

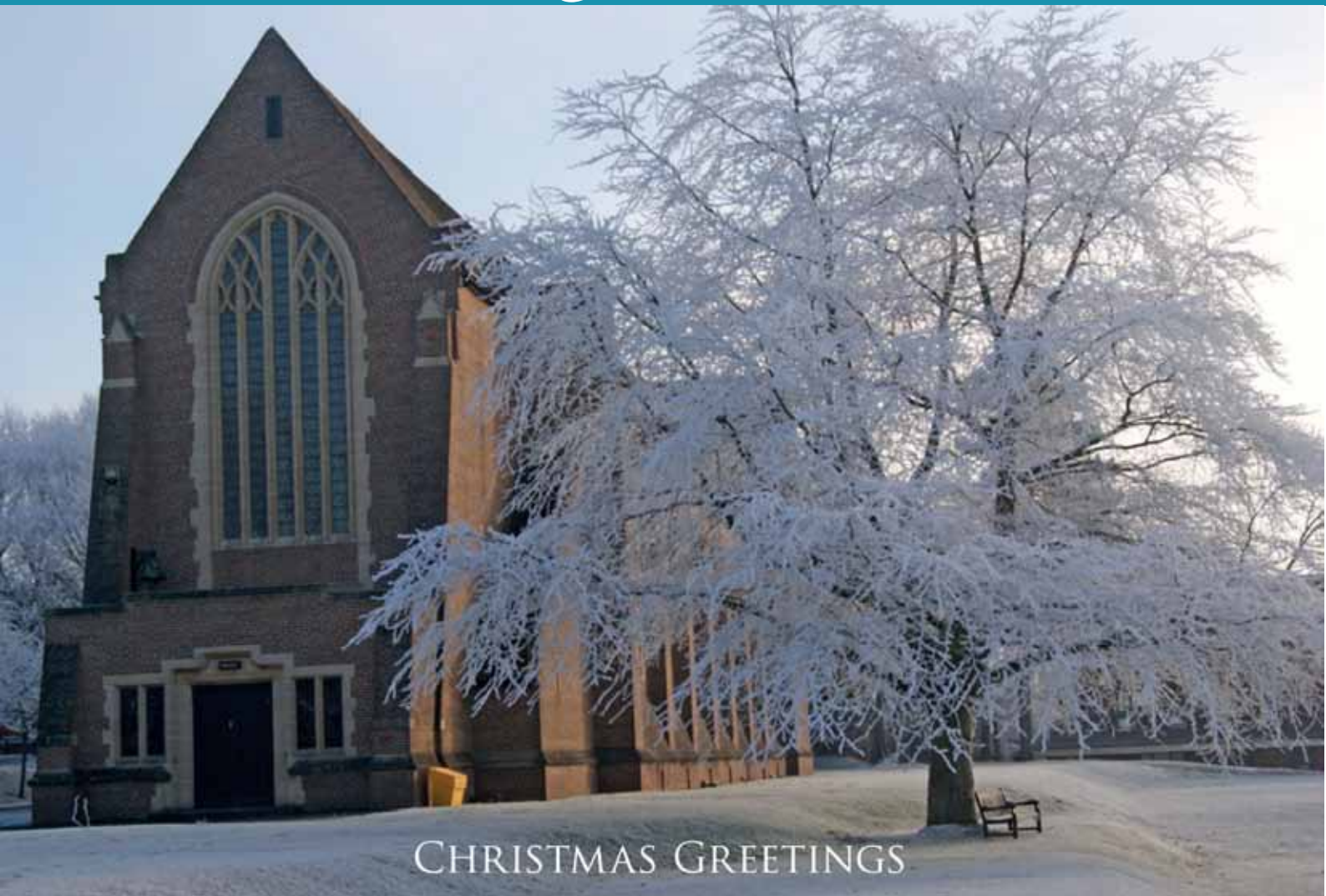


BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

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NEWS REVIEW

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Wishing all of our families
and friends of the School
Peace and Happiness
this Christmas

Remembrance

As it is tradition, all sections of the School observed Remembrance Day.

Senior School observed a two-minute silence as staff and pupils assembled before the flagpole and the poppy display.

Lt Peil took a group of Cadets to parade in Astwood Bank, and 2 Lt Prouse went with another group to parade at Tardebigge Church, and a group of Cadets sold poppies in Redditch.

On Remembrance Sunday, the pupils and staff took part in the School Remembrance Services. Year 8 made beautiful poppies for the Service display in Chapel.



Oakley Donate

Well done to all the girls of Oakley House who took part in their third annual 5k Charity Run. The sun shone as more than sixty girls and staff completed the course around the School grounds. Ashna Gale came in first place with Laura Yong and Hatty Owen close behind. Over £1000 was raised for the House Charity, Bone Cancer Research Trust.



Cricket

Well done to Alfie Higgins who has been selected for the Worcestershire County Cricket Academy.



Bike Ride

Arthur Thompson and Theo Lewis (Year 7) raised over £1000 for the Primrose Hospice by completing a challenging cycle ride along a local canal path, the thirty-five mile route took them six hours to complete.

Buried in Time

A special time capsule, created for the Platinum Jubilee year, was buried in the School grounds by the Headmaster, Mr Punt, Mr Marie (Headmaster of Prep and Pre-Prep) and the Senior Heads of School, their Deputies and the Senior Boarders.

The capsule contains copies of pupils' work and photographs from the Jubilee celebrations, as well as information pertaining to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Sustainable Art

Following on from Sustainability Week, Prep pupils brought in their entries to the sustainable art competition; there was a huge range of animals made from all sorts of recycled items. Miss Read had the challenging job of judging the models and she was delighted to choose Max Morgan, Freya Singleton and Oliver Lee as the winners. Well done to the three pupils who were delighted to win House points.



Forest School

On a very wet and windy morning, Mrs Lockhart's Year 1 class were delighted to welcome family members to share the fun of Forest School.



Fencing

Fencing is a popular activity in both Prep and Senior Schools and we are delighted with the number of players who have taken part in competitions this term.

At the 2022 Warwick Age Group Epee at Warwick School. In the U14 boys' category, Alvis Luk finished with a bronze medal and Jasper Page in 4th place, George Ascough came in 5th and Prep School Fencer Archie Wilson in 8th place.

In the U19 competition, Kamilla Kartashkina won silver in the girls' category whilst Oliver Gowen finished 5th in the boys' category.

Fencers from both Prep and Senior Schools also participated in the Warwick Age Group Foil competition. For the Senior School, Alvis Luk came away with a win in the U14 category, having beaten Jasper Page in a closely fought final.

For the Prep School, Amina Muldasheva finished in 6th place and Priya Giles came 7th in the U12 girls' category. Meanwhile Archie Wilson finished in 12th place in the U14 event.

Some of the region's finest fencers were competing in the event, and so this is a wonderful achievement for our teams.



Pupils also competed at the Cocks Moors Epee Championships held at Tudor Grange, Solihull. This is a renowned competition with fencers travelling from all over the country.

In the U15 boys' Epee, Alvis Luk finished in 13th, with Jasper Page in 15th, Oliver Gowen in 18th and George Ascough in 24th.

Jasper went on to fence in the Mens' event, finishing 73rd whilst Laura Floricic finished 48th in the Womens' Event.



Hockey

The U13A girls' hockey team competed in the IAPS regional tournament. Bromsgrove demonstrated excellent teamwork and great discipline to finish top of their group. The girls should all be extremely proud of their performances and were unfortunate to be knocked out of the tournament having not conceded any goals all day.

The U13 team have also progressed in the Independent Schools Hockey Cup; wins over Trent College and Latymer Upper School mean they are now through to the quarter finals.



Barcelona Tour



At half term, a keen group of hockey players went on tour to Barcelona. The aim of the tour was to experience a good standard of hockey and another culture. The students spent their first day training and had dinner at the Hard Rock Café. The next day took in a tour of Camp Nou, the home of FC Barcelona, and one of the last opportunities to visit the stadium as it is now. The first matches of the tour followed, with the girls drawing 2-2 and the boys winning 3-1. The following day pupils had time to go around the Port Adventure Theme Park, a park that boasts the tallest roller coaster in Europe, before playing their next set of matches. These resulted in a 0-0 draws for both the girls and the boys. On their final day the pupils spent the morning at the beach playing beach volleyball before heading to the Gothic Quarter and the final matches of the tour - a win for both the boys and girls rounded off a great tour.



Golf Ranks



Following three gruelling rounds of golf on international courses that took over six hours to play each day, Lili-Rose Hunt finished 1st out of the girls at the AQ Invitational World Ranking Event.

Having successfully reduced her handicap, giving her world ranking points, Lili-Rose took part in the European Junior Open, a five day event which was televised by Sky. They also hosted a pairs competition, which Lili-Rose won, giving her automatic entry to the 2023 European Junior Open.

Flying Cadets

The RAF section of the CCF had a great day when twelve Cadets were able to take part in Air Experience Flights under bright blue skies at RAF Cosford.



Cross-Country

Bromsgrove hosted the first round of the ESAA cross-country cup. Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 boys who became county champions.

In the regional finals of the ESAA cross-country competition, three teams of boys and girls competed in the competition, again hosted here at Bromsgrove. The Junior boys put in an outstanding performance to win their competition and the Senior boys were involved in a tight finish to their competition, managing to finish in third place; both teams qualified for the National Final. Well done also to the Intermediate boys and girls and the Senior girls who all performed well, but didn't qualify for the finals.

A huge well done to the Junior boys who finished in third place overall in the National Final in Leeds.



Pumpkins Galore

Henry and Toby Buckingham once again opened their annual charity pumpkin stall after planting the seeds back in May and nurturing them over the summer. All proceeds will go to Cancer Research.



Grateful

Children in Nursery enjoyed a sensory activity of scooping out pumpkin seeds and using tweezers to carefully pick them up. They created a 'Gratitude Pumpkin' by thinking of things they felt grateful for.



Carving

The Headmaster and Mrs Punt judged annual Senior School House Pumpkin Carving competition, the winners were:
1st - Housman Hall
2nd - Lupton
3rd - Wendron-Gordon



24 Hours on a Bike



Well done to Lyttelton House who completed a 24 hour cycling challenge for the Matt Hampson Foundation. The Charity's purpose is to inspire and support young people who have been seriously injured through sport. The aim was to cycle the distance from Oceanside, California to Annapolis, Maryland - a total of 4828km. The team actually covered 5216km in the 24 hours.



Blue Peter

Well done to young musician Nancy Morgan who was awarded her Blue Peter Music Badge for playing the drums and performing with the percussion group in a School concert,



Piano Man

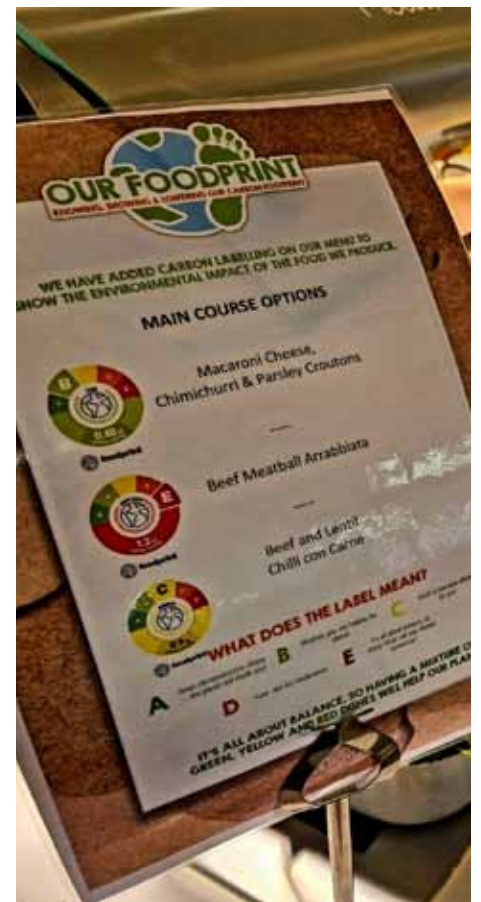
Josh Graesser lost his mum to breast cancer in 2018. St Richard's Hospice were there for all the family throughout her battle and provided the best care when she needed it most. Since then, Josh and his dad have continued to support the Hospice. As a developing musician and someone who is trying to fundraise for a brilliant cause, Josh decided to put these two things together and play the piano for 12-hours continuously to raise money for the Hospice. His marathon was streamed live via YouTube. Well done to Josh who raised £1,664 through his efforts, this will be boosted with gift aid.



Carbon Menu

As part of our Sustainability programme, and in partnership with our Catering team, School has launched a Carbon Labelling menu.

Representatives from Holroyd Howe were on hand to talk to pupils and staff about the new labelling and all things sustainable.



Marmite in the City

Fifth Form students attending the 'Marmite More Able' seminars literally and figuratively saw the City of Birmingham in a different light, visiting the Museum and Art Gallery, Library and Think Tank.

Asked to make notes and sketch what they saw, students searched for 'Something fascinating' and 'Something surprising'. Their choices came from exhibits as contrasting as the architecture and diverse as the peoples of the city – from Pre-Raphaelite Art and posters campaigning for racial justice, to a multimedia history of clubbing and display of Shakespeare through Bollywood.



Digging the Past

Year 3 had an amazing day at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre as part of their "Dig!" topic.

They participated in a range of exciting hands-on activities to enhance their learning about the Stone Age and the Iron Age through first-hand experience.

Global Voices

As part of Global Voices, Prep School pupils were treated to a Nepalese themed lunch in the dining hall.



Service to Science

Bromsgrove Service students visited Chadsgrove School to carry out some practical science work. Great fun was had by all involved and everyone is looking forward to their future science sessions.



Pick it Up

Some of the Prep School Eco Committee pupils spotted an area where a lot of litter had collected and set to work to clean it up. Well done to all of you who came to support the effort, the local residents appreciate your hard work.



Orchestral Experience

The Music Department hosted an ESO Orchestral Day with Feeder Schools, seventy prep school children from six local schools and some Bromsgrove pupils took part. In addition to the staff who ran the day, Sixth Formers Sophia Meadows, Katie Harding, Gabriel Brown, Jake Wingfield and Joe Boardman assisted with great energy and commitment, sitting with less experienced musicians and leading by example.



Scholars' Concert



The annual Performing Arts Scholars' Concert involved almost 40 Senior School Performing Arts Scholars.

The evening began in Cobham Theatre with Drama Scholars performing extracts from some classic 20th Century plays including works by Terence Rattigan & Sean O'Casey. There were excerpts from 'Another

Country'; and Diane Samuels' moving play 'Kindertransport' and from the hilarious new National Theatre version of 'The Rivals: Jack Absolute Flies Again'.

The second half was performed in Routh Concert Hall, with performances ranging from Bach, Mozart, Shostakovich, George Gershwin all the

way to a wonderful re-creation of Hans Zimmer's score from 'The Pirates of The Caribbean'.

This remarkable and wide ranging programme showcased the talent of our Scholars who all worked extraordinarily hard in preparing for their performances; the results were truly exceptional.

It's a Mystery

Forty-six students from the Senior School brought the term's rich theatrical endeavours to a sparkling conclusion last week in their witty, fast moving and wonderfully slick thriller *The Hampstead Murder Mystery*. In just over 80 minutes, the packed houses over four nights witnessed

some magical 'whole cast' moments, from the opening images of a 1920's cinema audience gripped with terror as events unfolded on a screen in front of them, through the attempted escape of a petty thief from a third storey window while being chased by an entire police force, to the glamorous and exuberant

Charleston. Every imaginative moment was meticulously rehearsed by this well-disciplined cast who seemed genuinely to care about giving a pitch perfect performance.



Basketball

The U18s won their first national cup game today against Alcester Grammar. School



Tae Kwon Do

Congratulations to Heston Matthews who won second place in the Advanced Men's 74kg weight Tae Kwon Do at the Peterborough Championship Series.



Gifts Galore

Thank you to the Prep School Parents' Association who organised a wonderful Christmas Shopping Event for pupils in Years 3 and 4.

Wonderland

Page boarders enjoyed a Winter Wonderland themed day in the House, making gingerbread houses and festive decorations.



Workshop

Year 8 enjoyed a trip to the Heritage Centre on the Senior School campus where they read letters from WW1 and learned about the Old Bromsgrovians with Archivist, Nikki Thorpe.



Year 7 Exhibit



Year 7 collaborative artwork 'Field of Flowers' was put forward at the Creative Arts Showcase exhibition, which took place over October half term. We were delighted to learn that the artwork was selected as the first place winner in the Youth Category.

Kit Car News

Both of Bromsgrove's Greenpower Kit Car teams qualified for the finals, racing against universities and corporations like Jaguar Land Rover and Southleigh Racing.

Both teams worked superbly on the cars throughout the day which made for a very enjoyable day of racing, with victory in sight for both teams.

Bromsgrove were awarded a trophy for

best presented team, with the seniors showing everyone how a team should look by wearing full suits, shades and School overalls.

A thank you to our sponsors: EasyTruck, 4QD, NSOptimum and Washford Finishings and special thanks Mr Matthews and Mr Heard for their support this season. Our Greenpower Teams should be commended for an unflinching and trophy laden season.



Table Tennis

Congratulations to the Prep boys' table tennis team following their participation in the County competition. This is the first time that there has been a team from the Prep School, and they performed brilliantly to win.



Tennis

The School held a tournament for tennis academy players - a total of thirty entries were received across the U8 mixed, U10 girls' and U10 boys' categories.

Eight Bromsgrove students took part - Henry Buckingham, Toby Buckingham, Lamia Vejzovic-Wilson, Rose Thompson, Summer Nicol, Aaliyah Jackson, Connie Foster and Ellie Baker. A special mention goes Summer who won the U10 girls' event and to Aaliyah who was runner up in the same category.

Summer Nicol competed at the Wales tour event in Cardiff. She found herself 0-3 down in the first round and fought back to take it 4-3. Summer then went through to the semi-final, which she won convincingly, and then went on to win the final. Congratulations Summer.



Design Trip

Design Technology Sixth Form pupils visited London for the Product Design in Action lectures. All had a superb time and attended lectures from leaders in the Design industry discussing current issues.



Albert Hall

Pupils from Years 5 & 6 took part in a Barnardo's Charity Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. It was a wonderful experience to perform in such a prestigious venue accompanied by the world class Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Thank you to all the friends and family who made the journey to London to support the singers. £60,000 was raised to help vulnerable children and young people.

Advent

We have held an wonderful range of Advent and Christmas Services for pupils and families, starting with the the candle-lit Advent Service and followed by the Pre-Prep Nativity Service, Year 3 & 4's Christingle Service and the traditional Christmas Services for Prep and Senior pupils.



Christmas Joy

Pre-Prep pupils had a festive decorating the two beautiful Christmas trees.



Nativity Play

Years 1 & 2 enjoyed an uplifting, Christmas theatre trip to see Nativity! The Musical.

Many thanks to the Parents' Association for funding this amazing ly festive treat.

Street Food

As a festive treat for the boarders, our Catering Partners Holdroyd Howe put on a Christmas Street Food Market. Despite the very cold weather everyone joined in enthusiastically and the boarders enjoyed selecting from a huge variety of foods and some even met Santa.



Bromsgrovian News

Eye Nepal

Earlier in the year, the Charity group were fundraising for EYENepal. The new teacher training venue has been refurbished with the funds raised by Holroyd Howe (our catering partners) and the Bromsgrove School community. So far, thirty teachers have attended training sessions for KS1 and 2 lessons. There has been amazing feedback from all involved.



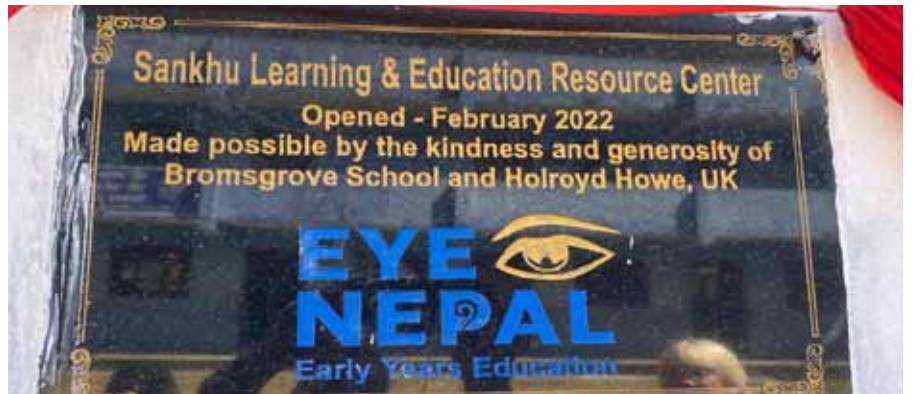
Rugby Move

Seb Atkinson (E 15-20) has joined Gloucester Rugby from Worcester Warriors. 20-year-old centre Seb joins the Cherry & Whites after two years with the Warriors.

Seb made his senior debut against Gloucester Rugby in the Premiership Rugby Cup and went on to make nine more senior appearances last season.



(Photo Credit: Worcester Warriors)



OB Visit



We were delighted to welcome back Old Bromsgrovian John Thorpe (Gordon 52-57) together with his wife and daughter. Following a tour of John's former Boarding House (now known as Wendron-Gordon), the Thorpe family were interested to visit the Heritage Centre where archives from the 1950s were laid out. It was wonderful to hear some of the stories that came flooding back when a face was spotted in the Whole School photograph or a name was seen in the Bromsgrovian magazine.

BIST Gala Evening

The Headmaster, Michael Punt, and his wife Gill, along with Lesley Brookes (Bursar) and Rachel Scannell (Assistant Head) had the pleasure of attending the 20th Anniversary Gala for Bromsgrove International School Thailand. It was a superb event with an energetic display of music and dance. Earlier in the day, they had visited the Early Years Campus where they joined in with some lessons alongside young Bromsgrovian learners.



Farewell

The Headmaster and Mrs Punt welcomed the gap teachers to Thatcholme at the end of term to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' before they go back home to Australia.

Thank you to Olivia, Sophie and Jessica for all their hard work this year. We wish you all luck in your future education and careers - come back and visit when you are in the UK.





Oak Tree

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Iglehart back to see the oak tree she had planted in memory of her brother, John David Thomas (E 48-52). John was a keen cricketer, so it is fitting that his tree overlooks the pitch.

Speaker's Lunch

We welcomed His Honour Judge Richard Foster (OB and Foundation Trustee) as guest speaker. His Honour spoke about his legal career, from qualifying as a solicitor to sitting at some of the highest courts in the land. His talk provided a fascinating and thought-provoking insight into the UK's judicial system.



Remembrance

We also remembered the fallen in Llanwrtyd Wells, the Welsh town which the School called home during WW2. Nikki Thorpe and Megan Griffiths from the Bromsgrovian Office represented the School, with OB Christopher Price, himself a former pupil during the war years, laying the wreath at the town's War Memorial.



If any Old Bromsgrovians have news to share with us, or would like to arrange to visit the School, please do get in touch with the Bromsgrovian office: oldbromsgrovians@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.

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