



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

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A Legacy

Sadly, with a heritage as old as Bromsgrove's, we receive fairly regular news of the passing of our older OBs. We always acknowledge such sad tidings in Bromsgrove Connected and via our various social media and Alumni publications. Occasionally however, we learn of a death which warrants a tribute across the entire School community.

So it is that we advise of the passing of Major Tim Hayward, a remarkable man whose contribution to the School was legend. From 1975 – 1997 he and his wife Gail were stalwarts in every facet of School life. The first Houseparents of Oakley and later, of Perry Hall (before it became Housman Hall), they were a driving force in boarding and co-education. Tim was also Houseparent of

Lyttelton and Walters, surely giving him a lasting record of leading four Houses.

His other roles were manifold, as were the accolades he received in fulfilling them. Officer Commanding CCF, President of the Common Room, creator of the Lower Fourth Camp, coach of rugby and 1st XI cricket, teacher par excellence. He was Bromsgrovian to the core and an example to all who encountered him.

When Housman Hall took over the neighbouring building as an extra wing in 2011, it was fitting that it be renamed Hayward in Tim and Gail's honour. The inscription outside the building reads:

"This building is named in honour of Tim and Gail Hayward, the first Houseparents of Perry (later to become Housman) Hall. Over the decades, in many roles, they have enriched the lives of numerous Bromsgrovians, winning the respect, admiration and affection of all. Their achievements were immense. Their legacy will never be forgotten."

Now more than ever, those final words ring loud. Tim Hayward's leadership, love and loyalty are a legacy never to be forgotten in the School. We extend our deepest condolences to Gail, their children and grandchildren and thank them for sharing with us this life well lived.

Peter Clague,
Headmaster

Siena Skis the Slalom

Siena Horton continues her excellent progress in skiing. Siena enjoyed a good week of racing at the AMBITION Championships in Austria at the start of January where she won one Giant Slalom race, coming 2nd place in the other. She also won two other slaloms throughout the week. Whilst in Chamonix the previous week, at the Anglo-Scottish Cup, she achieved three second place wins.

Stop Press: Siena achieved a fourth place finish in the U14 Grand Slalom race in the Trofeu Borrufa in Andorra, her first international race for GB. Siena was competing against 43 girls representing 25 nations.



Hockey Win

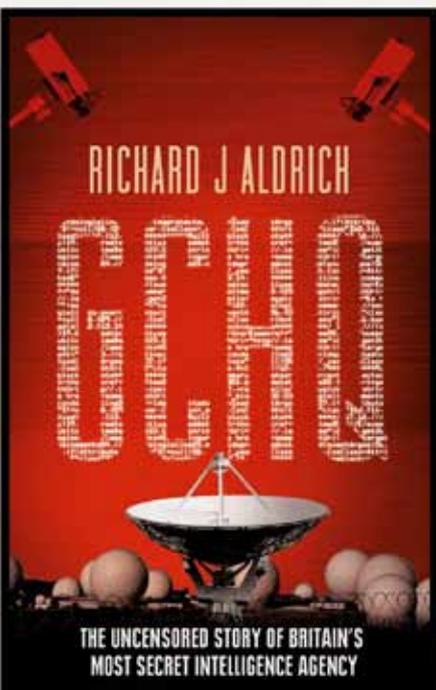
The U13 hockey team won the annual Foremarke Hall tournament. Over the years our U13 teams have had a string of successes at this tournament and this was the sixth consecutive year that Prep School have reached the final. Our teams have now won this prestigious tournament seven times in its twelve year history.



1940s Report



Year 6 were invited to journey back in time to 1940 with Charles Daventry, reporter extraordinaire. They experienced an air raid and what it would have been like standing with other evacuees waiting for the billeting officer to match them with a foster family. They also learnt about what life was like on the Home Front during the Second World War. The children had to focus on the emotive and occasionally emotional experiences of children during the period of the war and used their developing drama skills to explore these ideas.



Spy Masterclass

We were delighted to welcome Professor Richard J Aldrich to School to deliver a Masterclass on Surveillance and Counter-Espionage in the 21st Century to a packed audience of pupils, parents, staff and Governors. Professor Aldrich, who is a Professor of International Security at the University of Warwick, is the author of a number of books on intelligence and cyber-security, his main research interests lie in the area of intelligence and security communities.

Organised by Bromsgrove Futures, the Masterclass programme is an excellent opportunity for pupils to gain super-curricular experience, which is so important when applying for university, developing knowledge outside the curriculum and broadening current and future subject engagement.

Weather Alert

The School virtual weather station page is now live and can be accessed on the School website. The weather station, part-funded by the P.A., was installed during December on top of Page House.



Weather for Bromsgrove School at 2016-01-07 08:30:00 ... Temp 7.7 C ...

Current Weather for Bromsgrove School: Issue Date Jan 7th 08:30 GMT



Fencing

Danny Guo took part in the West Midlands U18 Sabre Championships where he finished in second place. This result qualifies him to represent the West Midlands at the British Youth Championships National Finals in Sheffield in May.



Biology Posters

As part of biology week, the biology department entered the National Royal Society of Biology Fungi competition. The brief was to produce an A4 flyer to engage the public on a specific fungal interaction. Two Bromsgrove pupils won the main prizes:

Charis Kwan won Top prize (1 of 5 nationally) with a flyer detailing Ectomycorrhizas. Charis received a £100 cheque and certificate. Charis' flyer will be displayed at UK fungus events and on the British Mycological Society website.

Ella Longden was a runner-up (1 of 10 nationally). Her flyer on Aspergillus infections won her a £50 cheque and certificate.



Badminton



Well done to Elizabeth Hambling who won the title of Worcestershire U17s Singles and Doubles County Badminton Champion recently.



Great Fire

Year 1 had a stunning start to their project on the Great Fire of London with a visit from Samuel Pepys, who had travelled forward in time from the 17th Century to read extracts from his famous diary. He amazed the children with experiments which demonstrated the ferocity of the fire.

Dramatic Year 8



Preparations and rehearsals are well under way for the Year 8 production of *Alice* and it's looking promising for exciting performances on February 8th and 9th. Curtains up at 7.15pm in Cobham Hall, all parents are welcome



Homes

Reception pupils enjoyed a lovely walk around Avoncroft Museum of Buildings at the start of their new topic 'Home Sweet Home'. The children compared old houses with their own and loved looking at the windmill. A big thank you to Avoncroft Museum who very kindly let staff and pupils walk around the Museum unaccompanied free of charge.

Rugby

During the Christmas holidays Tom Ford, Lawrence Weston, Beck Cutting, George Wotten and Alex Nisbet played for Worcester Warriors Academy against Gloucester Academy whose team included Harrison Fowke and Henry Walker in the Premiership academies U18 league.



Sport Award

We are very proud to once again have been in the School Sport magazine's top 10 Schools.

This year we have achieved 4th best independent school in country for sport. Well done to all our teams and individuals who have helped achieve this over the past year.



Oxbridge Offers

Very well done to pupils who have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge.

Oxford: Thomas Lynch, Materials Science - Corpus Christi and Hugo Evans, Earth Sciences

Cambridge: Kate Edgington, Law – Queens; Rashid Khashiev, Natural Sciences - St John's; William Lockhart, Land Economy – Fitzwilliam; Alice Vaughan, Modern Languages - St Catharine's and Joanna Zada, HSPS - St John's.

This is an impressive range of subjects and includes both Heads of School.



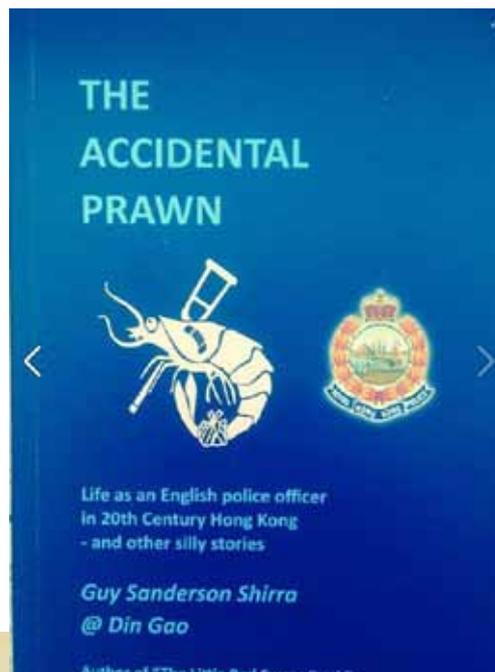
Bromsgrovian News



Matt Mullan

Matt Mullan (S 97-05) has been named in the England squad ahead of the RBS 6 Nations in February. The team's first match, against Scotland, takes place on 6th February. We send our best wishes to Matt and look forward to following his progress.

Photo courtesy of England Rugby



Violetta Onischenko

Violetta Onischenko (O 02-07) is currently undertaking an LPC course at The University of Law, but in her spare time enjoys creating and selling art, something which she says stems from her time at Bromsgrove under the former Head of Art, Mr Hedges. Violetta exhibits her work online via Instagram and Etsy, whilst her commissioned paintings are receiving



high acclaim – actor Steve Coogan was one of her recent customers.

Guy Shirra

Guy Shirra (G 60-65) has written a book, *The Accidental Prawn*, which contains a chapter on life in Bromsgrove School between 1960-1965. Guy has kindly placed a copy in the School library for pupils and staff.

If you would like to find out more or to purchase a copy, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/TheAccidentalPrawn/>

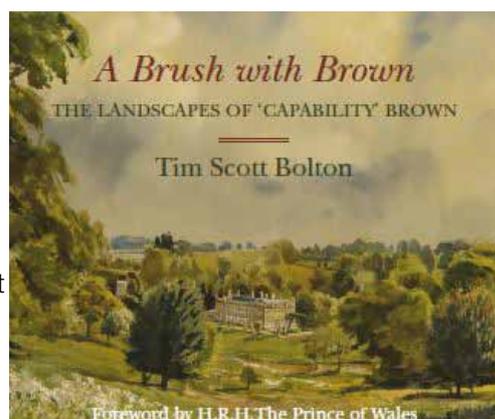
Future OB Events

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| Thursday 4th February 2016 | Donors' Lunch |
| Tuesday 9th February 2016 | OB and Current Pupils' Speed Networking Event |
| Thursday 10th March 2016 | The Seventh Annual Foundation Lecture |
| Thursday 21st April 2016 | Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society Lunch |
| Saturday 23rd April 2016 | Call My Wine Bluff event in the Dining Hall |
| Saturday 10th September 2016 | 1960-1969 Leavers' Reunion |
| Saturday 1st October 2016 | 2006 Leavers' Reunion |

For more information about any of these events please contact Megan Griffiths or Jenny Bossard in the Alumni Office.

Tim Scott-Bolton

Tim (W 60-65) has written and illustrated his first book about Lancelot 'Capability' Brown to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Lancelot's birth. From childhood Tim has been passionate about the great country houses, many of which were abandoned and dilapidated in the 1950s when he explored them with his mother. As a full-time artist for over 40 years, his passion has enabled him to visit and paint many country houses over the years. *A Brush with Brown* is being published by the Dovecote Press (www.dovecotepress.com) in April 2016. It is going to be large format hardback of 136 pages and will cost £25. If you want any more information about the book or the paintings please contact trish@summerleazegallery.co.uk



Forthcoming Events 2016

JANUARY

Saturday 30th V1th Form Courses Information Morning, Routh Hall 8.45am
Saturday 30th Lyttelton House Ball, Grafton Manor

FEBRUARY

Thursday 4th Evensong at Bristol Cathedral 5.15pm
Monday 8th Year 8 production of 'Alice' 7.00pm Cobham Hall
Tuesday 9th Year 8 production of 'Alice' 7.00pm Cobham Hall
Tuesday 9th Informal Concert, Old Chapel 1.15pm
Tuesday 24th Fourth Form Play, The Musicians, Drama Studio 7.00pm
Wednesday 25th Fourth Form Play, The Musicians, Drama Studio 7.00pm

MARCH

Thursday 3rd World Book Day, Pre-Prep
Saturday 5th Young Enterprise Spring Trade Fair, Webbs of Wychbold
Saturday 5th Chinese New Year Concert
Sunday 6th Mothering Sunday Service, Chapel
Tuesday 8th Sweeney Todd at the Artrix Theatre 7.15pm
Wednesday 9th Sweeney Todd at the Artrix Theatre 7.15pm
Thursday 10th Sweeney Todd at the Artrix Theatre 7.15pm
Thursday 10th The Seventh Annual Foundation Lecture, The Lansdowne Club London 7.00pm
Tuesday 15th Pop and Jazz, Routh Hall 7.00pm
Wednesday 16th Year 6 Play performance Cobham Hall 7.00pm
Friday 18th Year 3 Penguin Café, Maple Hall 2.30pm
Saturday 19th Foundation Ladies' Lunch
Monday 21st Nursery Concert 9.15am
Tuesday 22nd Nursery Concert 9.15am