

PARENTS NEWSLETTER NO 320

22 October 2003

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to bring the following items to your attention:

Friday 24 October	DIRECTED DAY
Monday 27 October –	
Friday 31 October inclusive	HALF TERM
Monday 10 November	7.00 pm Presentation by Crag Rats to Year 11 parents in Hall
Tuesday 11 November and	School Photographs
Wednesday 12 November	
Thursday 27 November	4.00 – 7.00 pm Year 11 Parents’ Evening
Thursday 27 November	7.00 pm Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 4 December	Production Evening
Thursday 11 December until Friday 19 December	Year 11 Mock Examinations
Monday 22 December –	
Friday 2 January 2004 inclusive	CHRISTMAS

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Reminder to all Year 11 students and their parents that the mock examinations begin on **Thursday 11 December 2003**. Further details and a timetable will follow.

CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS (YET AGAIN!)

Following difficulties with our London Grid for Learning e-mail address, we have had to seek a new host for our website, and within the next ten days the new general school e-mail address will be admin@brittons.havering.sch.uk and for Mr Sheffield principal@brittons.havering.sch.uk

STUDENT COUNCIL 2003 - 2004

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have been elected to represent their form groups on the Student Council :

7 CTH	Billy O’Donoghue	Jade Adamberry
7 EGS	Craig Kelleher	Gemma Purdy
7 KSL	Thomas Smith	Emma Bates
7 LPD	Samuel Martin	Lauren Thornton
7 PMA	Sam Granger	Chloe White
7 PTH	Charlie Theobald	Lauren Taylor
7 SKS	Steven Steadman	Amy Morgan
7 TGS	Aaron Chambers-Brown	Jade Boucher

Also :	President :	Ted Erback	(11 EGS)
	Vice President :	Still to be elected	
	Secretary :	Bradley Carthy	(9 EGS)
	Treasurer :	Nicholas Carthy	(8 EGS)

AUTOMATED TELEPHONE MESSAGE MENU

Outlined below are the main and sub menus of the messaging system with the numbers you need to press to enter an appropriate message box.

PRESS 1 FOR ADMINISTRATION then please select one of the following options:

Student Services **press 1 (to report absences etc)**
The Medical Health Officer **press 2**
The Curriculum Secretary **press 3**
Learning Support **press 4**
The Education Welfare Officer **press 5**
Careers **press 6**
The Librarian **press 7**

PRESS 2 FOR SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS then please select one of the following options:

Technology **press 1**
English **press 2**
Humanities **press 3**
ICT **press 4**
Mathematics **press 5**
Modern Foreign Languages **press 6**
Science **press 7**

PRESS 3 FOR EXPRESSIVE ARTS then please select one of the following options:

Drama **press 1**
Girls PE **press 2**
Boys PE **press 3**
Music **press 4**
Expressive Arts/Sports Co-ordinator **press 5**

PRESS 4 FOR YEARS 7 – 11 PASTORAL DIRECTORS then please select one of the following options:

Year 7 **press 4**
Year 8 **press 5**
Year 9 **press 1**
Year 10 **press 2**
Year 11 **press 3**

PRESS 5 FOR THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM then please select one of the following options:

The Vice Principal Pastoral **press 1**
The Vice Principal Personnel **press 2**
The Senior Vice Principal Curriculum **press 3**
The Senior Vice Principal Finance & Facilities **press 4**
The Principals Personal Assistant **press 5**

PRESS 6 FOR FINANCE/LETTINGS/SITE MANAGER then please select one of the following options:

Finance or Lettings **press 1**
The Site Manager **press 2**
Maintenance **press 3**

For general enquiries please press 0

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY (ONE)

With regard to the recent Parent Governor nominations (three vacancies), Mr K Cullwick and Mrs R Reynolds have now reconfirmed as Parent Governors. One vacancy remains and we require a parent to be elected from among, and by, parents of students at the school to complete the parental representation on the Governing Body. In accordance with regulations we are enclosing an application form for any parent who wishes to stand as a Parent Governor.

The Governing Body has very important responsibilities for the general direction and well-being of the school including, for example, the school budget, some aspects of school buildings and the appointment of school staff. It is also responsible for student welfare, school visits and oversight of the general curriculum policy of the school, including the question of sex education. It is hoped that parents will be willing to come forward to contribute as a Parent Governor to the work of the school.

Nominations are requested for parents wishing to stand for election. You may nominate yourself or your partner, provided that three other parents sign the nomination. You may nominate another parent of a child at the school, provided that two other parents sign the nomination. The election will be by secret ballot.

Any parent or person having parental responsibility for a child at the school is eligible to make a nomination and to vote. Once someone is elected as a parent governor, he or she does not have to resign if their child leaves the school. The normal term for Governors is four years.

If you wish to submit a nomination, please complete and return the enclosed nomination form to me by 2.00 pm Friday, 7 November 2003. If the nominee wishes, a brief written statement about him or herself may also be submitted for circulation to other parents. It must be stressed that this is purely optional.

For legal reasons, certain people may be disqualified from becoming a Governor. For further details, please see the nomination form attached.

Parents will be asked to register their votes for the election by secret ballot during the week commencing Monday, 17 November 2003. Ballot papers will be forwarded to parents together with candidates' names and their personal statement.

Parents will be notified of the election results during the week commencing Monday, 1 December 2003.

Parents who are interested in serving as a Governor and wish to obtain further information about Governorship, are invited to contact the school who will then arrange a meeting with the Chair of Governors.

Nicholas Whitbread gained four A levels and is studying Geography and Business Management at Queen Mary College, London.

Nipul Amin gained four A levels and an AS and is now studying Biochemistry at King's College, London.

Caroline Balman gained four A levels and an AS and is now studying Law at the University of Greenwich.

Charlotte Landy gained four A levels and is now studying Art and English at Bath Spa University College.

Jade O'Neill gained four A levels and an AS and is now studying English and Drama at Bath Spa University College.

Daniel Burnett – Design and Technology Education at Greenwich University.

Danny Chatfield – Geography at Queen Mary College, London.

Tony Cunningham – History at Royal Holloway College, University of London.

Jamie Lee – South Light and Live Event Technology at Derby University.

Leanne Taylor – Psychology at Plymouth University.

Yours sincerely

ROBERT W SHEFFIELD
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

To Samuel Staple of 11 KSL for winning a silver medal in the Great Britain Karate Competition. Well done!

SUCCESS FOR EX BRITTONS STUDENTS

Over 400 students progressed from the Sixth Form College to University in September 2003, and amongst these were the following students from Brittons School & Technology College:

Victoria Gordon gained five A levels and an AS and is studying Law at Essex University.

Alex Broad gained four A levels and an AS and is studying English and Film at Reading University.

Claire Edwards gained four A levels and an AS and is studying Mathematics and Computing at York University.

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate

Address Telephone Number
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He/she is the parent/guardian of :

Children/s name/s at school Form
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The above person is myself/my partner/another parent.

The following *2/3 people support this nomination (three signatures if you nominate yourself) (two signatures if the nominee is another parent).

- 1. Parent/Guardian of Form
- 2. Parent/Guardian of Form
- 3. Parent/Guardian of Form

THE NOMINEE HAS AGREED TO THE ABOVE NOMINATION AND HAS CHOSEN *TO SUBMIT/NOT SUBMIT A BRIEF PERSONAL STATEMENT.

Signed Date
Parent/Guardian of Form

* Please delete as appropriate.

Please note : No one may become a Governor who is :

- (a) under 18 years old;
- (b) already a Governor of two other schools;
- (c) declared bankrupt, or has been officially in debt within the last three years to the extent that a legal arrangement has been made with creditors;
- (d) convicted of a crime and sentenced to three months or more imprisonment (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine, or has been so within the last five years.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL, MARKED 'FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS', BY 2.00 pm on Friday, 7 November 2003.