



Dear Parents,



Cambridge – May 2018 : making the most of the final few historical outings. I write this on the eve of our trip to Loyola and Lourdes having already led two visits to the British Museum with Elements. That will leave a planned journey to Hampton Court. It is hard to believe that this is the penultimate newsletter – the last year certainly has sped by. I already have been asked two recurrent questions: future plans (these are still in preparation!) and what shall I miss most about Loyola. I think an answer to the latter is the camaraderie of the school. All communities have their inner tensions of course, but as I have written before there is a sense of occasion about the place and as I have just posted on Twitter (currently 504 tweets - [@LoyolaPrepEssex](https://twitter.com/LoyolaPrepEssex)) there are so many examples of team work in school whether in sharing owls, contributing to team events or simply working together:



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Latest News

May was a lengthy month in school terms.

It commenced with two weeks of appraisal for all teachers.

Despite the weather, it continued with two sessions of POW – arguably a prime example of school camaraderie!

Drama 4 All provided creative opportunities for the boys from Reception 1 to Pre-Prep 2.

The Schola served the diocese by singing at the Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams at St Peter and Paul's Ilford.



Mrs Anthony and Mrs Payne represented the school at the St Edmund's Dinner for Heads of Feeder Schools which this year celebrated the College's 450th anniversary.

The Under 11s won the regional finals of the English Schools FA's Small Schools' Tournament and reached the final of the nationals which ended with an exciting penalty shoot out which left us as runners up. We remain duly proud of them all and of course of Ollie, Gerry and all of their supporters.

As shown on the first page, the senior members of the Schola went to King's

College Cambridge to meet the world famous choral conductor Stephen Cleobury and to attend Evensong sung by the Kings College Choir.

Mrs Rosario attended the residential Independent School Bursars' Conference – important in the wake of the new Data Protection regulations.

Mrs Anthony continued her preparations for Headship by attending a day conference on Independent School Inspections. I congratulate her on appointment as a member of the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (the I.A.P.S.) – the professional body for the Heads of accredited preparatory schools.

One of our school governors Mrs Glenda Spencer made an official visit to the school and had separate meetings with Mrs Anthony and me.

Outings during the month included Figures making two trips to London – the first to the London Transport Museum and the second to the Greenwich Observatory (a photo of them with Mr Hatzar astride the meridian line is on Twitter), the two Pre-Preps visited London Zoo – and had possibly their



first taste of the perils of London traffic congestion – another example of team work was the staff and parents who accompanied that trip!), Elements went to both the British Museum and the sculptor Henry Moore studios. Meanwhile the entire school enjoyed close encounters with wildlife in the shape of owls and the Reception classes celebrated the Royal Wedding with a tea party. Rudiments completed their SATs and end of year exams and then commenced their Activity Week that included sailing, kayaking and raft building, a trip to the Houses of Parliament and London Eye and to Laser Mayhem.

The half term ended with Mrs Anthony and I attending a day conference for the Heads of Catholic Schools in the Diocese and enjoying the hospitality of New Hall School, which we toured with former pupil James Buckley.

Staffing News

Of course it is really for Mrs Anthony to convey details of staffing for September, but I am delighted to report the appointment of two new members of staff – Mrs Sharon Joyce will be taking over in Reception. This allows Mrs Noble and Mrs Foster to take up their class to Pre-Prep 1 as Miss Roddy accompanies her boys to Pre-Prep 2. Mrs Angela Jung is replacing my wife as the violin and strings teacher. I guess if anything has made me realise that we are leaving, it is this appointment. To both Mrs Joyce and Mrs Jung I send my very best wishes for a happy and successful carrier at the school.

Forthcoming Events for June

Monday 11 th June	School returns after half term Sports day House Meetings 8.45 a.m. P.O.W. Club after school
Tuesday 12 th June	Under 10/11 mixed team cricket v Chigwell 3.00 p.m
Wednesday 13 th June	Elements led Mass with Fr Francis Coveney 10.30 a.m. Rudiments to Crucial Crew presentation by emergency services - Gillwell Park
Thursday 14 th June	Figures to Brentwood School Taster Day apart from four boys attending Haileybury College Art Competition Vist of Mr Cartwright, Head of St Edmund’s Prep School
Friday 17 th June	Sports Day As last year we shall be holding this event at Lee Valley Athletics Club 61 Meridian Way, London, Edmonton N9 0AR which benefits from being a seated arena that both allows us to expand the variety of activities, and provides seating for spectators that affords a proper view of activities. All boys will be involved including Early



	<p>Years who should wear their normal P.E. kit. Boys from Pre-Prep I and above should wear summer P.E. kit which includes their house polo shirt. All events will take place under cover so there is no risk from rain or need for sun lotions.</p> <p>As usual, we ask that boys are brought directly to the venue and not to school to arrive by 8.45 a.m. If this is problematical, please let class teachers know as soon as possible. The competition will end by 12.30 p.m. and pupils should be collected directly from the arena. Happily there is plentiful parking on site.</p> <p>Please note that the school days ends after the event and that pupils will be dismissed at lunch time. The school will not serve lunch to pupils on the day.</p>
Monday 18 th June	Rudiments play Dress Rehearsal 1.30 p.m. First performance 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th June	Rudiments/Figures Prize Winner history trip (Details tbc)
Wednesday 20 th June	<p>No Mass but presentation assembly 8.45 a.m.</p> <p>Mrs Jung visits the school 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>Under 11 cricket v St Edmund's Prep 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Second Night of Rudiments Production 7.00 p.m.</p>
Thursday 21 st June	<p>Figures trip to Tate Modern Art Gallery</p> <p>P.O.W. Club after school</p>
Friday 22 nd June	<p>School ends for Kindergarten and Reception 12.00 p.m.</p> <p>First farewell Mass for Mr and Mrs Nicholson 2.00 p.m. I profoundly apologise that it will not be possible for current parents to attend due to the number of guests who have accepted invitations including former members of staff and local heads. My family (including my three daughters and Theo) will be present too. Parents are warmly invited to the second Mass at Brentwood Cathedral, which also is for past pupils on July 6th.</p>
Saturday 23 rd June	P.T.A. Summer Ball. Again I am delighted that my family will be attending what it is going to be a very special occasion
Monday 25 th June	<p>Figures Taster Day to St John's Billericay</p> <p>Figures Bikeability Cycling Proficiency</p>



	Reception 2 to Suntrap in Epping Forest PTA Cake Sale 3.00 p.m. Governors, Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 26 th June	New Pupil Reception for Reception upwards 9.00 a.m. Figures Bikeability Figures Parents' Secondary Transfer Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 27 th June	First Communion Commemoration Mass with Fr Selvini 10.30 a.m. Summer Concert 7.00 p.m. for Choir, String Ensemble and instrumental and vocal soloists – "Farewell"
Thursday 28 th June	Secondary School Fair – 6.00 – 8.30 p.m. – the fair is attended by the majority of the secondary schools that we feed at 11+. It takes place in the school hall, organised and arranged by Mrs Brown. Certainly of interest to all parents in Elements and above.
Friday 29 th June	Feast of St Peter and St Paul New Kindergarten Pupils' Reception Under 11 cricket v Avon House P.O.W. after school Reports issued from the class of Figures

Birthdays

Happy June birthdays to:

Guy Omotosho, Jesse Ogunlaja, Zane Folvi, Mofifoluwa Salami, Owen Kearney, Abilash Saravanan, Maximilian Chandra-Pool, Jude Dempsey-Thompson, Harry Anstey, Junior Ezihe, Sebastian Wszola, Boyd Donoghue, Dehra Aarav, Mack Barham and Reilly Walshe.

With all good wishes,

P.G.M. Nicholson



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