



Dear Parents, Entrance Exam Results 2018

I am pleased to publish the independent schools' results as declared up to 26th February.

Bancroft's	6 places
Bishop's Stortford College	1 music scholarship
Chigwell	3 academic scholarships; 2 places
City of London Boys	1 academic scholarship; 1 place
Forest	3 academic scholarships; 7 places
Haileybury	2 academic scholarships ; 1 place
New Hall	3 academic scholarships ;4 places
St Edmund's	10 places

In total this constitutes thirteen scholarships and thirty-one places. Scholarships were gained from six different schools.

Congratulations in particular to our scholars: **Tenny Marianayagam** (City of London, Chigwell, Forest) **Thierno Diallo** (New Hall, Haileybury, Chigwell and in Music to Bishop's Stortford College), **Aaron Huang** (Haileybury), **Arthur Johnson** (Forest), **Matthew Reid** (Forest), **Michael Dong** (Chigwell), **Jensen Puvaneswaran** (New Hall), and **Regan Creasey** (New Hall). In addition, **Michael Dong** passed the very demanding preliminary test for Harrow School.



In looking at the data, the normal caveats are worth mentioning:

- Not all boys take all exams so schools with lower numbers of places may have had fewer candidates from Loyola.
- There are some pupils still on reserve places; therefore some waiting list places may become firm offers.
- The trend of continued higher numbers of overall candidates for schools has continued (with Forest reporting that they had some 650 applicants). Even so our statistics this year better last year's with three more scholarships gained with eight out of the 21 boys who sat exams achieving scholarship status (38% of the class).

All the boys who sat these entrance exams are worth mentioning as being deserving of our admiration. They have worked hard and earnestly done their best. I am proud of them all.



Loyola scholars 2018 – 12 academic scholarships, 1 music scholarship

At 7+, places were shared from Bancroft's (1), Felsted (1), Forest (1), Chigwell (1), and Brentwood (2) by four boys. Again well done to all concerned.



Sport

As the Six Nations has dominated recent attention, so has the profile of rugby increased in our fixture list. I am grateful to Mr Bleasdale for the following statistics:

U9s A team v St Aubyns drew 7-7

U9s B team v St Aubyns drew 7-7 as well

U10s v St Aubyns won 11-10!

U11s v St Aubyns lost 2-4

U9s A team v Brentwood won 9-6

U9s B team v Brentwood narrowly lost 8-9

U 11s v. St Edmunds drew 2-2

U 10s v St Edmund's drew 7-7



Under 11s v St Edmund's - last rugby match of the season (and no, I am not sure why we appear to have two full backs!)

Forthcoming Events for March

Thursday March 1st

World Book Day – pupils may wear costume of favourite book character

Coopersale Hall Interschool Cross Country Race (postponed)



Friday March 2 nd	Under 10 A and B football v Brentwood
Monday March 5 th	Governors' Visitation Day – governors will attend lessons during the day tracking individual year groups. Governors' Meeting 4.30 p.m. Mr Nicholson staff appraisals interviews during the week
Tuesday March 6 th	Under 11 soccer v Woodford Green Prep School 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday March 7 th	Figures led Mass celebrated by Fathers George and Michael 10.30 Ski trip preliminary meeting 6.00 p.m.
Thursday March 8 th	Kinetic Science Theatre Presentations in school – 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Under 9 rugby v S Aubyn's Schola performing at Shelia Ferrari Memorial Concert at All Saints Church in Woodford Green 7.00 p.m.
Friday March 9 th	Under 10 Chess Tournament at Brentwood School Under 10 Soccer Championships at Brentwood School PTA Quiz Night – for the last time questions set by me; for the first time the evening will be hosted by Mr Bleasdale as unfortunately I am now unable to attend. My sincere thanks to him. As usual the Night will comprise a series of cryptic rounds and tables will have a Joker to play in each round worth certain multiples of their score (from X2 to 10), but will have to choose which to play before the content of the



	round is explained. As last year, musical questions will be included and there is a picture round that requires a certain amount of local knowledge!
Monday March 12 th	KS 2 maths and English assessment week
Tuesday 13 th March	Rudiments team attending Bancroft's Science Fair Choir Rehearsal for Spring Concert 1.45 p.m.
Wednesday March 14 th	Strings rehearsal for Spring Concert 8.45 a.m. Elements led Mass with Fr Waller in honour of St Patrick 10.45 a.m. (Assembly at 10.30 a.m.) Under 11 Soccer: Woodford Green Prep Tournament from 1.00 p.m. Choir and string ensemble Spring Concert in celebration of St Patrick. 7.00 p.m.
Thursday March 15 th	Interviews for new Head of EYFS Coopersale Hall Interschool Cross Country Race Under 11 Cricket Trials after School
Friday March 16 th	Mrs Butler and Mrs Coupland to Art Workshop Chigwell School Under 9 Soccer Tournament – Forest School
Saturday March 17 th	Ski trip departs – Mr Bleasdale, Mr Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mr Burke attending
Monday March 19 th	KS1 maths and English Assessment Week
Wednesday March 21 st	Prep led mass with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Young Shakespeare Company performing for Key Stage 2 pupils (Prep-Rudiments) from 1.15



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Friday March 23 rd	Figures trip to Science Museum
Saturday March 24 th	Ski trip returns
Monday March 26 th	Beginning of Holy Week Interhouse Soccer from 1.00 p.m. School Trustees Annual Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday March 28 th	“Spy Wednesday” Passion presentation followed by final assembly for the term 10.30a.m. End of Lent Term 3.05 p.m. – NO CHOIR Rudiments general subject reports issued.
Wednesday 18 th April	Pupils return for Whitsun Term

Early Bird Significant Dates for Next Term

It may be of value to take note of the following:

- April 2nd Whole School and Class Photographs
- Week starting 14th May - Rudiments SATs exams and internal subject end of year exams
- Week starting 21st May – Rudiments Activity Week
- Monday 4th June – School pilgrimage to Loyola (Spain) and Lourdes (France)
- Friday 15th June – Sports Morning (Lea Valley Athletics Centre). School closes 12.30 p.m.
- Friday 22nd June – Half day for pupils in Early Years; Retirement Mass for Mr and Mrs Nicholson 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Saturday 23rd June – P.T.A. Summer Ball
- Tuesday 26th June – Secondary School Transfer Meeting for parents of current Figures 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 27th June – Summer Concert for choir, strings ensemble and soloists on the subject of “Farewell”
- Saturday 30th June – Rudiments depart for Normandy



- Friday 6th July - Retirement Mass for Mr and Mrs Nicholson 7.00 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. We would like the schola in attendance, but all parents, pupils and old boys are warmly invited to attend.
- Sunday 8th July – P.T.A. Fun Day – at the school
- Monday 10th July – Academy (Speech and Awards Evening) 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 11th July – Rudiments Leavers’ Mass a.m.; Rudiments Formal Leavers’ Dinner 6.00 p.m.
- Thursday 12th July – Familiarisation Morning; Pupils’ Barbecue 12.00 p.m. (Figures-Kindergarten)
- Friday 13th July – Mr Nicholson’s farewell assembly 2.00 p.m.

Staffing

I promised last month to give you an update. We are still in the process of dotting i’s and crossing t’s. As you would expect Mrs Anthony and I are working very closely on this. There are still some arrangements to be finalised, but I am able to inform you of who will be in charge of each class (as class/form teacher) next year.

No change in Prep to Elements – so:

- Rudiments –Mrs Brown
- Figures – Mr Hatzar
- Elements – Mrs Regueiro with Mr Bleasdale
- Prep – Miss Savage

There are some changes in the younger classes.

- Pre-Prep 2 – Miss Roddy with Mrs Evans
- Pre-Prep 1 – Mrs Foster and Mrs Noble
- Reception 2 – New experienced teacher to be appointed as Head of Early Years in succession to Mrs Anthony
- Reception 1 – Mrs Quirk
- Kindergarten – Mrs McHardy

Further details about subject teachers will be published next term.

Finalised arrangements for the cover for Mrs Foster’s maternity leave next term are still pending although Mrs Noble’s commitment to covering four days a week remains. As soon as I can confirm whom will be covering the fifth day in the week I shall write directly to the parents concerned.

At the end of this term **Mrs Cecile Kelly** is retiring from her teaching role within the school. Her



association with the school has been as long as it has been distinguished – firstly as a Loyola mum and then quite early on in the history of the Nursery (Kindergarten) alongside her good friend Mrs McHardy here as a member of staff. Apart from the obvious love and nurturing she has given to generations of boys, Cecile inspired and facilitated both our After School and more recently Breakfast Clubs as well as contributing to various Holiday Clubs. She leaves us having successfully battled with illness and suffering the bereavement of her beloved brother very recently. We shall organise a proper good bye at the end of term, but if any parents would care to contribute to a communal collection on her behalf please send any donation to the school office in an envelope mark “Mrs Kelly’s collection” with cheques made out to the school, please.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday for March to **Hermann Lai, Thomas Edwards, David Esan, Miles Gell, Zachary Lynch, Kieran Wade, Luca Bettis, Tadiwa Nemhara, Aadam Ali, Yaseen Said, Alexander Gilbert, Massimo Giordano and Alfie Brennan.**

Request

My daughter Sophie has reached the stage where she is in the market for a foldable push chair/stroller for young Theo who is growing apace. If any parent has one that has been outgrown that might be purchased I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter,

With all good wishes.

P.G.M. Nicholson