



Bancroft's School

e-Bulletin



Monday 3 December 2018

News

- Many congratulations to our Senior Team Maths Challenge team of Soumya Krishna Kumar (U6E), Alex Yan (L6W), Swasthi Surendran (L6W) and Sonya Kalsi (L6S). They won their heat at Queen Mary University against some strong opposition. It was a very large heat with 36 other schools competing; the joint runners up were St Paul's Girls' School and James Allen Girls' School which is an indication of the calibre of the teams involved! Our delighted team now progresses to the National Final which will be held in London in early February.
- Our first Physics Café evening was held on Friday; the nine sixth formers who spoke were all most mature and confident and the feedback from parents who attended was very positive. Following on from the success of this evening, the Physics Society hopes to run similar events every half term.
- *Floreat, Bancroft's School 1737-2015* is the history of Bancroft's School Written and compiled by our Archivist Jeremy Bromfield, MBE, this beautifully illustrated volume covers the whole history of the School, with an emphasis on the period post-1931. Jeremy Bromfield has served at Bancroft's since 1973 and his considerable knowledge of the history of the School, supplemented by the extensive Bancroft's Archives, as well as memories of Old Bancroftians and staff past and present, form the basis of this new history. This handsome book will appeal to anybody with a connection to Bancroft's School. All profits from sales of *Floreat* will support the Bancroft's Foundation, which provides Means-Tested Awards for bright children whose financial circumstances would not otherwise allow them to attend Bancroft's. If you would like to purchase a copy at the special price of £25, please contact Susan.day@bancrofts.org for payment details.
- Schoolblazer, our official uniform supplier, is again running a January Sale. The sale runs from 27 December until 11 January with up to one third off selected lines whilst stocks last. Orders must be placed online only: www.schoolblazer.com.

Calendar and Forthcoming Events

- Bestselling writer of psychological crime fiction, Sophie Hannah will be speaking to the Literary Society on Wednesday. Her books are published in forty-nine languages and fifty-one territories. In 2014, with the blessing of Agatha Christie's family and estate, Hannah published a new Hercule Poirot novel, *The Monogram Murders*, which was a top five bestseller in more than fifteen countries. She has since published two more Poirot novels, both of which were Sunday Times Top Ten bestsellers. Her novel, *The Carrier* won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award in 2013. She has also published two short story collections and five collections of poetry – the fifth of which, *Pessimism for Beginners*, was shortlisted for the T S Eliot Award. Her talk will be of particular interest to those studying A level Literature (including a unit on twenty first century) poetry, but all pupils are welcome.

- Our ensembles' Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 6 December in the Great Hall. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm and the concert starts at 7.00pm. Several of our co-curricular groups will be playing including: the flute and string orchestra; rock band; soul band; concert band; saxophone and clarinet ensembles.
- The deadline to return the final payment cheque for the Removes' Spanish trip to Salamanca is this Friday, 7 December, to Mr Urreaga in Room 116.
- Venues for the ABRSM exams on Saturday 9 December are the Prep PAC, the Prep Hall and A3. There will be no direct access to the Prep School and all candidates should arrive via the Tower entrance. There will be warm-up rooms available at each venue; candidates may arrive up to 1 hour before their exam time to practise and to warm up. Candidates must be at the appropriate venue 25 minutes before their exam start time.
- On Monday 10 December, the Sustainability Society is hosting a "lettuce eat" movie night with food. As well as being a social event, this will be a good opportunity to raise awareness of issues surrounding current methods of food production.

Tuesday 4 December

6.00pm

Week 2

L4 Options Evening

Wednesday 5 December

All day

L4 German study trip to the Goethe Institute & science museum

Addition to the calendar

9.00am

Fifth Form deadline for completion of L6 Options Choices survey via VLE

12.25-1.25pm

"Articulation" internal heats for L6 speakers (venue tbc)

Addition to the calendar

4.15-5.45pm

Literary Society: visiting author Sophie Hannah (Sixth Form library)

Thursday 6 December

4.00-8.00pm

The Classical Society talk will now be on Friday

Fifth Form Drama GCSE rehearsal

4.00-8.30pm

Cambridge Physics Lecture, "Coffee Beans, Pressure, Volume and Temperature"

7.00pm

Ensembles' Christmas Concert (Great Hall)

Friday 7 December

12.30-1.10pm

Classical Society, "Art in the Ancient World" an illustrated talk by Kareena Dalappadu, U6Eb (G01)

Change to published date.

4.00-8.00pm

Fifth Form Drama GCSE technical rehearsal

4.00-5.30pm

DofE: Fifth Form Silver training continues

Saturday 8 December

All day

ARSM Examinations (A3, Prep PAC, Prep Hall)

Addition to the calendar

Saturday Morning Challenge – The Finale

Sunday 9 December

10.00am-4.00pm

Fifth Form Drama GCSE rehearsal

Monday 10 December

Week 1

Senior Awards Assembly

All Day	Anti-bullying Ambassadors training <i>Addition to the calendar</i>
4.00pm	Sustainability Society "Lettuce Eat" Movie Night (Old Lecture Theatre) Tickets £4 including food. <i>Addition to the calendar</i>
2.00-8.00pm	Fifth Form Drama GCSE rehearsal

Tuesday 11 December

4.00-5.00pm	DofE: U4 Bronze expedition induction
4.00-8.00pm	Fifth Form Drama GCSE exam

Wednesday 12 December

Middle School Awards Assembly
German exchange departs (returns 19 December)

Tuesday 13 December

7.00pm	Junior Awards Assembly All Saints Carol Service
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Friday 14 December

12.30pm	Christmas Lunch
3.50pm	Term ends

Christmas Vacation Dates

Sunday 16 December

5.30pm	U12 Welsh rugby tour returns
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Wednesday 19 December

German Exchange returns

Tuesday 8 January 2019

Back to school – normal time, Week 2

Please note that Bancroft's will be totally closed, including the Bursary and Reception, from 4pm on Friday 21 December and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Sports Results and News

Rugby

The 1st XV played against Verulam School on Wednesday in very poor weather conditions; some fine rugby was played, but the end result was a loss for Bancroft's. On Saturday, the U14, U13, U12A and B teams all won against Davenant School; the U2B team was named team of the week.

Hockey

Last week there were two U16 Essex Cup matches against King John, Rayleigh and Joyce Frankland Academy which saw the Bancroft's team earn two more wins and allowing them to progress to the semi-finals. On Saturday four junior teams travelled to New Hall; the U13As drew, whilst the Bs won 4-3; the U12 As won convincingly and the Bs drew.

Sports Fixtures and Events

Rugby

Saturday 8 December

1.30pm 1st XV and U13 A/B v Hockerill (A, CM23 5HX)
2.00pm U15, U14A and U12A/B v Hockerill (H)

Monday 10 December

6.30pm Senior Rugby Dinner

Wednesday 12 December

12.30pm Rugby photos

Friday 14 December

6.30am U12 Welsh rugby tour departs (returns 16 December)

Hockey

Monday 3 December

4.30pm Junior Years' tournament (3rds/Removes/L4) (Old Loughts)

Tuesday 4 December

4.30pm 1st & 2nd XI v New Hall (Old Loughts)

Wednesday 5 December

2.00pm Senior Inter-House (Old Loughts)

Thursday 6 December

4.30pm Senior Years' tournament (U4/5/L6/U6) (Old Loughts)

Saturday 8 December

9.00am U12A & B v Brentwood (A, CM15 8EE)
9.00am U13A & B v Brentwood (A, CM15 8EE)
10.00am U14 v Brentwood (A, CM15 8EE)
10.00am U15 v Brentwood (A, CM15 8EE)

Football

Wednesday 5 December

2.30pm 1st XI and 2nd XI v Forest (A, E17 3PY)

Cross Country

Friday 7 December

1.50pm 3rds boys' Inter-House

Monday 10 December

1.50pm Removes' boys' Inter-House

Tuesday 11 December

1.50pm L4 boys' Inter-House

Thursday 13 December
1.50pm

U4 boys' Inter-House

Swimming

Thursday 6 December
4.15pm

Gala Juniors (Y7 & 8), Intermediates (Y9 & 10), Seniors (Y11+) v Highgate and Haileybury (H)

Friday 7 December
1.50pm

3rds girls' gala

Monday 10 December
1.50pm

Removes' girls' Inter-House

Tuesday 11 December
1.50pm

L4 girls' Inter-House

Thursday 13 December
1.50pm

U4 girls' Inter-House



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