
PARENTS NEWSLETTER NO 242

July 2000

Internet Letter No 7

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

12.40 pm Friday 21 July **END OF TERM – SUMMER VACATION**
Wednesday 6 September **SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

2000 – 2001 CALENDAR

<u>TERMS</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
AUTUMN	Tuesday 5 September to Friday 22 December 2000.
SPRING	Monday 8 January to Friday 6 April 2001.
SUMMER	Monday 23 April to Friday 20 July 2001.

OCCASIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday 4 September 2000; Tuesday 5 September 2000; Monday 30 October 2000; Friday 6 April 2001.

EARLY CLOSURE : FRIDAY 21 JULY 2000

I wish to inform you that there will be an early closure on Friday 21 July 2000. Students will be dismissed at 12.40 pm. The canteen will be open until 1.10 pm for those students who require a meal.

START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School will re-open on **Wednesday, 6 September 2000** and the arrangements are as follows :

All new **Year 7 students** and **Year 11 Co-tutors** report to the school at 08.45 am.

Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 must report to school at 11.00 am and check the notice board in the foyer for details of their form and form room.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

We offer our congratulations to the following students who have been elected to serve for 2000/2001 :

FORM

STUDENTS' NAMES

YEAR 8

MALE

FEMALE

Wesley Douglas **	Rebecca Davis
Mark Stacey	Carly Amos
Lewis Russell	Chloe Martin
Joey Dankwa	Kayleigh Montgomery
Timothy Curtis	Joanne Gentry
Arran Franks	Keri Hedges
Adam Pritchett	Letitia Wells
Ross Whittet	Beth Moran **

YEAR 9

MALE

FEMALE

Eric Haines **	Joanne Brittain
Daniel Barham	Joanna Fyfe
Matthew Davis	Shaney Taylor **
Gary Dorsett	Mercedes Rawle
Carl Nash	Carla Battershall
Adam Cunningham	Jenni Purcell
Daniel Smith	Lucy McLeod
Kayleigh Hayward	Daniel Taylor

YEAR 10

MALE

FEMALE

Jason Norton	Leigh-Ann Wakefield
Dean Huckle	Nikki Moore **
Billy Davis	Louise Broom
Jody Whittaker	Leanne Couch
Wesley Isaac	Kerry Russell
Lee Davies	Daniella Tapper
Terry Church **	Natasha Moss
Jamie Simmons	Samantha Denoon

YEAR 11

MALE

FEMALE

Nikki Burke **	Abbie Lerner
Ben Allen	Kealey Meggs
Steven Dring	Marie-Claire Barnard
Lee Jones	Olayinka Solaja

Christopher Martin
Andrew Willett

Jennifer Hannah
Nicole Wray
Danielle Lane

** Year Reps

President :
Vice President : Marie-Clare Barnard
Treasurer : Daniel Smith



PTA NEWS

Thursday 28 September - PTA Meeting AGM

PROVISIONAL GCSE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

DATES :

14 May 2001 - 29 June 2001

FACULTY OF ENGLISH AND DRAMA

The following pupils were short listed for the Year 8 Creative Writing Competition. Year 8 pupils were invited to write an entertaining short story which had a "twist in the tale".

Joanne Bridger	8 PRI
Gary Smith	8 WAR
Sarah Lynam	8 WAR
Kim Peatling	8 WAR
Ross Wilson	8 GIB
Laura Condron	8 GIB
Eric Haines	8 GIB
Bradley Parrott	8 GIB
Jade Bennett	8 LOS
Nikky Lidher	8 LOS
Ellie Wilkins	8 LOS
Jonathan Gray	8 FOR
Carley Krey	8 FOR
Daniel Smith	8 FOR
Joann Foot	8 HPR
Terry Wood	8 HPR
Daniel Hyde	8 HPR
Sara Thornton	8 HPR
Adam Cunningham	8 HPR
Paul Townley	8 TRN
Gemma Dalley	8 TRN
James Munday	8 TRN
Gary Dorsett	8 TRN
Michael Cooper	8 TRN
Mercedes Rawle	8 TRN

Mrs Tugwell and Mrs Handley, Brittons School Librarians, judged the competition. The winners are :

Gavin Narainsamy	8 GIB
Paul Hawkins	8 HPR
Allen Dudley	8 TRN
Helen Walters	8 WAR
Lee Prior	8 TRN

The special presentation took place on Monday, 19 June 2000 in Year 8 assembly.

SCHOOL WEB SITE

The school web site is in a period of transition. The new improved site will be gradually implemented during August and will be fully operational from the start of September. The address will remain the same but you may find areas of the site not working correctly until it has been fully upgraded.

Feeling at a loose end over the holidays? Why not put your spare time to good use and develop your own web site to go on the school web site from September. The new site will have a students' area for your own web pages. Your web page/s will be checked by Mr Adams and have to fit onto a 3¹/₂" floppy disk. The page/s can be on anything you like from your favourite subject to your best sports team, or even Pokemon. So if you have a PC and want to design a web page then give it a go.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to Grace Whybrow (9 GTH) who in June competed for Havering in the shot putt.

Also, to Nikki Burke (10 NIC) who has recently attended a six day filming session for a programme on BBC 1 called 'Hope and Glory'.

Well done to Christina Noble (10 WAY) who has been coaching and playing basketball for the Sports Development Unit of the Barking and Dagenham Council.

VACANCIES

SCHOOL CANTEEN

General Food Service Assistant required part time 12 hours per week. Term time only. To start September 2000. For more information telephone 01708 554374.

TEMPORARY OFFICE STAFF

Are you computer literate and available to work at short notice to undertake a variety of office tasks? Remuneration would be on a hourly basis. Interested persons should submit their Curriculum Vitae to Mr R Sheffield at the school.

SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the PE Department throughout this year.



FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Thank you for your co-operation.

VALUABLES

Please remind your son/daughter that mobile CD players, headphone CD/tape players and mobile phones should not be brought into school unless prior permission has been granted. The school accepts no responsibility for such items if they are lost or damaged whilst on school premises. If valuable items are brought in without permission they will be lodged in the school safe until parents call to collect them.

THE WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN SCHOOLS

The policy of the London Borough of Havering Children and Lifelong Learning Department is that for health and safety reasons pupils are not permitted to wear rings on their fingers or earrings or body pierced articles. Plain stud earrings (one in each ear) may be worn but must be removed in certain lessons when, in the opinion of the school, they are a risk to safety.

Should students attend school wearing **unauthorised jewellery items**, it is the policy of the school to place these in the school safe until parents can call to collect them.

No jewellery may be worn during Physical Education lessons as to do so may constitute a risk to the safety of students and staff concerned. London Borough of Havering guidelines state that for health and safety reasons :

'The wearing of all forms of decorative jewellery, such as rings and earrings (including studs and sleepers), hair slides, watches and other objects which may get caught or break easily, should not be permitted.'

Please note that it is the policy of our Physical Education Department not to collect valuables in from students when they have a PE lesson. Students should leave all valuables at home whenever they have a lesson.

MAKE-UP

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The current school uniform comprises :

Plain maroon blazer with school badge; white shirt or blouse; school tie; maroon V neck jumper/cardigan; black trousers, skirt or culottes. Skirts must be conservative in cut and hems must rest on the middle of the knee. Long skirts, mini skirts, slit skirts or figure hugging skirts are not acceptable. Trousers also must be conservative in cut, not figure hugging. Leggings or tight fitting trousers or flares etc are not acceptable. Socks may be plain black or white and girls may wear tights. Shoes must be plain black leather with low heels. Boots, canvas shoes, sling backs or slip ons should not be worn. Winter coats should be plain black.

PE UNIFORM

Boys' outdoor

Trojan reversible rugby top, plain black shorts, plain maroon football socks, football boots, plain maroon jogging bottoms (optional).

Boys' indoor

Plain white T-shirt, plain white socks, plain white shorts, white trainers, plain maroon jogging bottoms (optional).

Girls' outdoor

Trojan reversible rugby top, maroon pleated skirt, maroon shorts, plain maroon football socks, outdoor trainer/boots, plain maroon jogging bottoms (optional).

Girls' indoor

Plain white trutex T-shirt, maroon pleated skirt, maroon shorts, plain white socks, white trainers, plain maroon jogging bottoms.



CYCLING TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2000

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.

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS SCHOOL POLICY THAT ALL STUDENTS WHO CYCLE TO SCHOOL MUST WEAR A HELMET. Failure to comply with this rule will mean that students will not be permitted to cycle to school.

On behalf of all the staff at Brittons School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents and students a happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Robert W Sheffield