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## Dear Parents

## New Headship

The two days of very intensive interviews to find my successor as Head of the school made last month particularly interesting. Seven applications were whittled down to four and finally to two by a panel which gave two days of unstinting service to the school. The calibre of the candidates was impressive and the range of expertise at our disposal was wide. The boys were marvellous in the manner in which they responded to the assemblies led by the candidates and in the case of **Jack Ceconi, Brian Olutu, Owen Kearney, Jamael Laniyan, Lucas Le Voir and Aaron Huang** both professional and searching in their capacity of a pupil panel which met each candidate. **Mr Bleasdale** generously gave of his time teaching a specimen lesson and thanks to the **Elements boys** that he taught. It goes without saying that I am delighted that **Mrs Anthony** was appointed and look forward to working with her towards a smooth transition in September.

## A Message from Mrs. Anthony

I am delighted to have been appointed as the next Headteacher of Loyola Preparatory School, having spent three happy and productive years here as a Deputy Headteacher and class teacher. As a parent, I remember with fondness and gratitude the happy and stimulating time my three boys spent here. It gave them a firm basis for their future education and moral being. I aim to continue to build on the tradition of this outstanding school and look forward to working with Mr Nicholson in the transition to September. I would also like to thank all the many parents, boys and members of staff who have sent messages of support and congratulations. I look forward to working with you as the new Headteacher from September 2018.

## Other Notable Events

- Harvest Festival led by Pre-Prep 2 featured huge donations from Loyola families which were fully utilised by St Thomas of Canterbury in the Soup Run to the benefit of the homeless and needy and brought forth a vote of thanks in the parish newsletter.
- The Under 10s won the St Edmund's Prep Soccer Tournament after winning penalty shoot outs in both the semi-final and the final.
- The Under 10 B footballers won 10-1 at St Aubyn's.
- The Under 9 A team lost 1-3 but the Under 9 B soccer team won 4-2 at St Edmund's Prep.
- The Under 11s played manfully at the New Hall Rugby Tournament against schools for whom rugby is their main sport, drawing two out of their seven matches.
- The Under 10 rugby team narrow lost to Bancroft's 4 tries to 6.



- The Under 11 As rugby team won a New Hall four tries to nil.
- Our Under 11s won the Essex County Small Schools Soccer Championships for the third year running.



- Prep

received their Bibles at a memorable Mass.

- Pre-preps 1 and 2 travelled through time back to Victorian school days at the Royal Gunpowder Mills where both Miss Roddy and Miss Baker received a well-staged version of corporal punishment.
- Solo photographs of the boys were taken by Gem Photographers.
- Staff received their statutory Safeguarding and Child Protection training.
- Prep and Elements descended upon Windsor Castle and admired the Changing of the Guard.



## November Events

Our school has been highly regarded for the quality of its choral music over the years – the quality singing was described as exceptional in our last quality inspection. Our Schola has sung at St Peter's Rome on four occasions, at a Papal mass at the Lateran, and more recently in both Brentwood and Westminster Cathedrals. We are planning towards their first appearances at the basilica of Ignatius Loyola in Spain and in Lourdes in June 2018. Our fame goes before us, and we are proud to be asked to provide up to twenty-four choristers at the Solemn High Mass to close the centenary year of the diocese of Brentwood at St Edmund's College in November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The amount of additional music and plainchant that the boys have to learn means that we have had to cancel the Concert in celebration of the Feast of St Cecilia scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Instead a choral and instrumental concert involving the school choir and string orchestra will take place on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> as the first part of a festival of Christmas Music. Part 2 will involve carols sung by the Schola and choir with a few congregational carols and a smaller**

**number of readings that will make up a slightly truncated version of our Carol Service. Proceedings will commence in the school hall from 7.00 p.m.**

Please note the following significant events over the next month...

Wednesday November 1st	<b>All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation.</b> Figures led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 2nd	<b>All Souls Day</b>  'Flu Immunisation Day (Reception - Rudiments) – as already booked by parents. Please reassure recipients that this is administered through a nasal spray and is not an injection!  <b>No Elements swimming.</b>
Friday 3rd	Under 11 A and B soccer v St Edmund's Prep
Monday 6th	Creative Writing Day – the UFOs have landed!
Tuesday 7th	Mr Andrew Wright (Master of Music at Brentwood Cathedral attending Schola rehearsal.  Mr Nicholson contributing to local primary schools' conference on teaching and learning at Whitebridge School from 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 8th	Elements led Mass 9.30 a.m. with Fr Bossy  St Aubyn's Under 10 Soccer Tournament 1.00 p.m.
Friday 10th	Remembrance Day – Joint Schools' Service for Key Stage 2 pupils – St John's and Loyola at St John's Church 10.15 a.m. <b>Pupils in the uniformed services (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) are invited to wear their uniform to school and with arrangement with their packs or units to bring flags to the service</b> (Details of arrangements for the rest of the school are forthcoming)  Mrs Anthony and Mrs Payne attending Independent Schools Council Special Needs Conference  Under 11 A and B Soccer v. Forest, KO 2.15 p.m.  Pre-Preps POW Club after school – <b>due to the dark evenings drawing in, this will be the last session of the term.</b>
Monday 13th	Under 11 Rugby v. Bancroft's 3.30 p.m.  Governors' Safeguarding and Child Protection Training 6.30p.m.

	<p>Governors' Meeting 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Final day for issue of Figures – Reception 2 English and maths reports</p>
Tuesday 14th	<p><b>Open Morning for Prospective Pupils and Current Parents 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. including introductory talk from Mr Nicholson (at 9.30); meeting with current Rudiments pupils who will show examples of their work; attendance at Schola rehearsal, tours of classes in action and an opportunity to meet Mrs Anthony. <u>Current parents wishing to attend are asked to inform the school office so that we can plan the tours.</u></b></p> <p>Schola Rehearsal from 9.00 a.m. until break time.</p> <p>Parents' Meetings Figures – Pre-Prep 1, 3.30-6.00 p.m.</p>
Wednesday 15th	<p>Prep led Mass with Fr George 10.30 a.m.</p> <p>Under 9 soccer v Ursuline Prep School Ilford (Home)</p> <p>Parents' Meetings Reception 2 – Pre-Prep 1, 3.30-6.00 p.m.</p>
Thursday 16th	<p>Schola singing at St Edmund's College Chapel at End of Centenary Mass for the Diocese of Brentwood celebrated by Bishop Alan and the clergy of the diocese 12.00 p.m. <b>(Unfortunately attendance is by diocesan invitation only but parents will be able to hear the Schola sing the main parts of the liturgy at the Loyola Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> November)</b></p> <p><b>No Elements swimming.</b></p>
Friday 17th	Under 9 rugby A and B v New Hall
Monday 20th	Christmas tree arrives to school hall
Tuesday 21st	Under 10 A and B soccer v. Woodford Green Prep School
Wednesday 22nd	<b>Schola and string ensemble led</b> Mass in honour of St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music with Father Philip Denton 10.30 a.m.
Thursday 23rd	Mr Nicholson attending local independent school heads' meeting – Forest School
Friday 24th	<p>Non Uniform "Bring a Bottle" Day</p> <p>Under 11 A and B soccer v Chigwell</p>

	No POW after school
Sunday 26th	P.T.A. Christmas Bazaar 12.00-3.00 p.m.
Monday 27th	Kindergarten trip to Willows Farm (to meet Father Christmas)
Tuesday 28th	Figures- Pre-Prep 1 Parents' Consultations 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 29th	Campion House led Mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Reception 1 and 2 trip to Willows Farm
Thursday 30th	Under 9 A and B Soccer v. St Aubyn's 2.30 p.m.

## Social Media

We are aware of the fact that a number of boys in school have social media accounts. Whilst this doubtless can be exciting and a sign of growing maturity, recent events in school have indicated that despite training received with regard to cyber safety, boys often do not have the discernment to understand that postings made onto the web enter into public forums where they can be intercepted and forwarded. Much distress can be caused thereby especially if boys do not appreciate how relatively easy it is to make remarks which are inappropriate and demeaning to others. For this reason the law is very specific with regard to age restrictions on opening social media accounts which are as follows:

**The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it's 17. YouTube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.**

Hence no pupil of Loyola should have a social media account. It also is worth a reminder that the age of criminal responsibility is ten and that even inadvertent misuse of social media could cause an offender serious trouble.

## October 31<sup>st</sup> 1517

As a historian, I would be expected to take due note of the above anniversary. Five hundred years ago a German Augustinian Monk, Doctor Martin Luther, circulated ninety-five criticisms of the Roman Catholic Church which kick started the process that we call the Reformation and which led to the establishment of the various Protestant congregations. Ultimately through the Councils of Trent, the Roman Catholic Church also underwent its own reform. Tragically the process was then overtaken by politics and such wars and oppression as are currently being featured on *Gunpowder* on BBC 1 occurred to the eternal shame of the Christian community. Meanwhile a young man born in Spain as Inigo Lopez de Loyola began a religious order to support and build on the cleansing of the Catholic Church. He enrolled at Paris University where his name was mistakenly transcribed from Inigo to Ignatio – our own St Ignatius of Loyola.

## Birthdays

A very happy birthday to **Alexander Quill, Felix Courtney, Ethan Rawlings, Kanav Gupta, Joshua Gosling, Lucas Foreman, Sydney Gardiner, Matthew Reid, Mikhail Hussain, Teddy Manders, Gabriel Mehlman, Daniel Halcrow, Shaan Patel and Jamie Evans.**

With best wishes

P.G.M. Nicholson

