



Brentwood School

# Co-curricular Activities

**2025 – 2026**

**At Brentwood School we ensure that each individual pupil is safe and valued in an inclusive community.**

We provide a range of opportunities designed to enable every pupil to further their potential, enjoy their learning and achieve the best possible academic outcomes. We inspire students to emerge as intellectually curious and resilient young people with leadership skills, who work well with and care for others. We challenge students to develop strong moral purpose and take principled action within the school, local and international community. We are committed to educating the 'whole person' and embrace a holistic approach to nurturing and Introduction supporting each individual child, ensuring they are safe, valued, enabled to fulfill his or her potential, achieving the best possible academic results and becoming the very best versions of themselves. The Brentwood School programme of: Sports, Performing Arts, Combined Cadet Force (CCF), Duke of Edinburgh's Award, community outreach, charitable work and other activities is unrivalled in its breadth and quality. It is based on our view that participation in such activities helps pupils to cultivate a range of personal qualities, such as self-confidence and resilience, and acquire skills, such as leadership and teamwork, which will help them develop into successful, rounded, grounded young people. Equally importantly, we hope that pupils will enjoy their activities. The wide range of activities on offer allows pupils to discover new activities as well as to develop skills in activities they have already experienced. Expert coaching is on offer from outstanding coaches and we place as much value on the introduction of pupils to new activities as we do to the success of our pupils on the local, regional and national stage. As pupils progress through their Brentwood School career, their co-curricular activities will provide an important balance to their academic studies and prepare them to pursue varied interests and activities once they leave School.

Every student in the school will participate in timetabled co-curricular through their Tuesday morning lessons (Year 8 upwards) or Wednesday period 5 lesson (Year 7). We also encourage all students to take advantage of the wide range of before school, lunchtime and after school activities available to them. The information for both of these pathways is outlined in this booklet.

Click the links on the next page to find your year groups timetabled co-curricular activities.

**Year 7  
Timetabled  
Co-curricular**



**Year 8  
Timetabled  
Co-curricular**



**Year 9  
Timetabled  
Co-curricular**



**Year 10 & 11  
Timetabled  
Co-curricular**



**Sixth Form  
Timetabled  
Co-curricular**



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Our co-curricular programme is unique. Its breadth and quality allows all students to develop a range of key skills. It provides them with the platform to evolve into well rounded individuals beyond the classroom, with many students developing a lifelong passion for multiple co-curricular areas.”



**Mr G Justham**

*Deputy Head of Co-curricular,  
Operations & Staffing*

# House System

After the successful launch of our 4 new Houses in 2022, we now have 10 fantastic Houses competing for the infamous House Cup. Students have weekly assemblies in their Houses. These take place in two formats depending on the rotation:

- Full House assemblies led by the Head & Deputy Head of House along with the House Captain
- Sectional House assembly where the House is split into smaller, mixed year group sections with activities run by the senior students in the section.

Heads & Deputy Head of House are as follows:

House	Head	Deputy Head
East	Mrs Chapman	Mr Schramm
Hampden	Mrs Ellis	Mx Cowie
Hartswood	Mr Childs	Miss Lennard
Merrymeade	Miss Parmar	Mr Hicks
North	Mrs Dearmer-Decup	Mr McLintok
School	Mrs Carabache (Mill Hill) & Mr Taylor (Hough House)	
South	Miss Keegan	Mr Herson
Thorndon	Miss Crooks	Mrs Kehinde
Weald	Miss Coote	Mr Stevens
West	Mr Prinn	Miss Germain

The year starts with the ever popular House Music where Sixth Form students in the House lead the younger students in an Instrumental Ensemble as well as Part Song and Unison Choirs. Each half-term there is a 'House Week' where students from all Houses participate in an exciting event. There is also House Chess which runs 5 times a year where players of all abilities come together to fight for the House Chess Cup. The year is rounded off with House Track and Field where all students compete across a range of athletic disciplines. Houses will attempt to raise money and awareness for a different local charity every Half-term. In 2024/25 the Houses raised over £1,500 for charity and donated thousands of items. It is not just students but staff who also get involved in gaining valuable house points and the House Cup is awarded to the winning House in the final whole school assembly of the year.

## **Mrs Chapman**

*Lead Head of House*





# SOCS

SOCS is the online programme used by the School to schedule and register all co-curricular clubs. It is also the location of the School online calendar, team sheets for all sporting fixtures and music lessons.

Students can log in using their school Google username and password. This is where students can see details of all activities relevant to their year group, including dates and times. Students will be given the opportunity to sign up to clubs and activities in the first week of each term, thereafter they are expected to log in at least once a week to check their activities for the week and plan accordingly.

Follow the links below for various aspects of SOCS:

- [SOCS Co-Curricular](#) – Student login page
- [Online School calendar](#) – The calendar can be filtered and synced with mobile devices.
- [SOCS Sport](#) – All teamsheets will be published here

## Enrichment weeks

Throughout the year the School runs a varied programme of Enrichment weeks. These are run by different departments across the School and include a range of academic enrichment activities related to their subject. Often these will be linked with national events, for example, Chinese New Year and Holocaust Remembrance day. Students are given topical talks related to these events in our Academic Enrichment clubs: Junior Colloquium and JSABS.

## Field Days

Each year students undertake four 'Field Days', split into two pairs of consecutive days, where they undertake a variety of co-curricular activities ranging from activities on the School site, to day trips or residential activities. These take place on a Monday and Tuesday are compulsory school term days for all students.

Occasionally, residential activities leave on a Sunday to allow a greater range of activities on the Monday and Tuesday. The first two of these days take place in early October and the final two at the end of June.

Year 7 and 8 students take part in co-curricular activities based on the theme of Outdoor Education or Service.

Their first field days in Year 7 are team building activities and the other field days include activities such as Outdoor Adventure Activities and Environmental and Service projects.

Year 9 and above complete field day activities with their chosen service; CCF, DofE & GO or VSA.

Students in the Sixth Form that are not part of one of the three activities above will take part in trips and activities related to their Tuesday co-curricular activity.

# Weekends and Holidays

The School offers a wide range of co-curricular activities outside of the Monday–Friday school day.

## Weekends

There are sporting fixtures every weekend during term time, other than the sporting exeats (all fixtures and exeat dates can be found in the School calendar). If students are selected to represent a school team on a Saturday they are expected to honour this commitment. Any significant family events that require Saturday absence should be put in as a request to the team manager in good time (no later than 72 hours before the fixture).

Examples of other events that take place during weekends (both Saturdays and Sundays) include Performing Arts rehearsals, CCF training and DofE training and expeditions and Model United Nations conferences. There are also a range of other activities that take place at a weekend throughout the School year, all of which can be found on our School calendar.

## Holidays

We pride ourselves in offering a rich and diverse range of trips and visits to all of our pupils. Our aim is to develop our pupils outside of the classroom, enabling them to embed elements of our learner profile attributes such as resilience and open-mindedness, as well as encouraging pupils to be prepared, knowledgeable thinkers. Pupils are able to take part in some incredible, life-changing opportunities, broadening their own experiences, whilst incorporating an element of community involvement and service, and at times changing the lives of the people in the countries they visit.

We aim to offer sporting opportunities in locations across the globe, opening up chances for pupils to play at a competitive level with players from around the world.

Our programme begins as soon as children join us in Year 7, and grows in frequency and adventure as a child moves up through the school. Trips range from one day to one month in length, and cover extensive locations across the UK, Europe, Africa and more! Opportunities offered link to the vast majority of curriculum based subjects, along with co-curricular, and cross curricular pathways

All trip administration is done via our online system, EVOLVE. Trips are published via the system and parents can sign up and give consent electronically. All medical and emergency contact information can also be submitted via EVOLVE and held digitally to save parents completing paper copies. Parents can also create their own myEVOLVE account (once they have signed their child up for their first trip) and can then access all trip information, parent letters.



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The co-curricular programme we offer at Brentwood School gives our students the opportunity to excel outside of the classroom. With the huge range of activities on offer, students have the chance to foster skills in creativity, strategy and higher order thinking skills which in turn promotes teamwork and creates a culture of support. We encourage students to develop a physical literacy to enjoy a variety of activities and so develop skills which will allow them to be active later on in life. This ultimately



helps to build self confidence and supports the health and emotional well-being of our students.”

**– Mrs S Davis**

*Director of Co-curricular*

# Clubs & Activities



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## Winter Musical

The Faculty's Michaelmas spectacular brings together over a hundred students as we transform the Wessex Auditorium into a West End theatre. In recent years, we have produced *Guys and Dolls*, *Sister Act*, *Les Miserables*, *West Side Story*, and, most recently, *Legally Blonde*. Actors, Dancers, and Musicians from all year groups spend three months working on this production and the result is one of the true highlights of the school year. All students participating in the production become a member of School Choir on Monday lunchtimes, as rehearsals in the first term will focus on ensemble skills and singing technique especially for those taking part. Sixth Form students also have the opportunity to take on assistant production roles such as Assistant Director and Assistant Producer amongst others.

## Senior Production

*Pride and Prejudice*, *Education, Education, Education*, *Our Country's Good*, *Arabian Nights* and *Change Please* have all featured in this very popular slot in the last few years. Our most mature and developed performers love this opportunity to show off just how much they have learnt in their time at Brentwood. Many of our students head off to the National Youth Theatre and Drama School when they leave us and experiences such as this production give them a taste of what things might be like out in the real world.

## Middles Production

There is a consistent demand from our highly talented Middle Years and this is their time to shine. Recent years have seen *Wendy and Peter Pan*, *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Lord of the Flies* staged in the Memorial Hall with vibrant and dedicated performances from all involved. With audiences of nearly 200 a night these productions offer a great challenge to our young actors and designers in this key formative period.

## Junior Play/Musical

Most recently with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Jungle Book* (play version) and *The Sweeney Todd Shock "N" Roll Show*, we now alternate between doing a full length play and a musical for Years 7 and 8 (and 9 for the musical). It is vital to give our students a taste of a high-spec production in their first two years at Brentwood to provide them with a huge audience to perform to and let them know what they are going to be able to get involved with over the next six years.

## Shakespeare Schools Festival

This year's Festival took us to the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford with a performance of *The Tempest*. Previous years have seen performances at the Palace Theatre, Southend with a performance of *The Taming of the Shrew*, in 2019 we performed in Barking with an outstanding production of *Twelfth Night* and we will be visiting Hoddesdon for this year's incarnation of the event. During lockdown we filmed a site specific performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* for which we won an award for Best Site Specific Performance! These ensemble built, 30-minute versions of some of Shakespeare's greatest plays provide a great test of our Year 10 GCSE students and put them up against other students from other schools, which offer a wonderful, friendly competition.

## Junior Drama Clubs (Y7 and Y8 & 9)

Every week, around 30 Year 7 and 30 Year 8s and 9s come together to work with our senior students on a range of fun and challenging Drama activities. The Performing Arts 'Family' is very much at its best here as the workshops and productions are planned and delivered by our amazing Lower Sixth students with assistance from our Graduate Assistant.

## National Youth Theatre preparation

This is new for this year as a semi-regular club and is open to Year 10 upwards. Students will meet regularly with the Graduate Assistant in order to explore monologue options for auditions and take part in audition preparation workshops.

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### **KS4 Dance Club**

During the first term, you will work on dance numbers for the Senior Musical, with a focus on Musical Theatre. During Lent and Trinity, you will learn how to respond creatively to a set stimulus, with a focus on contemporary dance.

### **KS5 Dance Club**

During the first term, you will work on dance numbers for the Senior Musical, with a focus on Musical Theatre. During Lent and Trinity, you will learn how to perform as part of a quartet, with a focus on contemporary dance.

### **Dance Academy**

An amazing opportunity for young dancers to participate in a combination of dance classes taught by Miss Reilly.

We are offering unique, fun and engaging classes for all ages and abilities.

The Dance Academy will run after school between 4.00 pm – 7:00 pm, two days a week according to the following schedule:

Wednesday – Years 7 and 8

Thursday – Years 9, 10, 11 & Sixth Form

# Dance







## **Brentwood School Big Band**

Brentwood School Big Band was founded in 1983 and has been steadily establishing its reputation at home and abroad. In addition to regular performances throughout the school year, the Band has previously released a number of CDs, and their performances as part of the annual Chelmsford Music Festival, the Battle of the Big Bands Concert, and the multiple concerts given as part of the music tour each year has garnered the pupils praise for their versatility and excellence. Rehearsing once a week on Wednesdays after school, pupils join by invitation and work to develop their ensemble and listening skills in learning new repertoire, unique jazz idioms, and improvisation skills. Many of the school's top instrumentalists and singers have frequent solo opportunities with the ensemble, and several senior students write new arrangements or pieces for the band each year for performance at major concerts each term.

## **Junior Orchestra**

An instrumental ensemble for pupils in Year 7 to 9 of all abilities. Meeting once a week after school on Mondays, it provides the perfect environment to learn how to play in an ensemble, to learn a fantastically varied range of music, and to enjoy making music with other pupils and then to perform to audiences of over 300 people throughout the academic year. Recent stand out performances include music from La La Land, James Bond, Soul Bossa Nova and more, and the ensemble is often joined by older students who help lead and coach our young musicians.

## **Jazz Bands**

Under the direction of professional double bassist and renowned jazz musician, Mr Matt Ridley, we offer junior and senior jazz combos who rehearse on a fortnightly basis. These bands focus on the art of improvisation and small band playing with performance opportunities throughout the year, culminating in an outstanding annual evening of Jazz & Poetry in collaboration with the English Department.

## **Symphony Orchestra**

The Symphony Orchestra is the flagship instrumental ensemble of the School and comprises a full symphonic gamut of instruments from across the orchestral sections. The Symphony Orchestra tackles some of the great classical repertoire including Symphonies, Overtures and Concertos. Pupils are encouraged to be of a minimum grade 6 ABRSM standard before joining this Orchestra where they will focus on advanced ensemble skills, leadership, sight reading, and the enjoyment of playing challenging but rewarding music. The Orchestra perform at multiple concerts in various venues throughout the year and have a particular enjoyment of acting as an accompanying force for Upper Sixth student concerto soloists.

## **Barbershop**

The school's main close harmony ensemble, Barbershop is student lead and primarily involves students who are countertenors, tenors, baritones, and basses in Y9 and above. Meeting once a week on Thursday lunchtimes, the group primarily focuses on close-harmony arrangements of jazz and pop songs and sings at major school and external events throughout the year. Similar to Senior Girls' Choir, it also provides the opportunity for student composers and arrangers to write new pieces and covers, with these two Senior ensembles often combining for regular performances.

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## **School Choir**

School Choir is Brentwood's largest co-curricular ensemble, drawing together pupils and staff from across the Senior School to perform a diverse range of eclectic repertoire each term. They meet once a week on Monday lunchtimes, and recent performances have included contemporary Classical music repertoire, pop arrangements, gospel, and annual performances of major choral-orchestra works in Brentwood Cathedral alongside Old Brentwoods, singers from the local community, and pupils from schools in the surrounding area. It is expected that all students participating in the annual Senior Musical are a part of this ensemble, as rehearsals in the first term will focus on ensemble skills and singing technique especially for those taking part in the production. Whether you are a passionate singer or want to give it a go, School Choir gives all pupils the opportunity to make exceptional music together and have great fun doing it!

## **Chamber Choir**

Chamber Choir is the school's premier choral ensemble, leading the music at major school events, services, and external engagements throughout the year. Recent highlights have included performances as part of the annual music tour in the UK and abroad, leading the music at annual Carol and Gala concerts in Brentwood Cathedral, and sung services in a range of churches and cathedrals across the UK. The Choir meets twice a week on Wednesday lunchtimes and Friday mornings, and is largely made up of music scholars and students pursuing music at KS4 and beyond, as well as those who are currently or have been part of an external church or cathedral choir. Section leaders and student directors for other co-curricular ensembles are selected from within the ensemble, and there is an expectation that members play an active, leading role in other co-curricular groups. Auditions take place at the start of each school year and there is an annual re-audition process to ensure members can meet the demands of the rehearsal schedule and repertoire.

## **Chamber Ensembles**

Throughout the year, we are able to offer coaching, rehearsal, and performance opportunities across all instruments for students as part of smaller ensembles for specific concerts and events. These include string quartets, woodwind quintets, piano duos and trios, Baroque groups, Brass ensembles, rock and pop bands, and jazz ensembles..

## **Junior Choirs**

The Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' choir are unauditioned ensembles catering specifically for musicians in Y7, Y8, and Y9, performing a wide range of repertoire at major termly concerts throughout the school year. Meeting once a week on Tuesday lunchtimes, members will learn more about singing technique and ensemble skills as well as developing their music-reading, sight-reading, and aural skills. Choir members form the chorus for the biennial Junior Musical, and there are leadership opportunities for older students with an interest in conducting and musical direction.

## **Chamber Choir**

Chamber Choir is formed primarily of Sixth Form students and Choral Scholars who are able to read music and have stronger voices. Year 9 & 10 pupils are often hand-picked by the music staff according to musicianship skills, commitment and vocal ability. Such places are coveted, and open to those who are music scholars and/or have passed through the Chapel Choir route and are ready for the demands of the repertoire and musical challenge. Occasionally, some members of staff join the group. They perform works for the Chapel such as Evensongs, Eucharists, Remembrance Day Services, and, over the course of the next few terms, it is intended that they will also contribute close-harmony.

## **Senior Girls' Choir**

The school's main upper voices ensemble, Senior Girls' Choir is student lead and primarily involves students who are sopranos or altos in Y9 and above. Meeting once a week on Thursday lunchtimes, the group performs a mixture of advanced pop, jazz, and close-harmony works at major events throughout the year, and also provides the opportunity for student composers and arrangements to write new pieces and covers.





## **Athletics**

Owing to the commitment and dedication from all staff and athletes and the recent re-development of our excellent facilities, athletics at Brentwood continues to thrive. All teams compete in the English Schools' Track and Field Cup and both the Junior Inter Girls' teams have qualified for the National Final four times out of the last five years. The Junior Girls' were crowned National Champions in 2012 and finished in bronze medal position in 2018. In 2019, all four teams qualified for the Regional A Final for the first time in the School's history with the Juniors Girls' team eventually being crowned as National Runners Up. In 2022, all four teams qualified for the Regional A final again, with the Inter Girls placing 2nd to qualify for the national final, where they placed a magnificent 2nd. The Inter Girls also reached the national final in 2023. Along with many team competitions, students are given the opportunity to compete individually at the district trials with a view to compete at the Essex Championships and if successful the English Schools' Championships. In 2024, two students represented Essex at the above Championships in the 200m and triple jump respectively. Athletics training along with regular fixtures against local schools takes place on the track after school and on Saturday morning in the Trinity Term.

## **Badminton**

Currently a recreational activity taking place on Wednesday lunchtimes, we are keen to develop the competitive badminton played by the School. Any pupil interested in playing recreationally or competitively should report to the Courage Hall every Wednesday.

## **Cricket**

A large number of boys and girls enjoy cricket in the Trinity Term, competitively in a team or socially in Games sessions. There are up to three teams in each year group. Practice takes place on a weekday after school, and matches are during games afternoons and Saturdays. All A and B Teams also enter Cup competitions, locally and nationally, with much success. 2023 was particularly successful, with the U12, U13, U14 and U15 boys teams all winning their respective county cups, whilst the U15 team reached the South East regional final. There has been further success in 2024 and 2025, with our U13 and U17 girls teams reaching county finals, while the U19 boys were crowned country champions. The 1st XI host the MCC each year and are part of a competitive Four School Festival towards the end of term, which the School are the current holders. Every pupil is given the opportunity to tour, usually at U13 and U14 level, and Senior Tours are also a regular occurrence, with the most recent tour taking place in South Africa. Coaching is supplemented with intensive sessions at the Cricket Academy on Friday evenings in the Michaelmas and Lent terms. All ages, including the Preparatory School, have an hour with experienced coaches to improve their game and prepare them for the season.

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## **Cross Country**

The Cross Country team competes in the Mid-Essex Schools', Essex Schools' and English Schools' Cup competitions as well as prestigious friendly races such as The Knole Run. A running club is open to pupils of all abilities, whereby Mrs Nolan offers elite running coaching to interested individuals on a bespoke basis. Cross country running is excellent preparation for other physical activities and can evoke mental stimulation via physical challenge. More recently, our Senior girls' team competed in the National Cup final.

## **Equestrian**

We have an established Equestrian Club which is currently open to Senior School pupils who own their own horse or pony. The School is a member of the National Schools' Equestrian Association which allows us to enter teams and individual riders at all levels in national qualifying competitions across all disciplines of the sport – Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing. We also enter riders at local events within easy traveling distance. Mrs A. Philpot, (BHSI, BE Accredited) is our Team Trainer and we currently have in excess of 12 members. Training sessions are organised periodically during term time to assess rider ability and aid preparation for events, this is usually once or twice a term. Tuition fees are extremely competitive and can be either in small groups or on an individual basis. Parents are required to accept full responsibility for their son/daughter and horse and must accompany them to all training sessions and events in addition to organising their own transport.

## **Fencing**

The School's Fencing Club is lively and ambitious. Under guidance from a team of highly experienced professional coaches, pupils can enjoy fencing on a recreational level or develop into competition level fencers at regional, national and even international standard. Fencing develops both body and mind, and is an exciting duel sport that is suitable for everybody. Individual lessons are offered at lunchtime, and Fencing training is offered in games and after School. Regular trips to competitions are available to pupils and the club also runs its own competitions twice a year which are open to both School and external fencers.

## **Football**

The football programme is inclusive of both genders, and strives to educate pupils in the values of teamwork, fair play and perseverance, as well as highlighting the importance of commitment and hard work to promote technical development. Typically, each team will complete one Games afternoon and one after school training session each week alongside their respective fixtures. This includes teams who compete in the Essex Cup competitions as well as National competitions such as the Independent Schools' Cup. Recent successes included the 1st XI reaching the semi final of the national ISFA Sixes competition, while our u15 boys team were crowned ISFA national trophy champions. Our u13 boys team also reached the national ISFA trophy final, while our u14 boys team were winners of the prestigious Elgin league final. Our girls programme is growing from strength to strength each year, with Saturday fixtures scheduled to take place for the first time during the second half of the Michaelmas term. A comprehensive fixture programme includes weekly fixtures where regular friendly matches supplement Cup competition. Matches are played both midweek as well as Saturday morning and afternoon, including matches against some of the top schools in the southern area. We also offer an annual Senior Tour to destinations such as Real Madrid and Sporting Lisbon.





## **Golf**

Golf is a very successful sport at the School. Teams enter the HMC Foursomes and the Independent Schools' Matchplay competitions and, in recent years, have reached the national finals of each of these on several occasions, winning the national ISGA championships as recently as 2024. The School team also competes in the ISGA Junior Open and HG Trophy. Friendly matches are played throughout the summer term against a number of schools, including Felsted, Haileybury and Bedford. The School plays its home matches at Thorndon Park GC, which is now included in the top 100 courses in the UK. In 2024, the Senior boys golf team won the National Schools trophy for the first time in Brentwood history.

## **Hockey**

A large number of girls enjoy hockey and there are competitive teams in every age group. Teams train or have matches twice a week, which predominantly take place on a Saturday in the Michaelmas Term. Coaching is supplemented by specialist coaches, with many of our teaching staffing having national league playing experience. All pupils are welcome to training regardless of ability or previous experience. Teams play in local friendly fixtures, and compete in the National Schools' Hockey Tournament, District Tournaments and Essex Cup competitions. In 2023 and 2024, the 1st XI reached the national finals, playing at the national performance centre in Nottingham. Hockey teams tour with the netball teams to European and long-haul locations, giving the girls experience against international opposition.

## **Netball**

Netball at Brentwood continues to thrive with over 20 teams representing the School, across all year groups. Teams train twice a week with an after school and games afternoon as well as regular mid-week and Saturday fixtures. Throughout the School year, all teams compete in the Mid-Essex league, with the A teams in U14, U16 & U19 age groups participating in the National Schools' Competition. As well as this, Brentwood also enter various age groups into numerous National competitions; Independent Schools' Netball Cup. In 2019, our U15 ISNC team reached the final of the National Cup and became National Cup runners- up. In 2022, both our U14 and U16 teams qualified for the national tournament, with the U14s placing 4th in the country. Our U16 team also qualified for the national tournament in 2023, while our U19 team reached the semi-final of the national cup in 2024. We also offer an annual Junior Netball Tour to La Manga, Spain. As well as this, we also run long-haul overseas senior netball & hockey tours to Barbados which is thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils.

## **Rugby**

Rugby currently provides the opportunity for all boys to represent the School on the sports field. We run a full fixtures programme and a vast array of fixtures every season. Recent successes include both the U16s and 1st XV winning their respective Essex Cups in 2022, with the 1st XV successfully retaining the Essex Cup in 2023. In 2024, our U18 7's team won the Essex County Cup. We try to educate our pupils in the values of teamwork, respect, discipline and sportsmanship; we also provide exciting opportunities for boys with different abilities to tour and experience the world rugby culture. Recent tours have included visits to France, Canada and South Africa, with the next U15 tour scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka in October 2026.

## **Ski Team**

Now entering its sixth year, Brentwood School Ski Team is open to all year groups and abilities. Teams train once per fortnight at Brentwood Ski Centre on Tuesday evenings from 6pm – 8pm. In 2019, the team entered its first competition, the Independent Schools' Ski Championships, ever since this has become a regular feature. The team regularly win individual and team trophies, with some student even going on to represent Great Britain. The future is bright and you would be very welcome to join us!

## Squash

Squash offers something for everyone and continues to thrive with regular lunchtime and after school sessions in place for students of all abilities and ages. Training can be received on a daily basis in our four glass-backed courts, using specialised equipment such as ball machines, with regular coaching sessions from our Level 3 England Squash Professional. Through the year, pupils play a number of friendly matches against a variety of opponents, as well as competing in internal school events, local tournaments and in the National Schools' Competition, for boys and girls, in the Under 14, 16 and 19 categories. In 2024, our U19 girls team was crowned National Plate Champions.

## Swimming

The swimming team has enjoyed many successes to date, including District Champions for the sixteenth year running, and MESSSA Champions in various age groups. The team also enter the ESSA Team Championships where they have recently reached the National Final, with the Junior Girls' team achieving 9th place in the country, the best result the School has ever achieved in this age group category.

## Tennis

Tennis is a popular sport at Brentwood, with many students representing the school in a number of fixtures. In 2025, our senior girls team reached the national finals for the first time in our history.

**Year 7 & 8 Tennis Club** every Tuesday lunchtime for those representing the School in fixtures. These sessions will focus on doubles play and will be based at Brentwood Lawn Tennis Club each week.

**Year 9 & 10 Tennis Club** every Wednesday lunchtime for those representing the School in fixtures. These sessions will focus on doubles play and will be based at Brentwood Lawn Tennis Club each week.





# Service & C Education

## **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

DofE & The Great Outdoors is available as an option within the Tuesday timetabled co-curricular programme. Students sign up for this activity in the Michaelmas Term of Year 9 and complete all training and expeditions by the end of the year. Expeditions involve an unsupervised six hour a day walk for two days and a supervised night camping, where they demonstrate their cooking and general campcraft skills. All participants receive regular expedition training once a week to ensure they are fully prepared and able to plan their own trip. In addition to the expedition section there are sections in volunteering, physical and skills. Students are given guidance on these by the DofE staff but are expected to complete them independently, all of which need to be a minimum duration of three months. Through this award, pupils gain new skills, give back to the community, and develop themselves as leaders.

## **Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

Expeditions for the Silver Award are three days and two nights and students are self-sufficient during this time. Students that have chosen DofE & The Great Outdoors as their option within the Tuesday timetabled co-curricular programme in Year 9 will continue this into Year 10 and 11. Students are able to undertake their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award once they have successfully completed their Bronze Award. Students are able to complete this award without previously having completed the Bronze Award, but each of the individual sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skill) are of a longer duration. Students are given guidance on these by the DofE staff but are expected to complete them independently. Students begin this award in Year 10 and should complete all sections before study leave in Year 11.

## **Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh award is an experience like no other. It is an individually led award, meaning students must source and complete four sections of their award under their own steam – Residential skill, physical and volunteering. We help monitor the students progress and assist them with training towards their expedition. This is the aspect of the award most people associate with the DofE award. Pupils will undergo a four day, three night practice and assessed expedition in 'wild country' with their friends. In groups of 5–7 pupils will trek and camp across parts of the UK such as Dartmoor, the Lake District, Snowdonia and the Yorkshire Dales. The award itself is highly valued both at University and in the job world. With university it carries UCAS points, but most importantly it shows participants have the drive, determination and organisation to complete an award such as this.

# Outdoor

## **Combined Cadet Force**

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) at Brentwood School is a long-standing organisation, established over 160 years ago. It provides students with opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership, and other valuable skills through activities such as field days, service training, and various outdoor pursuits. The CCF aims to foster responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, and independence in its cadets, giving an option to join either the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, and Army sections. The CCF also provides opportunities for cadets to enhance their skills by offering weekend courses as well as camps and courses during the holiday periods.

## **Champions platoon**

This club is an opportunity for CCF cadets to progress not only in their leadership but also their knowledge of the CCF Syllabus. There will be opportunities to prepare for competitions such as AST, Combat Cadet and Master Cadet it will also help to prepare cadets to be in the best place for promotion to senior positions in the U6th. There will also be additional opportunities to shoot on the School range, section attacks, drill leadership, team building, archery and archery tag.

## **Model United Nations (MUN)**

MUN is an exciting opportunity for students in Years 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form to represent UN member states and debate real-world issues with fellow students from around the UK, Europe and even further afield. Students will develop research skills, improve their knowledge of current global issues and gain vital presentation and public speaking skills. MUN predominantly takes place during the Michaelmas and Lent Term as this is when the majority of conferences are held, but we hold practice debates throughout the year so students are fully prepared for the conferences. No experience is necessary – the only requirements are enthusiasm and a sense of global interest and curiosity.



### **Face2Faith**

Face2Faith is open to all pupils at the School. The club seeks to provide an open atmosphere where faith-related topics and issues close to the pupils' hearts can be discussed. This will be primarily pupil-led and, whilst it will have a largely Christian focus, all pupils from all faiths and none are welcome.

### **LGBTQ+ Society**

This a pupil-led initiative created by our Student Voice panel that provides a safe space for those wishing to take time out around their academic and co-curricular commitments, and celebrate their inclusivity within our School community. The Society, dubbed the 'Friends of Dorothy', was created by U6 pupil Claire H, who championed the club founded at Oxford University. The pupils in attendance celebrate key dates in the social diary, and ideas moving forwards throughout the School that promote the banner of inclusivity, as well as supporting one another with academic or personal interests in a vertically-grouped setting.

### **Peer Mentoring**

In Year 11 and the Lower Sixth, pupils can apply to become Peer Mentors, specialising in one of the following areas; Effort, Wellbeing, Academic or Co-curricular. They will be interviewed and the successful candidates will receive training for this role and be assigned to a specific pupil, or whole form group, in Year 7 to Year 10. Peer Mentors support their form/mentee in a variety of ways including attending form time and being on hand for younger pupils to answer any questions they may have and offer support accordingly, making use of the designated Peer Mentoring space found next to Headmasters reception.

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# STEAM

## **Attenborough Society**

This group welcomes those with an interest in Biology. It includes a variety of activities, University and Career choice discussions, a deep dive into current issues, and includes honing skills for the Biology Olympiad, and studying chosen articles in our Biological Sciences Review Magazine.

## **Biology Society**

The Biology Society is an opportunity for older students to explore their interest in biology with greater depth and breadth. Supporting and extending the curriculum, A level and IB Students are encouraged to participate in a diverse range of activities in an informal way. They are able to present to their peers on areas of Biology that they have a passion for. Examples of the group activities available include lectures from scientists from the Wellcome Trust, biology masterclass activities, various dissections, terrarium building, Zooniverse (an opportunity to participate in real scientific research projects), and the generation of fluorescent bacteria. The programme changes because different opportunities arise over the year, and pupils begin to lead the sessions because they find alternate/ additional activities that they would like to do. It is a flexible programme which becomes more student-led as they themselves become more confident to explore the natural world and satisfy their own curiosity.

## **Junior Science Club**

Open to Years 7, 8 and 9 students, the Junior Science Club is a carousel between Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students will get to experience a range of different science-based activities and puzzles that will engage and delight.

These sessions are hands-on and students can expect to be doing practical work in each session. Students carry out experiments that they would not normally get to carry out in their normal studies, extending and linking to various parts of the normal science courses. The sessions rotate through 3-week cycles with students doing a different science each week. These sessions may be completely standalone or link to each other over the course of multiple weeks.

## **Senior Chemistry Society**

The Senior Chemistry Society is open to Sixth Form students interested in learning and experiencing Chemistry beyond the classroom curriculum. Students experience a variety of practical work, discussions, University and career opportunities, puzzles and interview experiences. We aim to foster a love and enthusiasm for Chemistry and to introduce students to the wealth of career opportunities that arise from pursuing a Chemistry degree. Students have opportunities to hold positions of responsibility within the Society, lead sessions, and influence the activities within each session.

## **Chemistry Olympiad Club**

The Chemistry Olympiad is an international competition aimed at A level Chemistry students and provides an opportunity to stretch and challenge yourself. It is particularly suited to those aiming to achieve an A or above as the style of questions used in the competition are similar to the higher level A level questions. The Club provides an opportunity to work as a group to practice solving the questions in preparation for taking part in the Chemistry Olympiad and the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.



## Physics Problem Solving Club

The Year 11 and Sixth Form problem solving club is for physicists who love to tackle interesting and difficult problems. Honing these skills is great practice for those looking to enter the British Physics Olympiad competitions, taking entrance exams such as the Physics Aptitude Test (Oxford), and those preparing for university interviews. Attendees will also have the opportunity to offer support to students in younger years.

## Quadcopter Challenge

The Quadcopter Challenge is your child's chance to participate in a STEM engineering challenge to improve the design of a quadcopter, which is a type of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). In addition to our school staff an RTX facilitator will provide mentoring, technical support and deliver learning modules. Each participating school will take part in a virtual regional qualifying event where they will submit a presentation and video talking through their design ideas. Teams which qualify for the next stage, will take part in a Build and Fly day (Stage 2) and an in person Regional Final (Stage 3). The highest scoring team from each region will qualify for the UK National Final which will be held in December 2025 in a central location.

## F1 in Schools

F1 in Schools is a global STEM competition that challenges students to design, build, and race miniature Formula 1 cars. Using advanced engineering and technology, teams create their cars with CAD software and then manufacture them using a variety of techniques. The competition fosters skills in engineering, teamwork, project management, and problem-solving while igniting a passion for motorsport and innovation. Students also develop a business plan and present their work to a panel of judges, mirroring the professional F1 industry. This programme offers an exciting, hands-on learning experience that prepares students for future careers in engineering and technology.

## LEGO & Coding Club

Working with our Lego coding kits students will use their natural curiosity and creativity to begin various coding experiments and develop their skills. We will explore challenges like building a robot to help push a boat into the water or a robotic arm to lift a drinks can for a disabled person.

## Soapbox Derby

The Soapbox Derby is a fantastic opportunity for students to be involved with what is both an exciting engineering challenge, and what will be an exhilarating race through Billericay. The Soapbox Derby club requires students to design and build a functioning soapbox derby car, including sourcing the materials, building it themselves, and ensuring that it can handle any bumps and scrapes that will be thrown its way during a race! It will be a hands-on, collaborative learning experience for the students involved and could pave the way for students' passion in engineering, racing and technology.

## Tycoon challenge

Tycoon aims to encourage the nation's budding entrepreneurs and help young people to develop core enterprise skills. Tycoon is a national enterprise competition from the Peter Jones Foundation. Students from years 7-U6 will work in teams to develop and run a business. Tycoon businesses have access to a good will loan of up to £3,000 per school or college and compete against each other, through a sophisticated Kickstarter style platform. The top student businesses in each key stage are invited to a prestigious awards ceremony hosted by Peter Jones CBE each year.



## **Art Open Studio**

Running every evening Monday–Thursday, open Studios is a place for students to use the facilities, develop any class work, seek help with homework or have an extended tutorial with their Art teacher, or another member of the department. Open Studios is mainly for students from Year 9 upwards but from September we will offer a Year 7 and Year 8 Open Studios session every Tuesday. All other days will remain sessions focused on developing students in preparation for coursework submissions for GCSE, A Level and IB.

## **Experimental Art Club**

This is a club to expand your understanding of what can be considered as art – either as a tool for making or as an outcome. Each week we will look at a different short task, from experimental drawing, to photography and oil painting classes. No experience necessary – just an open mind and want for creativity. Come along and do some weird and wonderful stuff!

## **DT Open Workshops**

The Open Workshop sessions are a place for students to use the facilities, develop any classwork, seek help with coursework or have an extended tutorial with their DT teacher. Open workshops sessions are mainly for students in their GCSE and A Level years helping them develop the essential skills and knowledge required for their GCSE and A Level courses.

## **Medics, Dentists, Vets and Healthcare Society**

The MDV/Healthcare Society is a student-led society run by Upper Sixth students to help prepare Year 10, 11 and Lower Sixth Form students for careers in Healthcare. Students meet once a week to discuss healthcare matters that are in the news, recent research papers, ethical scenarios and other related topics. Students have previously created their own blog and podcasts and student leaders are able to post on the MDV Google Classrooms. Presentations by Upper Sixth students are made to the society on relevant topics. Students in lower years may present on request. Teachers are available to assist where necessary but the Society offers our older students the opportunity to show the leadership skills that will be necessary in a Healthcare career.

## **Forensics Club**

Forensics Club provides an exciting insight into the world of Forensic Psychology. Pupils will be able to learn about topics such as: offender profiling; dealing with offending behaviour; and, explanations of how criminals are made. Pupils can expect to learn about various psychological methods, watch documentaries, listen to podcasts as well as participate in many interesting activities!

## **Year 7 & 8 Maths Club**

This Maths club is specifically aimed at pupils wishing to explore Maths concepts outside of what is covered in lessons. As well as some preparation for the various UKMT Maths challenges, it also gives pupils the opportunity to look at topics like infinity, logic puzzles and other mathematical concepts.

## **KS5 Maths Challenge Club**

The primary purpose of these sessions is to prepare students for university entrance tests and interviews at the top UK institutions. In the first half-term, we will primarily focus on preparing for the MAT, TMUA and the new ESAT entrance tests, and in the second half of term the focus will shift to interview preparation and technique. Later in the year, Year 12 students will be invited to these sessions as an opportunity to engage in hard mathematics problems which are typically beyond the scope of A Level and IB mathematics.



# CREST Awards

## **Silver CREST**

If you enjoyed the bronze CREST award in Year 7 or have a passion in Science, Technology, Engineering or maths (STEM) the silver CREST award will be a fantastic opportunity for you to complete a student-led national project aimed at allowing you to focus on a field of your choosing and express yourself through an innovative scientific investigation. Ranging from testing physical properties, the effect that factors can have on living systems to creating and testing your own food products, the options are solely down to your creativity.

## **Gold CREST**

Unlock Your Potential with the Gold CREST Award! The Gold CREST Award offers an unparalleled opportunity for our most ambitious and curious students to engage in transformative, student-led project work within Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This nationally recognised scheme empowers you to delve into a STEM subject of your own choosing, guiding your independent research and hands-on investigation. This student-led approach not only deepens your understanding of complex STEM principles but also cultivates invaluable skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and project management, all highly sought after in higher education and future careers. Backed by a trusted assessment and moderation process overseen by industry experts, the Gold CREST Award is a testament to your commitment and intellectual skill, providing a distinguished credential that sets you apart. We encourage all eligible students to seize this chance to push the boundaries of their knowledge, contribute meaningfully to the STEM landscape, and emerge as confident, capable innovators.



### **German Conversation/Translation/Basic Grammar Club**

Improve your German language by looking at German culture, political and social themes. Enhance your spoken and written skills, including a wide range of vocabulary & grammatical structures.

### **Senior French Film Club**

Come and enjoy a variety of French films in the company of other KS4 and KS5 students. Discover French classics which have been rewarded for their quality. A very pleasant way to develop your Cultural knowledge of French cinema whilst relaxing before your afternoon lessons.

### **Italian Film Club**

The Italian Film Club screens films every fortnight and aims to introduce students to Italian culture, history and way of life through film. More than just a form of entertainment, film is an ideal way to enhance your listening skills in Italian as you will hear different accents and variations of the language. Everyone, in Years 10–13, with an interest in either Italy or European cinema is welcome to attend. All films are screened in Italian with English subtitles.

### **Senior Spanish Film Club**

Come and enjoy a variety of Spanish films in the company of other KS4 and KS5 students. Discover Spanish classics which have been rewarded for their quality. A very pleasant way to develop your Cultural knowledge of Spanish cinema and culture.

### **Senior German Film Club**

Come and enjoy a variety of German films in the company of other KS4 and KS5 students. Discover German classics which have been rewarded for their quality. This is a very pleasant way to develop your knowledge of German cinema while also providing you with an opportunity to practise your German language skills.

### **French Basic Grammar & Translation Club**

This lunchtime club will take place once a fortnight and will allow Year 11 French students to develop their grammatical awareness whilst completing translation tasks related to iGCSE French key vocabulary. It will be an interesting way to extend students' existing level of French.

### **Italian Grammar and Translation Club**

Are you studying or intending to study GCSE Italian and want to strengthen your grammar and translation skills? Join the Italian Grammar and Translation Club—a friendly and focused space where we revise key grammar topics, practise translating texts, and build confidence for exam-style tasks. Perfect for anyone who wants to improve their accuracy and feel more prepared for writing and reading questions. All Italian students are welcome!

# Language





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## **Junior Classics Society**

Junior Classics Society, running once a week at lunchtime, is an exciting opportunity to travel back in time all the way to the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans. The activities range throughout the year but might include: myth-themed reading and creative writing, making a Roman-style mosaic, acting in short plays, painting Greek vases.

## **Junior Philosophy Society**

The Junior Philosophy Society is a lunchtime club for Year 7 to 9 pupils to engage in weekly discussion and debate considering ethical and philosophical questions, such as 'Can we prove that anything is real?' and 'Is murder sometimes the best option?' Students will explore different philosophical views, various philosophical stimuli such as films and case studies to enable them to develop and express their own views, whilst challenging others in debate.

## **Junior History Society**

History based activities for junior students including films, debates, reading and roleplay. An opportunity for junior historians to engage in fun activities that will bring history to life and enhance their appreciation of the subject outside of the classroom setting. Using different ways of accessing history the club will allow the students to learn more about history and be creative in their exploration of the past.

## **L6 Classics Society**

L6 Classics Society runs once every two weeks at lunchtime between October half-term and February half-term. It is led by pupils, who present to their peers on a short topic which they have researched on anything from the ancient world. It is the ideal forum for exploring unfamiliar niches in Classics and developing your presentation skills in a low-pressure environment.

## **Middles Classics Society**

Middles Classics Society takes pupils deep into a range of fascinating topics from the Greek and Roman worlds. Every two weeks a Classics teacher shares their specialist knowledge, for example on Greek art, Roman food, the origin of languages, and ancient philosophy.

## **Junior Politics Club**

The Junior Politics Club provides a relaxed setting for students in Year 10 and 11 to discuss weekly political events and happenings. It's a great opportunity to stay informed, share perspectives, and engage in lively conversations about current issues. This club encourages critical thinking and helps students develop a well-rounded understanding of the political landscape in a fun and supportive environment.



# Activities



### **Business Society**

This club will provide an opportunity for students to develop and enhance their knowledge of the business world and it is also a fantastic way to experience a Sixth Form only subject. During the club we will discuss and analyse current business affairs. There will be the opportunity to debate business strategy and compete against each other in a stock market challenge.

### **Economics Society**

We aim to enhance the economic literacy of members in the society by building a platform for various Sixth Form students to discuss and analyse current economic phenomena such as salt and sugar tax, cryptocurrency, wealth tax and soaring energy prices. Students are encouraged to engage with current affair and international economic discussions through model debate simulations.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to pursue their economic interest outside the classroom with a group of like-minded people. Attendance in the economic society will help students gain insights into potential career pathways by hearing from practicing economists, as well as, gain knowledge that could improve their understanding of the economics world which is then reflected in their economics essays.

### **Politics Society - Year 9, 10 and 11**

A club for those interested in local, national and international politics and who want to engage in insightful discussions, reflect on political developments and turn knowledge into action through projects. The Politics Society will aim to navigate the challenges of politics, broaden perspectives and support those who aspire to lead or understand the political world. The Politics Society will be open to students in Year 9, studying Politics for the first time, as well as those in Year 10 and 11 who are interested in the subject.

### **CISI Level 2 Award in Fundamentals of Financial Services**

The Level 2 Certificate in Financial Services provides students that are seeking a business related job, apprenticeship or degree, an understanding of financial services and an overview of key concepts and terminology relating to it. Students will gain a broad insight into the fundamental components of the financial services sector. This includes looking at different types of banks, commonly used financial products, such as shares, bonds and insurance, as well as an introductory understanding of markets and how they work.

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## **Student Consultancy**

Students will gain practical experience by acting as consultants, addressing an issue that a local business is facing, and developing solutions. This opportunity will develop problem-solving, analytical thinking, research and teamwork skills.

## **Psychology Society**

Psychology is a fascinating subject which directly relates to all of our lives; every day new research is being published to further our understanding of why, as humans, we behave in certain ways. Psychology Society offers a wonderful insight into Psychology beyond what is taught in lessons. Run by the student Chairman and two Vice Chairmen, Psychology Society is based on discussing the most up to date research, as well as looking at some classical studies as to how and why we behave in the way that we do. Students, invited teachers, and external guest speakers give presentations on areas of Psychology that they are most interested in. Previous topics have included Synaesthesia, Phantom Limbs, Gambling Addiction, Psychopaths and Sociopaths. Psychology Society is open to both pupils studying Psychology and non-psychology pupils – after all, we are all interested in behaviour!

## **Chess Coaching**

This club puts the emphasis on chess coaching and learning rather than playing. At lunchtimes we mostly have fun playing. After school we mostly have fun learning. Players of all levels can enjoy improving their chess skills with group and individual coaching as well as learning through their own accounts at [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org). And, of course, we will play chess as well.

## **Year 7 Chess Club**

The Year 7 lunchtime chess club is for Year 7 players of all levels to have fun playing across the board and online while improving their chess skills and making friends. Every student will get their own account at [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) where Brentwood's varied online chess is played.

## **Year 8+ Chess Club**

The Year 8+ lunchtime chess club is for players of all levels in Year 8 and above to have fun playing across the board and online while improving their chess skills. Every student will get their own account at [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) where Brentwood's varied online chess is played.

## **Girls' Chess Club**

Brentwood's female students are very welcome at our other lunchtime clubs but this is a club just for them to have fun playing and improving their chess. Every student will get their own account at [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) where Brentwood's varied online chess is played.

## **Senior Chess Club**

Lunchtime club for seniors to play/practice chess skills. It is for players of all levels to have fun playing across the board and online while improving their chess skills. Every student will get their own account at [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) where Brentwood's varied online chess is played.

## **Chess Club (4pm-5pm Thursdays)**

The club is open to all year groups and offers group and individual coaching (both staff and student-led) alongside a chance to play. Part of what students learn is how to use all the online resources available to have fun improving their chess. We play across the board and online at [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) (sometimes in tournaments organised by the students).

## **Junior Debate Society**

This club runs every Tuesday lunchtime. This gives our KS3 students the opportunity to learn the key techniques of debating, as well as discussing important topical issues. It is an opportunity for students to debate, discuss and challenge one another in a friendly, engaging environment, whilst simultaneously developing core oracy skills.

## **SABS Guest Speaker Programme**

The Sir Antony Browne Society Guest Speaker Programme is an enriching opportunity for Sixth Form students to attend a diverse range of talks by influential and interesting speakers. As well as being entertaining and fascinating, they also provide those that attend with an opportunity to learn more about different careers, pathways and experiences. The 2024–2025 programme included a host of interesting guest speakers, including a member of the Thailand cave rescue team, a naval commodore, the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, an ex-Olympic athlete, a senior surgeon, an ex-NASA engineer, a City investment manager, a renewable energy lawyer and an historian. There are annual opportunities to become a committee member, with LVI students invited to apply for a position, including President of the Society in Michaelmas term.

## **Senior Debating Society**

Running every Thursday from 4–5pm, students propose, host and debate topics both serious and silly from current global affairs such as the government's stance on assisted dying or whether medical marijuana should be legalised to whether cats or dogs would make better spies. The club is facilitated by Miss Hardy but proudly student-led, giving passionate debaters the chance to develop their confidence in public speaking amongst friends. With three Senior positions available to dedicated members– Secretary, Publicist and Ambassador–the Senior Debating Society offers pupils the opportunity to hone their leadership and oracy skills.

## **Brentwood School Public Speaking Society**

Junior: Year 8–11

Senior: Sixth Form

As it is often sagaciously said, nothing in life is more important than the ability to communicate effectively! Are you interested in improving your communication skills and engaging in debates about global issues? Public speaking is fun and an opportunity to improve your oral skills. It will give you confidence and a platform to express your viewpoint. You will even have a chance to compete nationally – as Brentwood School students have done many times in the past! The Public Speaking Society allows pupils to enter prestigious external competitions, including Mace Debate, ESU-Churchill Public Speaking and Performing Shakespeare. Auditions are held each September for junior and senior teams. For the public speaking competition, students research, write and craft speeches as Chairman, Main Speaker and Questioner. Previous teams have covered diverse topics of global significance from educational reforms to migration and feminism. In the Lent term, the society organises the House Public Speaking Competition, one of the most exciting events in the School calendar.

## **Creative Writing Club**

Creative Writing Club is a chance to bring together students in Years 7–9 that love to write and want to share that passion with fellow students. There will be opportunities throughout the year to partake in exciting competitions, share writing with peers and staff members. Students attending Creative Writing Club will benefit from improved literacy and writing skills.

## **Journalism Society**

The English department offers KS5 students an exciting opportunity to engage in current affairs, hone effective communication and understand the challenges of modern journalism. Students will develop journalistic skills across different mediums, building a portfolio of work, and have the chance to discuss the issues most relevant to our world today.

## **Literature Club**

The English Literature Society is a tremendous opportunity for Sixth Form students who are studying English Literature in both A-Level and IB and for students who have an interest in literature in general. The primary aim is to build our members' arguments in debates to a more concise and sophisticated level to help them prepare for upcoming exams and the chance to broaden their knowledge with topics discussed in the society such as: "Is feminism relevant in 21st century literature?" "How do you decide if literature is valuable or significant?" "Why are some pieces of literature studied, and others not?".

## **Christmas Cooking Club**

This club allows Year 7's to experience cooking in Brentwood Senior School before they start the subject in Year 8. The Christmas Cooking Club runs over a 4 week period after school leading up to the Christmas Break. During the club, students will learn to design and create festive bakes with the theme of Christmas. They will then take each product they make home after each session to share with Friends and Family.

There is a limited number of places for this club, so students should sign up quickly!

## **Food Science Club**

Are you fascinated by food and science? Want to see how science can turn everyday ingredients into exciting and delicious treats? Join our Food Science Club! With only 10 places available, you'll get hands-on experience creating amazing foods like bubble tea, jam, fruit caviar (spherification), gummy candy (edible polymers), and much more! This weekly club is open to students in Years 10 to 13 who have an interest in a career in food or want to develop their knowledge of food science.

If you're interested, please speak to Miss O'Rourke and write a brief note explaining why you want to join at [meo@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:meo@brentwood.essex.sch.uk) Don't miss your chance to be part of this delicious scientific journey!

## **Quiz Club**

We are starting a weekly Quiz club for those students who are keen to display or enhance their general knowledge. We will enter three teams in the national quiz competition- Junior, Intermediate and Senior- and are keen to have a mixture of year groups participate. So if you are a general knowledge whiz who would like to compete against other schools, or just want to come along for fun, please give it a go. All are welcome.

## **Academic Quiz Team**

This is an extremely popular club, which provides students across all year groups with the opportunity to showcase their general knowledge. Students attend weekly sessions to hone their knowledge and buzzer skills, and some students are then given the opportunity to compete against other schools.















