



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

# Bromsgrovian

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## A Word from the Headmaster

Each summer term, we enjoy hosting four pupils from both Bromsgrove Mission Hills China and Bromsgrove International School Thailand (as pictured above with Mr Giles Montier, Headmaster of BIST). It is always remarkable how quickly they settle into everyday life here at the original Bromsgrove School, how readily they make friends, and how confidently they adapt to new routines. I very much hope that their time with us will remain a happy and lasting memory; I also know that many of our pupils here greatly value the opportunity to form friendships with peers from thousands of miles away.

In this increasingly interconnected world, it is vitally important that we learn from one another, particularly from those who bring different backgrounds and perspectives. I always enjoy meeting with the Heads of our partner schools within the Bromsgrove family and sharing ideas. Our settings may vary, and sometimes so do the challenges we face, but we are united in our commitment to providing the very best holistic education for the young people in our care. The Bromsgrove family of schools continues to grow, with established schools in China and Thailand, a recent addition in Cambodia, and, as highlighted on the next page, a

newly signed partnership agreement to open schools in India, beginning with Pune.

As the Bromsgrove community expands internationally, it is increasingly clear that we are more than a collection of separate schools; we are a global family. The strength of this family lies in the dedication and ambition of each Bromsgrove School, while, in turn, each school is enriched and strengthened by being part of the wider Bromsgrove family.

Michael Punt  
**HEADMASTER**

## New School Partnership

Bromsgrove School is delighted to announce a new partnership with the Meghe Group in India to open two innovative schools, beginning with a flagship campus in Pune scheduled to welcome its first students in September 2027. This collaboration brings together two highly respected educational institutions to offer families a choice of both the Indian curriculum and an international curriculum, delivered with the shared values of academic ambition, global outlook, and holistic

development. This agreement was assisted by Vipul Bhargava and the team from Novistra Capital who provided a key partnership advisory service.

“We are incredibly excited to take Bromsgrove School’s heritage, ethos and values to India. The shared vision of Meghe and Bromsgrove is to provide a world-class education that fosters academic excellence, character development, creativity and cultural awareness in today’s interconnected

world. Megrove Pune, will uphold the same high standards and holistic approach to education that our schools worldwide are known for.” Headmaster of Bromsgrove UK, Mr Michael Punt.

This marks an exciting new chapter for both organisations, and we look forward to sharing further details about the schools, their leadership, and admissions timelines in the months ahead.



## Young Enterprise

HydroMind, the school's Young Enterprise team, achieved success at the County Final of the Company of the Year Competition in April, winning the 'Best Use of Technology' award and receiving a Finalist trophy. The judges were particularly impressed by the team's interactive website and innovative use of portable laser-cutting machinery, which enabled them to customise products at trade events. The team was also praised for its presentation, teamwork and commitment throughout the competition.



## Coding

Computer Science students had the opportunity to participate in the Raspberry Pi Coding Competition, testing their understanding of both Python programming and SQL. A total of fifty Bromsgrove pupils took part across two difficulty levels: Navigator and Pathfinder. Eighteen students achieved a Distinction, and a further seven achieved a Merit. Particular congratulations go to our 'Best in School' students for their outstanding performance - Sam Inglis and Ethan Woo.



## CRUK

Four pupils in Year 4 instigated a fantastic idea to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. They made, bought, organised and ran their sale independently, raising a final total of £189.54 - an amazing achievement, well done!

## Flourishing Fivers

Year 7 pupils Austin Butler, Kishan Ratra, Daniel Taylor and Ben White have thrown themselves into the Flourishing Fivers initiative for Primrose Hospice over the Easter break. Whilst honing their cricket skills, the aim was to complete over 2000 bowls in the quickest possible time. The boys have already exceeded their fundraising target of £1,000.



## Cricket

The girls' U13A team competed in the Regional Indoor Finals at Edgbaston. The team performed exceptionally well to reach the final and were unfortunate to lose by the narrowest of margins. A fantastic achievement to finish as regional runners-up and to take home well-deserved silver medals - congratulations to all involved.

## CCF Course

Congratulations to CSM George Ascough, one of our Senior Cadets, who has passed his Master Cadet Course at Frimley Park Cadet Training Centre. He is the only Cadet in the last thirteen years to attend the course.



# La Dolce Vita

Just before the Easter holidays, forty-nine excited Year 7 pupils travelled to Rome for a memorable residential visit. Upon arrival, they explored landmarks including the Spanish Steps, Piazza del Popolo, the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona, before sampling gelato and enjoying an authentic Italian pizza on their first evening.

Day two included a packed itinerary of the Vatican City, the Roman Forum, Colosseum, Palatine Hill and Piazza

Navona, followed by dinner featuring traditional Italian dishes. On day three, the group travelled to the ancient ruins of Herculaneum before continuing to Sorrento, where they settled into their second hotel and enjoyed an evening in the town.

Day four took the pupils to Mount Vesuvius, where they hiked to the summit and experienced views across the Bay of Naples, followed by a hydrofoil crossing and time on the

beach, shopping and pizza-making activities. On the final day, the group returned to Naples for their flight home. The trip was also Mr Jones' final school visit before his retirement at the end of the Summer Term, and he thanked the pupils for being excellent ambassadors, alongside staff who supported the visit.



## Archivists

The School Archivist, Nikki Thorpe, visited Year 1 to lead an engaging, hands-on workshop. The children explored the rich history of the School, learning about its beginnings as Ottilie Hild School on College Road through to the official opening of Bromsgrove Pre-Prep at its current site.

The session brought history to life, with pupils enjoying the opportunity to handle artefacts.

Highlights included trying on pieces of the old uniform and looking at

historical photographs. The children were also delighted to wear the 'special' white gloves used by archivists when handling important items. They were fascinated to see photographs of the family who once lived in the building when it was still a house.

The morning was filled with curiosity and excitement, and it provided a wonderful introduction to their new topic, *Our School and Beyond*.



## Chamber Choir

Chamber Choir had an exhilarating experience, performing the world premiere of *Five Beacons of Light*, by award-winning composer Cheryl Frances-Hoad. They sang amongst a Worcestershire schools' collective choral society of around 100 singers, alongside professional choir Sonoro, and members of the English Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Neil Ferris.

The piece charts the historical founding of lighthouses around the UK, and makes us think about the natural world and our planet's future with warnings aplenty about our responsibility to look after our surroundings better.

Worcester Cathedral was packed out to hear the premier of this inspiring piece. Our pupils also loved meeting the composer, and librettist Di Sherlock. This was a really special event, and one which will live in the memory for a long time.

Photos of the event can be obtained from official photographer: Five Beacons Of Light Michael Whitefoot.

## ICE

Earlier this year, Lower Fourth Form geographers took part in the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Pollution Control online challenge. Working in small teams, pupils managed a simulated pollution incident, making strategic decisions to balance sustainability, stakeholder satisfaction and problem-solving within a budget. Twenty nine achieved an ICE Gold Certificate and the highest-scoring team, which now stands in contention to be the top team in the UK, was made up of William Ford-James, Karam Ghuman, Johan Gurung and Jacob White-Samson. Congratulations to all involved.



## Housman Verse Prize

Darcy McCormack read her winning entry for the Housman Verse Prize 2026 during Routh assembly to the Senior School pupils and Common Room.

Darcy explains, “This poem centres on the transition from childhood to adulthood, using the idea of “play” as a metaphor for freedom, identity, and growth. It reflects on how play was once instinctive and effortless, something that shaped everyday life, before gradually being replaced by structure. The chessboard acts as a central symbol throughout, representing

both the simplicity of each School life and the increasing sense of strategy and pressure as time goes on.”

“I was inspired by the chessboard at Prep School and my own experience of leaving School, particularly the routine of gathering around the chessboard in the early years. As I approach the end of this chapter and look towards university, I wanted to capture the feeling of stepping into something unknown, where the rules are less clear.”



## The 100% Club

Our Prep and Pre-Prep catering team have received a perfect score in their recent ESB audit, covering food safety and H&S.

Achieving 100% is a significant achievement, and we offer our congratulations to the team.





## Sustainability

We are delighted to share that Bromsgrove School has been shortlisted for the Boarding Schools' Association 'Sustainability in Boarding' Award, following the work led by our pupil Eco-Committees.

The nomination recognises a wide range of hands-on projects across boarding life including reducing waste, making more sustainable food choices, planting trees, growing produce, and supporting biodiversity both on site and within the local community. These initiatives are driven by pupils and supported by staff, showing that sustainability is a core part of everyday life at Bromsgrove.

## Quantum Computing Masterclass

Lower Sixth Physics and Computer Science students took part in the UK's first ever quantum computing masterclass at Rutherford Appleton Laboratories in Oxfordshire. The group were the first Sixth Form ever taken on a tour of the National Quantum Computing Centre, where they saw real quantum hardware and spoke to researchers at the facility. Students took part in several programming tasks that involved determining qubit manipulation with a Bloch sphere model and building circuits to determine the four Bell states for an entangled two-qubit system. The group were highly commended for their performance at the tasks throughout the day and for their resilience in learning incredibly challenging new concepts in such a short amount of time.





## Top Nursery

Bromsgrove Pre-Prep Nursery was named one of the 'Top 20 Nurseries in the West Midlands' for the second consecutive year. The award recognised the continued dedication and care shown by the Early Years team in providing a nurturing environment for children and their families.

## CCF Leavers' Dinner

Cadets were joined by the Headmaster and Mrs Punt at the annual CCF Sixth Form leavers' meal. Guests were entertained by the Shirley Pipe Band and listened to a thought-provoking speech from guest of honour the Reverend Ray Kahn.



## IEA Budget Challenge

Matthew Hill, Adrian Keseljevic, Dosti Dostiyarov and Vicente Constantini Conte competed at the National Finals of the IEA Budget Challenge. They finished second in what was an immensely competitive final of the very highest academic standards. This is particularly impressive given that Vicente answered questions via Zoom from Brazil and Matthew from the UAE. They have shown determination, resilience and academic excellence in what has been a student driven process.

## RYA Youth National Championships

Mona Nygard competed at the RYA Youth National Championships in Hayling Island. The weather was varied - windy, sunny and stormy at various intervals - but she persevered in tricky tidal conditions to achieve 19th place overall and 4th female team.



## Economics Olympiad

Antoine Dugain (IB1) has been selected to represent France this summer at the International Economics Olympiad in China, joining four fellow students chosen nationally. This prestigious selection recognises Antoine's sustained academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and deep commitment to the study of Economics. Competing at an international level will offer the opportunity to collaborate closely with a highly motivated national team, engage with complex economic challenges, and measure his ideas against those of peers from around the world. We are immensely proud of Antoine's achievement and wish him every success as he represents France on the global stage.

## National Youth Theatre

Congratulations to Hattie Townsend (Drama Scholar Pathway) who has been selected as a member of the prestigious National Youth Theatre of Great Britain.

During February half term, Hattie attended an audition day in London, with group workshops and a panel interview. Around 6,000 14-25 year olds audition each year and the acceptance rate is roughly 5% so we are delighted to hear that Hattie has been accepted, especially as she is just 14 years old.

She will now attend a two week course during the summer holidays which will then give her full membership of the NYT, along with all the training and performance opportunities that this brings.



## Netball

The U11A team travelled to compete in the IAPS National Netball Finals. The girls were outstanding ambassadors for the School, representing Bromsgrove with great spirit and determination. They progressed into the top eight schools in the country in the cup competition and, despite a narrow defeat in their opening cup match against North Collegiate London, should be incredibly proud of their final placing among the top Prep schools nationally.



## Arkwright Scholarship

Charlotte Birch was awarded an Arkwright Engineering Scholarships Scholarship in recognition of her commitment and excellence in Design Technology. The scholarship supports talented students interested in engineering, computing and technical design through a two-year development programme. Charlotte described the application process as both challenging and rewarding, giving her the opportunity to explore her interest in engineering in greater depth. She also expressed her appreciation for the support offered through the scholarship and looked forward to the opportunities it would provide in the future.

## iDEA Award

This academic year, Computer Science students have the opportunity to complete the iDEA Award, an international, award-winning programme that helps develop digital, enterprise, and employability skills. It is open to all year groups. We are pleased to report that two of our Lower Fourth students have already achieved the Bronze award - well done to Serena Wadhwa and Yoan Alexandrov. Also, Lokesh Reddi and Benjii Critchley have now received the Silver iDEA award.



## King's Scout Award

Linnea Dudfield recently received the King's Scout Award, the highest achievement for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members. She was then invited to the National Day of Celebration and Achievement at Windsor Castle, where award holders took part in a parade and service at St George's Chapel. Linnea was the only scout from her District to receive the award and one of just six representatives from Hereford and Worcestershire.



## Commandery

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting visit to The Commandery in Worcester as part of their local history studies. During the trip, pupils took part in a range of activities that brought the past to life. They explored what it was like to prepare for battle, learned about daily life in Stuart times, and went on a fascinating guided tour of the historic building. The children showed great enthusiasm throughout the day and gained a wealth of knowledge about the local history.

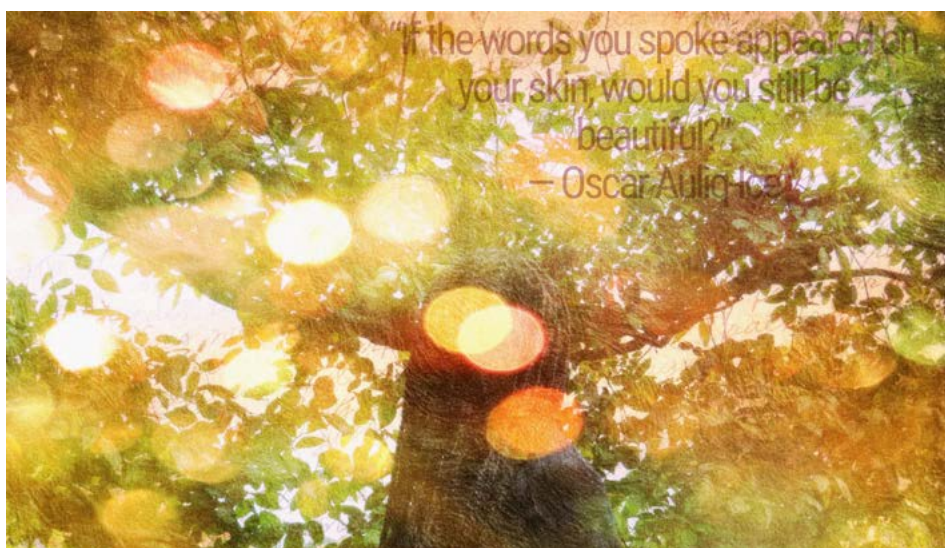
## WW2 Artefacts

Prep School pupil Joseph Albutt shared a fascinating collection of historical artefacts linked to his great-great-grandfather, William. These included a WWII service book, medals such as the African Star and Italy Star, as well as an Iron Cross (dated 1939) taken from an enemy soldier. Pupils also had the opportunity to explore a collection of newspapers from the wartime period, helping to bring their learning to life.



## Art Exhibition

The Prep Art Exhibition, showcasing the work of pupils in Year 5 and Year 7, took place at the start of the Summer Term. There was an array of designs - from felting to fine line drawings, clay sculptures and pieces designed for the Eisteddfod.



## Basketball

Sheldon Wong has been selected to represent the Hong Kong Basketball team at U16 level. At 14-years-old, this is an outstanding achievement for his age. Sheldon is also the first Bromsgrove student to be selected to represent Hong Kong.



## Prep Photography

Here are some of the spring edits from the Prep School Photography Club, a superb after-school activity offered to students interested in unleashing their creativity around the campus.

## Top UK Rugby School

We are delighted to have recognised, once again, as a Top UK School for Rugby by Which School Adviser. Our range of sport is considerable, our facilities superb, and our expectations high. To see former pupils gaining full international caps in rugby, as well as a range of other sports, gives us great pride, but so too does seeing a pupil work their way into an Under 14B team. Our aim is for pupils to enjoy sport at the highest level they can attain and take from the experience friendships and skills that will last for life.



## Fencing

Five of our fencers qualified for the British Championships, which saw them compete at the English Institute of Sport. They all fought well against tough competition over the three days, with George Ascough, Xenia Gibson, Jasper Page and Archie Wilson fencing Épée, Nick Lo competing in Sabre and George Ascough in Foil.

Each student put in a good performance and represented the School valiantly. They all progressed through the elimination rounds, with Xenia earning the best result placing in 15th.

We are very proud of them all for their individual performances and, as we say goodbye to our School Leavers, we

congratulate them on the commitment and determination they have shown to School Fencing for which George Ascough and Jasper Page have been awarded their School Caps.

# Tennis

Senior pupils, Macklin Coalter and Summer Nicol, proudly represented their counties. Macklin, competing for Staffordshire, went unbeaten in his singles matches across the entire weekend as the number 1 seed.

Summer represented Hereford & Worcestershire where she and her teammates delivered a brilliant performance to win their division and secure promotion.

Meanwhile, two of our youngest players from Pre-Prep represented Hereford and Worcestershire, this time in the U8 County Cup. Arabella Siviter and Dillon Kenth gained invaluable match experience, competed brilliantly and most importantly, had plenty of fun along the way.

Congratulations also to Callum Hooper on reaching the final of the ITF J30 doubles event in Mytilene, Greece.

An outstanding run throughout the tournament, highlighted by impressive victories over the 1st and 3rd seeds along the way. A fantastic achievement and a great sign of continued progress - well done Callum.



# The Great Birmingham Run

Forty runners from Team Bromsgrove took on the Birmingham 10K and Half Marathon for Cancer Research UK. The atmosphere was fantastic from start to finish, and so far the team has already raised over £9,000 for this vital cause. More funds allows more research, more answers, more hope. A very big thank you from Mrs Punt (team manager) to everyone who ran, cheered, donated, or supported in any way.



## Mission Hills

The Headmaster, along with Mrs Punt and Mr Marie, welcomed four pupils and their families from Bromsgrove Mission Hills over tea at Thatcholme. We hope the pupils have a very happy term at Bromsgrove UK.

# Bromsgrovian News

## Hamburg Reunion

The drinks reception at the Anglo-German Club in Hamburg held over the Easter break was a warm and lively gathering, bringing together Old Bromsgrovians, parents, and friends of the School.

The Headmaster, Mr Punt, delivered an engaging update on the latest developments at Bromsgrove, and guests enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of opportunity to reconnect - catching up with old friends from their school days as well as meeting new faces.

Following the reception, a boat trip was organised by two OBs, Max and Lisa, in conjunction with the Bromsgrovian Office, rounding off a memorable and well-attended event.



## Artificial Intelligence

Baris Cavusoglu (We 19-21) and his team recently won first place at “The Secure Intelligence Frontier” Google Cloud Hackathon in London, organised through a collaboration between NatWest, Google, and the University of Warwick. Their team was selected as one of four finalists from more than 100 applicants and went on to win the competition after the final presentations.

Baris is a UCL Computer Science graduate and is currently studying Artificial Intelligence at Warwick Business School. Together with his team, he helped develop “SecureFlow AI” in just eight days - a project designed to help small and medium sized businesses detect invoice fraud using explainable and secure AI.



## Podcast Interview

Vivianne Zhang Wei (HH 17-20) recently spoke to the Shine School Media Awards, six years after she was crowned Editor of the Year for Bromsgrove's pupil-led magazine, Two Zero One. That year, the magazine also won Best Cover and Best Content.

You can listen to the podcast below.  
<https://www.shine-schoolawards.org/2026/04/14/vivianne-zhang-wei/>

## Golf Society

A team of Old Bromsgrovians won the Old Pupils' Centenary Salver at Luffenham Heath Golf Club on 24th April. Captained by Alex McIntosh, with team members Ben Sayce, Jack Peplow, James Lord, Todd Taylor and Mark Blake. Well done team OBGS.



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

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