/22	Exams: <b>CONTINGENCY DAY.</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Induction Day. (In school).</b> <b>Saints Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation).</b>
Thur	30/06/22	Year 8J Retreat in the Chapel. <b>Junior Prize Giving Evening – 6.00-8.00pm at Cathedral with afternoon rehearsal (1.30-3.30pm).</b>
Fri	01/07/22	<b>Diversity Day.</b>
Sat	02/07/22	
Sun	03/07/22	
<b>Wk 38B</b>		<b>Discipleship</b>
Mon	04/07/22	<b>Vaccinations: Y9 HPV in the Main Hall.</b>
Tue	05/07/22	<b>6.00-7.00pm - Parents only Meeting for New Year 7s (Starting Sep 22) in the Main Hall.</b>
Wed	06/07/22	<b>New Staff Induction Day.</b> Essex Police delivering a pastoral/safeguarding CPD session on Gangs and County Lines – Prepare, Prevent, Protect. 1.40-3.10pm. (AMC, CSA, DG, KM, LN, RP, SH, SWR). <b>Summer Concert (Main Hall/Lakeside – weather permitting), 7.00-9.00pm, with daytime rehearsals.</b>
Thur	07/07/22	Y10 Geography Fieldwork, Chelmsford Town Centre, 9.00-3.00pm, coach, ELL +5 staff. <b>Y7 Pre Induction (Invitation only). In the Chapel. P1&amp;2.</b> <b>Diocesan Y5 Netball Hi Five Tournament at BUCHS, P4-6.</b>
Fri	08/07/22	<b>Ursuline Sports Day at Brentwood School.</b>
Sat	09/07/22	
Sun	10/07/22	
<b>Wk 39A</b>		<b>The Peace of Christ</b>
		<b>w/b 11<sup>th</sup> - PE: Y7 Interhouse competitions P5/6.</b>
Mon	11/07/22	Assembly: Y8 in the Chapel, LN. <b>Mini Proclamations.</b> Exams: Year 10 End of Year (Merici Hall). Y9 (12 students) attending New City College, Havering for Science and Technology Challenge Day. 9.30-3.00pm ( <i>school mini bus</i> ). <b>Junior Choir Evening of Songs Concert (Main Hall/Merici Hall), 7.00-9.00pm, with afternoon rehearsals.</b>
Tue	12/07/22	Exams: Year 10 End of Year. (Merici Hall). Y9 Vocation Day (tbc).
Wed	13/07/22	Year 8A Retreat in the Chapel. Assembly: Y7 in the Chapel, SH <b>Mini Proclamations.</b> Assembly: Y12 Main Hall, DG. <b>Mini Proclamations.</b> Exams: Year 10 End of Year. (Merici Hall).
Thur	14/07/22	Exams: Year 10 End of Year. (Merici Hall). <b>Y7 Induction Day. In the Chapel.</b>
Fri	15/07/22	Assembly: Y9, SWR. <b>Mini Proclamations.</b> (venue tbc). Assembly: Y10, KM, <b>Mini Proclamations.</b> (venue tbc). Exams: Year 10 End of Year. (Merici Hall). <b>Vaccinations: Y8 HPV Vaccine in the Main Hall.</b> Red Oak Roller – Pop up uniform shop (pm – Merici Hall).





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Sat	16/07/22	Red Oak Roller – Pop up uniform shop (Merici Hall). By Appointment.
Sun	17/07/22	Red Oak Roller – Pop up uniform shop (Merici Hall). By Appointment.
<b>Wk 40B</b>		<b>Love your neighbour</b>
Mon	18/07/22	<i>School Council Meeting, period 4 (venue and date tbc).</i> <b>Catholic Ethos Afternoon at Abbotswick. (Early closure for students).</b>
Tue	19/07/22	Tuesday Tutor Meetings – 8.30am. <b>Last day of Summer term for students.</b> <b>End of Year Assembly – at the Cathedral. (No Clergy required). (Early closure).</b>
Wed	20/07/22	Non-Student Day (Commutated to twilight).
Thur	21/07/22	Non-Student Day (Commutated to twilight).
Fri	22/07/22	Non-Student Day (Commutated to twilight).

Please continue for co-curricular activities and term dates



### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Summer Term 2022

For any DofE enquiries, please see Mr J Addicott.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>Lunchtimes</b>	12.50	Art Club all years	C12
	12.50	Yr8 GCSE Taster Club	Drama Studio
	12.50	Dance GCSE intervention and support	Dance Studio
	12.50	Percussion Ensemble (GWh)	C3.1
	12.50	Racket Sports – Recreational All Years. (SB)	Merici Hall
	Lunchtime	Science GCSE Intervention (Week A), A21/A23/A34.	
	Lunchtime	Friendship Club for Y7&8.	T43.
	Lunchtime	Yr7 Drama Club	U24
		Yr 9,10,12 Blood Brothers Musical rehearsal	B25
	12.50	Art Club – Yrs 10&11 Wk B (YMC).	T13
	1.00-1.30	Learning Support Lunch Club (TO)	Learning Support
<b>After School</b>	15.15	Fixtures	
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
<b>Lunchtimes</b>	12.50	Art Club all years	C12
	12.50	String Orchestra	C3.2
	12.50	Indoor Football, Years 10-13 (GC)	Merici Hall
	12.50	Year 11 GCSE Intervention (Wk A – SB) (Wk B – LN)	
	Lunchtime	Further maths – Year 11, Set 1&2 (SMO).	A35
	Lunchtime	Senior Dance Company (Years 9+) CH.	Dance
	12.50	Art Club, Yrs 7-9 (YMC)	T13
	1.00-1.30	Learning Support Lunch Club (TO)	Learning Support
	Lunchtime	String Orchestra (AMC)	C3.1
	Lunchtime	Gospel Choir (GWh)	C3.2
	Lunchtime	Y11 Geography Intervention (ELL).	U22
	Lunchtime	Y7-8 (Wk A) "The Listening Space" in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.	
	Lunchtime	Y9,10,11 (Wk B) "The Listening Space" in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.	
<b>After School</b>	15.15	GCSE Art students	C12, T13
	15.15	Years 8&9 Performance from Text	Drama Studio
	15.15	Wind Orchestra (GWh, EBr to assist)	C3.1
	15.15	Netball U16, U19 (LN)	Netball Courts or Merici
	15.15	Football, Years 8,9 (LG)	Football Pitch
	15.15	Y7,8,9 Hockey (SWR) (Gumshields and Shinpads required)	Hockey Astro
	15.10-4.00pm	Textiles Club for GCSE and A Level. (CST).	Textiles
	After Sch	Yr8,9,10 Production club	U24





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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>Lunchtimes</b>	12.50	Art Club all years	C12
	12.50	Junior Company (Years 7 & 8 only)	Dance Studio
	12.50	Junior Orchestra (GWh)	C3.2
	12.50	Basketball All Years, 6 <sup>th</sup> Form (SWR)	Merici Hall
	Lunchtime	Chemistry Intervention (sixth form).	A23
	Lunchtime	French - Y9 Intervention (KS3 to KS4 transition) (DS).	T41
	Lunchtime	Recorder Ensemble (Sha)	C3.1
	Lunchtime	Y10 BUCHS Geographical Society (ELL).	U22
	Lunchtime	Yrs7,8,9 Theatre Design Club	U24
	12.50	Art Club, Yrs 10&11 (YMC)	T13
	1.00-1.30	Learning Support Lunch Club (TO)	Learning Support
<b>After School</b>	15.15	Y7 Basketball (LG)	Merici
	15.15	Rugby Years 7,8,9 (GC) (Gumshields & Boots required)	Top Field
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
<b>Lunchtimes</b>	12.50	Art Club all years	C12
	12.50	Ballet Company (all years)	Dance Studio
	12.50	Netball Years 8 & 9 (LG, KM)	Merici Hall
	1.00pm	Justice and Peace Group (Week B) (JRA).	Chapel
	Lunchtime	Biology Intervention (sixth form)	A26
	Lunchtime	Textiles Club for lower years.	Textiles
	Lunchtime	Flute Choir (SHa)	C3.1
	Lunchtime	French – Y11 Intervention (DS)	T41
	Lunchtime	Creative Writing (JK)	T27
	12.50	Art Club, Yrs 10&11 (YMC)	T13
<b>After School</b>	15.15	Chamber Choir (RH)	C3.2
	15.15	Netball Year 7 (ELL)	Netball Courts
	15.10-4.00pm	Textiles Club for GCSE and A Level. (CST)	Textiles
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
<b>Lunchtimes</b>	12.50	Art Club all years	C12
	12.50	LAMDA Club (invite only)	Drama Studio
	12.50	Tap Company (all years)	Dance Studio
	12.50	Basketball Years 7,8,9 (LN) <i>Sign up on PE notice board</i>	Gym
	12.50	Art Club, Yrs 10&11 (YMC)	T13
	Lunchtime	French – Y11 Intervention (DS).	T41
	Lunchtime	Friendship Club for Y7&8.	T43
<b>After School</b>	15.15	Staff Badminton	Merici Hall



# Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

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## Newsletter Summer 1

### **BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL** **TERM DATES FOR 2022-23**

#### **Summer Term 2022**

<b>Mon 30 May - Fri 3 Jun 2022</b>	<b>Summer Half Term.</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Students return
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last Day of Term for students (Early closure).

<b><u>Autumn Term (2022)</u></b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	Phased return of Yrs 7&12 (9-10am only) timetables.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	All students return.
<b>Mon 24 Oct – Fri 28 Oct 2022</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term.</b>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Students return.
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last Day of Term. (Early closure).
<b><u>Spring Term (2023)</u></b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Students return.
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	<b>Spring Half Term.</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Students return.
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last Day of Term. (Early closure) (Students break up for Easter Hols).
<b><u>Summer Term (2023)</u></b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Students return
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	May Bank Holiday.
<b>Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun 2023</b>	<b>Summer Half Term.</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Students return
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Last Day of Term for students (Early closure).
<b><u>Staff Training Days (Non Pupil Days)</u></b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022 – Staff Training Day.	
* Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	