

JULY 2008

Dear Parent/Carer
I would like to bring the following items to your attention:

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 10 July	2.20 pm Year 7 Presentation
Friday 11 July	Sports Day
Monday 14 July	2.20 pm Year 8 Presentation
Tuesday 15 July	2.20 pm Year 9 Presentation
Wednesday 16 July	2.20 pm Year 10 Presentation
Thursday 17 July	6.30 – 8.30 pm Presentation Evening

Tuesday 22 July	12.20 pm END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL RE-OPENS
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THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

2008 - 2009

TERMS	INCLUSIVE DATES
AUTUMN	Wednesday 3 September to Friday 19 December 2008
HALF TERM	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2008
SPRING	Monday 5 January to Friday 3 April 2009
HALF TERM	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2009
SUMMER	Monday 20 April to Tuesday 21 July 2009
HALF TERM	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2009

OCCASIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURES

Directed Days: Wednesday 3 September 2008, Monday 6 October 2008, Tuesday 18 November 2008 and Monday, 20 April 2009.

EARLY CLOSURE TUESDAY 22 JULY 2008

I wish to inform you there will be an early closure for staff training on **Tuesday, 22 July 2008**.

Students will be dismissed at 12.20 pm. The canteen will be open until 1.00 pm for those students who require a meal.

SCHOOL TIMINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 2008

Further to information given in April 2008, please note that the school timings have been amended as follows:

8.30 am	–	8.50 am	Registration/Monitoring/Assembly
8.50 am	–	9.50 am	Period 1
9.50 am	–	10.10 am	Break
10.10 am	–	11.10 am	Period 2
11.10 am	–	12.10 pm	Period 3
12.10 pm	–	1.10 pm	Lunch
1.10 pm	–	2.10 pm	Period 4
2.10 pm	–	3.10 pm	Period 5

START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School will re-open on **THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2008** and the arrangements are as follows:

8.30 am	NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS ARRIVE and report to the Hall
10.00 am	YEARS 8 AND 9 STUDENTS ARRIVE Year 8 pupils report to the Hall Year 9 pupils report to the Boys' Gym
11.00 am	YEARS 10 AND 11 STUDENTS ARRIVE Year 11 pupils report to the Hall Year 10 pupils report to the Boys' Gym

REMINDER TO PUPILS

SWIPE CARDS

Please remember to bring your card or £2.50 FOR A NEW ONE!

Remember that this card is used for:

- Cashless canteen purchases
- As your library card

HEAD PERSONS AND DEPUTIES 2008 - 2009

Congratulations go to the students listed below who have been appointed to the following posts of responsibility:

Head Boy: Michael Jay
Head Girl: Chelsey Furneaux

Senior Deputy Head Boy: Daniel Warman
Senior Deputy Head Girl: Lauren Northfield

Deputy Head Boy: Dean Ainsworth
Deputy Head Boy: Aaron Rush
Deputy Head Girl: Sevim Ekmekci
Deputy Head Girl: Naomi Fashanu

SENIOR PREFECTS

Samuel Abiola, Chloe Allan, Mitchell Allison, Carys Douglas, Manisha Dubb, Vanessa Finn, Alex Hatcher, Scott Herbert, Sam Holland, Kelsey Kennelly, Victoria Lloyd, Dean Nayler, Seana Smallwood, Chloe Sutton, Amy Ward, Lewis Williams, Robbie Wyatt, Charles Young.

PREFECTS

Jonathan Adebayo, Toyosi Adebese, Michelle Angell, Ryan Ashdown, Chelsea Atkinson, Bamgbose Melchizadok, Connor Bath, Holly Bell, Jasmine Berry, James Bird, Katie Blackburn, Matthew Blackley, Jay Bridges, Haydn Brooks, Bobby Browning, Jessica Burgess, Sophie Butts, Tom Buttwell, Paul Caines, Charlotte Carlile, Georgina Carlile, V-Jay Chitaru, Chrystal Chukelu, Sarah Cooper, Jordan Croom, Ronnie Cummins, Jade Dalley, Lauren Deeble, Anna Dello Iacono, Emma Dobie, Adam Doran, Victoria Dordoy, Sarah Dyerson, Kane Edmead, Karis Fray, Ronni Gillibrand, Daniel Gladden, Aaron Green, Billy Greest, Joseph Gulliver, Ashley Harvey, Dean Hedges, Callum Hockley, Sophie Holman, Billy Humphries, Courtney Hunt, Rebecca Huseyin, Casey Jackson, Joshua Jackson, Rebekah Jones, Jamie Jones-Kitching, Kira Joyce, Grace Kemp, Tahnee Kemp, Rhys Khan, Bethanie Lambert, Hollie Lane, Mickie-Jo Lawton, Tully Lennon, Brooke Lockhart, Jack Longworth, Ayesha McMahon, Toni McMullen, Seniz Mehmet, Angela Michael, Charlie Mills, Rebecca Murray, Christopher Nichols, Lucy Norman, Sophie Norton, Maxine Okwabi, Tolu Olarewaju, Femi Olofin, Victoria O'Sullivan, Dean Padfield, Egle Palueckaite, Jade Parry, Perry Perkins, Kerry Pierson, Joy Prigo, Viran Rajaratnam, Jack Rolfe, Emily Rust, Sidorela Sahani, Oriyomi Salami, Louise Simpson, Rebecca Smith, Abi Solaja, Peter Sorrell, Rebecca Stokes, Olakunle Sunmola, Ellis Surridge, Samuel Swain, Jack Taylor-Roberts, Ugne Vilickaite, Chloe Wagstaff, Charlie Warren, Gemma Warren, Stuart Wells, Claire West, Louise Williams, Sophie Woods, Rebecca Worboyes, Liam Wright, Sana Yasmin.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE DATES 2009

Begins: Monday, 23 March 2009
Ends: Friday, 3 April 2009

7 October 2008 Student Work Experience Talks (Period 4)

7 October 2008 Parent's Evening to be held to discuss Work Experience

Deadlines:

- 31 October 2008 Work Experience Applications
- 21 November 2008 Private Placements
- 23 January 2009 Agreement Forms sent to parents
- From 13 February Students to contact employer to arrange interview until 27 February 2009
- 27 February 2009 Agreement Forms to be returned

PROVISIONAL GCSE WRITTEN EXAMINATION DATES

The provisional GCSE written examination dates are:

11 May – 24 June 2009

NOTE: Other GCSE examinations will take place before these dates e.g. language speaking examination, physical education practical, drama moderation, art timed examination, science module examinations and GNVQ and key skills

DATES FOR KS3 SATS EXAMINATIONS

Tuesday 5 May – Friday 8 May 2009

NON-UNIFORM DAYS AND CHARITY EVENTS 2007 - 2008

A big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the following charities:

- Friday 19 October 2007 – Breast Cancer Campaign's "Wear it Pink" Day – a total of £1,101.36 was raised.
- Friday 21 December 2007 – John & Bridie's Batten Disease Charity – a total of £952.60 was raised.
- Thursday 20 March 2008 – Motor Neurone Disease Association – a total of £1,033.93 was raised.
- Friday 23 May 2008 – The Maya Community Appeal – a total of £849.60 was raised.

- Friday 20 June 2008 – Cystic Fibrosis Trust – a total of £798.70 was raised.

AIMHIGHER/BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

2008 ENTERPRISE CHAMPIONS

Ten Year 10 students will be representing Brittons School in the regional heat of the LionHeart Challenge on July 10 2008. The heats will take place in Liverpool this year as it is the European Capital of Culture. We are very proud of our team and wish them every success in the competition!

The ten students are:

Billy Greest, Ugne Villikate, Jonathan Butcher, Daryl Thorpe, Jessica Burgess, Rebecca Stokes, Chelsey Furneaux, Jack Longworth, Ayesha McMahan, Vanessa Finn.

I would also like to thank all the staff, parents and students who have embraced and supported all the varied Enterprise activities this year. Your assistance and enthusiasm helped make it a very enterprising year indeed!

I look forward to your continued support in the new year!

Mr L M Spence

AimHigher/Business and Enterprise Co-ordinator

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK – 23 – 27 JUNE 2008

This year's Design and Technology week was a huge success with members of staff arranging visits, workshops, lunch and after school activities as well as class competitions and challenges.

The activities included:

Art activity

Gifted and talented students worked with Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Williams to produce a mural on a wall in the school's playground. The students worked all day to produce the mural which shows athletes competing in the Olympics. Lower school students who go to art club are currently decorating the walls outside the art rooms with characters they have designed themselves.

Textiles activity

'Designer Re-styling' challenge which involved students from Year 9 and 10 bringing in old t-shirts and customising them into unique and new tops. The students spent three lunchtimes decorating and customising the t-shirts as well as organising and choreographing a fashion show which was held at the end of the week. *'The students were all very creative and put a great deal of effort into producing a very professional fashion show'* Miss Collyer

Food activity

'Brittons Ready Steady Cook' Miss Collyer and Mrs Allan arranged a ready steady cook style challenge and invited 50 students from Year 7 to come and watch. The room was set out with a red tomato and green peppers area and each of the contestants had specially decorated chef's uniforms.

The two student contestants (Atlanta Fuwa and Ricky Cooper) worked **with** the celebrity chefs (Mr Burnett and Miss Fitnum) to produce a meal in 20 minutes from a bag of mystery ingredients including amongst other things an artichoke and some sesame seeds! The teams worked well together and were very competitive.

On the red tomato team Miss Fitnum had organised her work area and Ricky very well. They produced a delicious vegetarian risotto with chestnut mushrooms. Mr Burnett and Atlanta on the green peppers team were a little messier, but very flamboyant chefs producing a chicken and vegetable stir fry with a side dish of stir fried broccoli with soy sauce and sesame seeds. Both teams had plenty of encouragement from the audience and presented their dishes beautifully. Miss Fitnum and Ricky had used orange and parsley to garnish their dish which looked very appetising. Mr Sheffield was volunteered to taste the dishes and described the taste and texture of each dish to the audience. Then came the moment of truth.... the students were asked to vote for the team they thought should win. They held up their green peppers and red tomato card. It was extremely close but the green peppers had the most votes! Thank you to the contestants and well done to Atlanta and Mr Burnett

Miss Collyer and Mrs Allan have done a display of photographs from the event in the entrance to the technology corridor and photos will also be on the school's website soon.

Product Design activity

Students from all year groups were invited by Miss Brennan and Mr Burnett to design a small acrylic key ring which was then engraved and cut out from coloured acrylic using the school's laser cutter. The event was very successful and many students produced excellent designs, well done!

Graphics

Miss Fitnum organised sessions during lunchtimes for gifted and talented students to produce their own character models and use them to make an animated film. The Year 8 students were shown how to use the apple computers to film the models a frame at a time to produce a sequence of subtle movements which when played back animated the character they had designed! Well done to all those students involved.

We would like to thank all those students who took part in the activities and look forward to arranging next year's Design and Technology week.

The Technology Team

COMPLIANT TECHNOLOGY

Food Safety in Catering Course – Miss Collyer has ordered a software programme from Creative Education which allows students to study on line to achieve a Level 1 Food Safety in Catering Certificate (formally known as a Basic Food Hygiene Certificate). This certificate gives students an awareness of food hygiene and safety and enables them to be able to work in food preparation or service. For more details or to arrange a place on the course for September 2008 see Miss Collyer.

Textiles technology

Recycling - The textiles department would be grateful for any donations of unwanted clothing or textiles that could be used for recycling. We would particularly like jeans or denim clothing.

Thank you.

Mrs Jaques

Fashion Enter

Thank you to all those students who took part in the Fashion Enter workshop on Monday, 30 June 2008. Mrs Holloway from Fashion Enter talked to the students about the fashion industry and introduced a project to design a brand name, swing tags and a range of t-shirts. Once finished in late September the students will be invited to a launch party and the t-shirts will be sold in the Fashion Enter Boutique in Barking. The afternoon was a huge success; the students were exceptionally behaved and extremely creative. Students' work will be featured on the website www.fashioncapital.co.uk on the learning pages and students will have the opportunity to leave blogs about their interests in fashion as well as uploading designs and photos of work as it progresses. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Miss Collyer and Mrs Jaques

ART DEPARTMENT

Well done to all Art Club students who are working on a mural outside of the Art rooms. Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Williams are proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS

To Tomas Ibanez in 7 LPD who won a gold medal for archery on the 31 May 2008 at the Junior Bearbone competition at Harrow Lodge. Well done to Tomas!

SPORTS NEWS

On Monday 16 June the Year 7 basketball team went to Abbs Cross for a 3 on 3 tournament. It was a beautiful summer's evening and the boys really enjoyed being matched up against other schools in the borough.

Game 1 saw us up against a very strong St Edwards team which we unfortunately lost by two late baskets. Game 2 was one in which we dominated Marshalls Park with Ricky Cooper scoring twice and Kieran Franks once in a 6-0 win. Game 3 saw another emphatic 4-0 win against Bower Park which led into our final game which we narrowly lost to the hosts. Squad Ricky Cooper, Kieran Franks, Joe Hatcher, Alfie Westland, Jack Elvin

And so the long summer nights are upon us and the sound of bat hitting ball echoes through the air. This must herald the start of the cricket season. Brittons Year 7 team got off to a flyer on the 17 June at home to Bower Park. After losing the toss and fielding first our bowlers put in a solid performance to reduce the opposition to a measly 72 in their 20 overs. This small total looked easily surmountable. However, disaster struck early and we reduced to 6 for 3 until Ricky Cooper and Kieran Franks put in a middle order partnership that England could only dream of to take us to victory with 6 over's to spare. A fine performance from the boys.

Team: Daniel Macmullan, Jimmy Woodhouse, Ricky Cooper, Kieran Franks, Thomas Chilvers, Joe Hatcher, Joe Joshua, Lee Wheeler, Micheal Warman, Connor Ivie, Georgio Guidotti.

Mr G Hall

On Wednesday, 2 July Brittons took over sixty pupils to Hornchurch Athletic track for the district athletic championship.

The event incorporated all eighteen schools in the borough with over 1,000 competitors all vying for glory.

The pupils of Brittons School displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the day and were keen and enthusiastic spectators during all events.

There were so many wonderful achievements and personal victories by all the Brittons athletes. Each and every individual gave one hundred per cent and were distinguished by their hunger and desire to win.

Notable achievements

Year 7 girls	Jamilla Dumbuya – 4 th in 200m Shannon Davis – 5 th in the 800m Atlanta Fuwa – 4 th in shot put Relay – 4 th place
Year 7 boys	Ricky Copper – 1 st in shot put James Holman – 4 th in 75m hurdles Abraham Ozi – 3 rd in 200m Ben Megennis – 3 rd in 400m Ryan Ewer – 3 rd in 800m and 2 nd in longjump Relay – 2 nd place

Year 8 girls	Katie Griggs – 5 th in Javelin Claire Potts – 3 rd in shot put Rebecca Stanley – 2 nd in 800m Rylie Trott – 1 st in 75m hurdles Jordan Nastri – 1 st in 100m Relay – 1 st place
Year 8 boys	Michael Animasaun – 4 th in 80m hurdles Harry Matthews – 5 th in 100m Michael Ojo – 2 nd in 800m Conor Branton – 4 th in high jump Relay – 2 nd place
Year 9 girls	Ami White – 3 rd in 100m Naomi Skilleter – 2 nd in 800m Relay – 1 st place
Year 9 boys	Ryan Martin – 4 th in 100m Michael Rutterford – 4 th in 200m and 5 th in Shot put Relay – 1 st place
Year 10 girls	Vanessa Finn – 5 th in 100m Beau Martin – 6 th in 200m Chloe Sutton – 5 th in javelin Relay – 1 st place
Year 10 boys	Moses Ologunja – 4 th in 200m Paul Caines – 5 th in 100m Daniel Gladden – 4 th in javelin Leon Smith – 4 th in shot put Relay – 3 rd place

These were all sensational achievements. However, special praise must be awarded to our superstars in the Year 8 girls' squad. For the first time in Brittons history one of our year groups finished top in the borough.

Our girls put in the performance of the tournament, smashing all other squads and leaving them trailing in their wake as they ascended to victorious heights.

Finally, Mrs Cooper deserves a massive THANK YOU for all the effort and hard work she put in to making it such a successful and well run event.

WELL DONE BRITTONS!

VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for a School Canteen Catering Assistant in the school canteen. Hours: 12.00 – 2.00 pm Monday – Friday.

If you are interested, please telephone Mrs G Moore on 01708 554374 who will arrange an appointment for you to discuss the role in more detail.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Thank you for your co-operation.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

We have no objection to students carrying mobile telephones in their bags subject to the following conditions :

- The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to mobile telephones.
- Telephones must be switched off whilst at school. No calls must be made or received during school time. If telephones are used during school hours, they will be confiscated and held for parents to collect.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2008

Students must be aware that cycling to school is not permitted in the first two weeks of the new school year. During this period, we will inform them which day they must bring their cycles in for a police check. Once this is done, and students have produced a valid cycling proficiency certificate, and a helmet, they will be issued with a cycle pass permitting them to ride their bicycle to school and to store it on the school site. (Please note that we do not accept any responsibility for any damage done to a bicycle or its loss. Therefore, parents must ensure that cycles are adequately insured). For those students who do not possess a cycling proficiency certificate, we will make arrangements to enable them to obtain one.

MAKE-UP

Make-up may be worn but should be discrete, not flamboyant and 'heavy'!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that all our uniform items will display our school logo which has been embroidered onto each article supplied by our uniform supplier. This is particularly relevant to school blazers. Therefore, the school will no longer supply badges.

We pride ourselves on the way our students look and behave. In order to maintain our high reputation all students must wear:

- Maroon blazer (with embroidered school logo)
- White long sleeved shirt/blouse
- Black trousers/knee length skirts
- Maroon V neck pullover/cardigan (with logo)
- Plain black or white socks or plain black tights
- Plain black low heeled shoes (no boots, canvas shoes, sling backs or slip-on footwear)
- School tie
- Winter coat – plain black
- If a hairband is worn, it must be black or maroon.

School Bags – each student must have a proper school bag big enough for an A4 binder folder. It can be a rucksack or satchel type. Pump bags, plastic bags or small handbags are not acceptable as a sturdy school bag.

All students will be expected to adhere to the school uniform dress code. In the event of a failure to follow the dress code, parents will be called and requested to come to school with appropriate clothing.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

PE UNIFORM

Boys' Indoor

White shorts (with logo), white polo top (with logo), white socks, white trainers

Boys' Outdoor

Black shorts (with logo), reversible rugby top (maroon with white stripe), maroon football socks, black jogging bottoms (with maroon stripe and logo), maroon sweatshirt (with logo) (optional), black rain jacket with school name and logo (optional), football boots

Girls' Indoor

White polo shirt (with logo), maroon pleated skirt (with logo) (also for outdoor), maroon shorts (with logo) (also for outdoor), white shorts (with logo), plain white socks, white trainers


Girls' Outdoor

Reversible rugby top (maroon with white stripe), maroon football socks, black jogging bottoms (with maroon stripe and logo), maroon sweatshirt (with logo) (optional), trainers, black rain jacket (optional).

School Uniform Supplier (2008 – 2009)

Havering Schoolwear Ltd
119 Belgrave Avenue
Gidea Park
Romford RM2 6PS
Telephone: 01708 767890
www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk

Ties are available from the school at a cost of £6.00.

 n behalf of Governors and staff of the school
I wish you all a good vacation and look forward
to seeing you in September 2008.

Yours sincerely

ROBERT W SHEFFIELD
Principal