



Brentwood School

# Sixth



# Forum

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The Sixth Form years can be the most exciting and inspiring phase of your school education. Brentwood School Sixth Form is an inclusive community of around 394 students that is warm and welcoming. We aspire to help prepare students to leave our Sixth Form in a position to lead intrinsically fulfilling and flourishing lives, ready to make the society they will live in a better place.

We believe in both breadth and depth of learning and encourage students to have a broad range of interests, and, alongside academic studies, we encourage and support them to develop good moral character, communication, and leadership skills. We provide inspiring and focused teaching in a stimulating environment that enjoys top-level facilities in the broad range of subject areas we offer. You will be encouraged to maximise your talents, abilities, and interests through self discipline and creativity.

There is a wide choice of subjects, whether you decide to follow A Levels, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), or the BTEC Extended Diploma in either Sport or Business. We are flexible and can support most combinations of options to suit your individual strengths or areas of interest, because, rather than restrict you with blocks of subjects to choose from, we design the timetable around your choices. Academic progress is carefully monitored and individual student reflections develop independence and resilience – manifesting itself in the excellent results our students achieve year on year. You will be a part of a small tutor group with your tutor who supports and monitors your academic progress and provides pastoral care. You will also enjoy the support of your Head and Deputy Head of Year, our Sixth Form Pastoral Mentor, Head of Careers, and the whole staff body.

Student life centres around an impressive purpose built Sixth Form building and adjoining teaching space, where there are state-of-the-art classrooms, fully equipped computer suites and an impressive Wessex Auditorium seating 400 people. These sit alongside common rooms, private study areas, and spaces where you can relax. At the same time, you benefit from being part of the whole School with access to the main library and the Bean Academic Centre as well as a huge range of clubs, societies, and co-curricular activities that are on offer. You will also be issued with an iPad to enhance your learning experience and prepare you for the digital world that awaits you after your studies.

Sixth Formers automatically become members of The Society of Old Brentwoods, and by signing up to the Brentwood School Association, they have a forum to keep in touch with the school community after leaving. Through our extensive alumni database, they will have access to a wealth of experience and expertise, across industries and careers, for advice and help. A truly valuable, and life long, network.

All this adds up to a wonderfully challenging and vibrant two years, where increasing responsibility rewards hard work and commitment, and intellectual challenge leads to achievements you never thought possible. If you want to be part of this – read on.

**Tim Sellers**, Director of Sixth Form

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# Our app

There are great rewards in life for those who are enthusiastic and industrious. We are here to help you achieve your very best, personally and academically.

Brentwood Sixth Formers have a love of their subjects and a hunger to improve. You will be supported as you make the transition from GCSE to sixth-form study regarding time management and goal-setting: academic success at sixth form level involves 20 hours of independent study each week and developing self-motivation is a big part of being a student here. Our facilities are of the highest quality and include many quiet and social work spaces for learning, including a large computer suite and a collaborative work area where you can discuss work with peers.

Our teachers are experts in their fields and teaching groups are small, so you have plenty of opportunities to explore subjects in depth, offer reasoned opinions and share informed ideas.

We support your progress very closely, with one of; formal assessments of effort and achievement, student reflections or teacher reports issued every half term. These are shared with your parents, and we recognise and reward students' achievement and progress.

Challenges and problems are part and parcel of Sixth Form study – they are where the best learning happens – and when you experience them we will help you get back on track.

We want to expand your horizons and make you think beyond the syllabus, so we invite guest speakers into School, from politicians and philosophers to artists and historians, and organise visits to local and far-flung places, from Washington DC and San Francisco to Iceland and Rome. Our ultimate goal is to help you really enjoy what you are studying, so that learning becomes a passion that lasts a lifetime.

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**We enable our pupils to  
become the best version of  
themselves by developing  
Virtue, Learning and Manners”**

Our School values – Virtue, Learning and Manners – are taken from the School statutes of 1622. The principles of academic achievement within a caring Christian ethos remain a cornerstone of the School’s philosophy today.

# Choice

We will give you all the guidance and support you need to succeed in examinations; our consistently excellent results prove this. We also wish our students to be well-informed, engaging people. Whatever subjects you study, we emphasise depth of understanding and creative thinking.

## **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is a distinguished qualification that is recognised by universities in the UK and all over the world. The IBDP requires the study of six subjects, three at Higher Level for specialist depth, with three at Standard Level to give you complementary skills. Students also complete a Theory of Knowledge course, an Extended Essay, and an accredited co-curricular programme. If you undertake the IB Diploma Programme, you will benefit from seeing what you learn from a global perspective and from depth and breadth in your studies.

## **A Levels**

We offer a wide choice of subjects to study at A Level and can accommodate most subject combinations, within the constraints of the school timetable. Most A Level students study three A Levels and complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The syllabuses we favour are excellent preparation for university study, as well as degree apprenticeships, apprenticeships or entry into the workplace across the Arts and Sciences.

## **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport or Business**

The BTEC Extended Diploma is a specialist vocational pathway which provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that allow students to gain experience of the sport or business sector which will prepare them for further study or training.

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# Support

Brentwood School Sixth Form is a community of around 390 students that is warm and down-to-earth. Our sixth formers play an active and visible role in bringing the values of the school to life by being committed, caring people.

You will be able to mix with new groups of people through your tutor group, academic classes, House and co-curricular activities and by the time you leave we hope you will have forged diverse friendships.

Each year group within the sixth form also has its own Head and Deputy Head of Year who supports them for the duration of the Sixth Form along with the Sixth Form Pastoral Mentor.

We encourage our students to have a broad range of interests no matter what their specialism, and alongside academic studies we help you develop self-discipline, communication and leadership skills. This may be through the House System or within the vast array of co-curricular activities that we run. We conduct a wellbeing programme that covers subjects such as Mental Health First Aid, navigating peer influence and sexual health.

The Headmaster, following a thorough application process, appoints our Head and Deputy Heads of School and Senior Praepostors. They apply for specific roles of responsibility and are inspirational role models for the whole student body.





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**Our daughter is quite new to the School, but we are very impressed with the School in every aspect. Our only regret is that we did not send her to Brentwood much earlier on”**

Sixth Form Parent



# Co-curricular



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**The Co-Curricular activities Brentwood has to offer are excellent and there is a wide variety to ensure that everyone can get involved”**

Carli, Sixth Form Student

[Click here for more information](#)

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Brentwood Sixth Formers gain a sense of personal and collective achievement from the immense range of creative, sporting and social activities on offer here. From Fencing to Big Band; Debating to Cookery – no matter what your interest or passion, we will be able to challenge and inspire you.

## **Performing Arts**

Whether or not you choose to study Performing Arts as part of your sixth form curriculum, there is such a vast array of Co-Curricular Music, Drama and Dance present at Brentwood that it would be incredible to find a pupil who didn't have a creative activity or talent among their interests. These activities are available to both the accomplished and the novice alike.

## **CCF (Combined Cadet Force)**

Many Brentwood students belong to the CCF. As a Sixth Former, you are given responsibilities as an NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) in the discipline of your choice – Army, Navy or Air Force. Senior Members of the CCF have a week's leadership training, and are responsible for the organisation and wellbeing of junior members of their Corps on annual camps, with overall supervision from the Staff officers.

## **The Duke of Edinburgh**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award helps to develop key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working. To achieve a Gold Award, you have to complete five sections: volunteering, physical activity, a skill, a residential trip and the expedition. The expedition involves spending four days travelling in remote countryside with all your food and equipment. We have organised student expeditions to South Africa and Morocco as well as to parts of the UK.

## **SABS Guest Speaker Programme**

The Sir Antony Browne Society Guest Speaker Programme features a diverse range of influential guest speakers. The 2023–2024 programme included a host of interesting guests deepening students' understanding of matters ranging from war, politics, law, marketing, marine insurance, photography, journalism, languages, music, medicine at Cambridge, global adventure challenges and more. Our speakers are distinguished individuals in their fields and our students are heavily involved in the running of the society.

## **SABS Debating**

SABS Debating Society allows our sixth form students to develop their debating skills. Students are given the opportunity to explore different perspectives and argue their points of views on a wide range of motions. Our debaters have also taken part in several national competitions this year.

## **Sport**

All Sixth Formers take part in an afternoon of sport a week. With over 20 different activities to choose from, there is bound to be something for you. Students can opt for the 'Team Brentwood' pathway where you can represent the school in a range of different sports, or the 'Active Brentwood' pathway where you can take part in a variety of fitness classes. Our coaches are experienced and our facilities have been chosen as an Olympic training venue. Our teams tour overseas & compete at County and National levels.



# Progressi

Two years at Brentwood Sixth Form will prepare you for the demands of a highly competitive and fast-paced adult world. Whether your next move is university study, an apprenticeship, employment or a gap year, you'll be ready to make highly individual choices and be enterprising when times get tough.

We advise on university courses in the UK and abroad and help with applications to drama schools, art schools, music conservatoires and other specialisms. We provide support for all students hoping to study Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Engineering and Law and courses at highly competitive universities such as Oxford or Cambridge. All students can also take part in practice interviews to help their applications. Our Head of Careers is also able to meet with students individually to help explore opportunities and options with you.

If you want to enter the workplace directly, we help with that too. Our alumni network stretches far and wide and includes former Brentwood students in many different careers, in the UK and abroad. There is a huge amount of goodwill among Old Brentwoods, and many have nominated themselves as mentors, to give support to leavers with advice and professional contacts.

Some of our alumni have become world renown for their achievements and talents; all of our leavers understand how to make the best of themselves. The memories that are usually most cherished from time as a Brentwood student are those of close friends and dedicated, inspiring teachers.





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**The Careers Convention at Brentwood School is fantastic. The Sports Hall is filled with Old Brentwoods willing to take on the next generation of students”**

Finlay, Sixth Form Student

# Boarding



**Brentwood Boarding, where I have found the best version of myself”**

Nicolò, Lower Sixth







Brentwood School has a long history of boarding and our boarders are an important part of the whole School community.

Students benefit from having more time to join in after-school activities without the worries of a long journey home. Dedicated time for homework with support from house tutors helps students keep on top of their work and there is plenty of time to make friends.

We have one girls' and one boys' boarding house. In truth, they are homes more than boarding houses: staffed by dedicated husband-and-wife teams and boarding house tutors, they offer warmth and a family atmosphere to students from different backgrounds, both near and far. Friendships made by our boarders often last a lifetime.

We offer full and weekly boarding and we feel very fortunate to have a wide mix of nationalities from Asia, Europe, and the Middle and Far East.

In addition to the wide range of Co-Curricular activities on offer at the School, boarders have their own programme of social activities. Houseparents make sure there is a plethora of activities on offer in the evenings and at weekends. These include trips to the cinema, theatre, paintballing, bowling and weekends away.

As boarding is such an integral part of the School, we are proud to announce that we will be transforming our boarding facilities by building a new state-of-the-art purpose-built boarding house for September 2025.

The project, which has been years in the planning, will be subdivided into three main sections; a girls' and boys' boarding house, with single en-suite bedrooms and a central shared facility including new dining and communal areas including a Sixth Form Cafe. There will also be an outdoor courtyard with dedicated landscaped social space.

*Find out more about this project*

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**Stepping out into the hot lights on the stage in the Memorial Hall at Brentwood was one of the most intense experiences of my early life. I learnt a lot more than I ever understood. But I think I liked it”**

Griff Rhys Jones (OB), Comedian & Actor

Once you've been a student at Brentwood School, you will always remain part of our international community of over 7000 Old Brentwoods (OBs) including notable figures from the world of Politics, Sport, Literature, and The Media, such as Jack Straw, Frank Lampard, Sir Hardy Amies, Douglas Adams, and Griff Rhys Jones.

There are regular alumni events hosted by the Brentwood School Association, including Old Brentwoods Day, Old Brentwoods Dinners, Summer Drink in the City, The London Dinner, Christmas gatherings, and year group events, while affiliated clubs and associated groups organise regular dinners and other social functions.

Apart from the social aspect that draws members together for reunions on the sporting field and in the Clubhouse, Old Brentwoods have raised very large sums of money over the decades to support additional facilities at Brentwood School as well as other community charities and sporting organisations. All such fundraising is now focused on our Bursary Programme and supporting pupils who are otherwise unable to benefit from a Brentwood School education. OBs continue to be integral in the growth of this life changing work.

Old Brentwoods are actively aware of the need to provide opportunities for today's school leavers. In this respect, Old Brentwoods of recent generations play a part in supporting students through careers advice, placements and work experience in a wide variety of industries, all of which maintains Old Brentwoods as one of the most effective and vibrant old school Associations in the country.

# Old Brent

*Recent  
Leavers*

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A young man and woman in school uniforms are smiling outdoors. The man is on the left, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, a dark tie, and a dark V-neck sweater. He has short dark hair and is wearing braces. The woman is on the right, wearing a white shirt, a dark tie with red and blue stripes, and a dark V-neck sweater. She has long brown hair. They are standing in front of a playground with green and blue equipment. The background is slightly blurred, showing trees and a bright sky. The overall mood is positive and happy.

# Bursar School



Brentwood School offers a range of Means-tested Bursaries and Scholarships. Means-tested Bursaries, which can be up to 100% of tuition fees, are subject to financial assessment and allow talented children from all backgrounds to take up a place at Brentwood School. In addition, modest Scholarships are awarded regardless of financial circumstances. To apply for Bursary assistance with fees, or a Scholarship, you will first need to register for a place here at Brentwood School. When you register you will be asked to select which Scholarships you wish to apply for and these scholarship forms will appear on your personalised applicant profile within the admissions portal. You will also be asked during the registration process, to indicate if you wish to apply for a Means-tested Bursary.

Scholarship awards usually attract a 10% fees discount but in a small number of cases this can rise to 20% of tuition fees. Such awards remain until the student leaves Brentwood School, including the Sixth Form, subject to satisfactory participation and conduct.

# Bursaries & Scholarships

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*Virtue Learning Manners*