



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

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A Word from the Headmaster

The 2024–25 academic year ended with a glorious celebration of all that has been achieved, as we gathered together - pupils, staff, Governors, families, Old Bromsgrovians, and friends - to mark the end of another successful year at Bromsgrove School. Yet Commemoration is more than just a celebration of the year gone by. Its format remains largely unchanged from that laid down by Thomas Cookes when he refounded the School in 1693. The day begins with the Founder's Ceremony, followed by the Commemoration Service in St John's Church, Prizegiving, the final Call-Over, and the ceremonial lowering of the School flag.

Congratulations to all our prize winners this year, including the inaugural recipient of the Lesley Brookes Award, named in memory of our much-loved Bursar, who sadly passed away in November. We are grateful to everyone who has played their part in our community - the contributions you make, together, are what make Bromsgrove the special place it is.

As the following pages show, the School continues to be as busy and vibrant as ever. A great deal has taken place since the last edition of The Bromsgrovian, just half a term ago.

I hope all Bromsgrovian families enjoy a restful and refreshing summer break. While we wish our leavers every future success and happiness as they go off to make their way in the world, we look forward to welcoming many of our pupils back at the start of the new term in early September.

Michael Punt
HEADMASTER

Commemoration Day 2025



Congratulations to the

2025 Special prizewinners:

Lesley Brookes Award: Molly Lau

Tony Limbert

Trophy: Honey Bo Luscombe

Paul Sawtell Trophy: Robert Riley

Ben Showell Memorial

Rose Bowl: Olivia McKelvey -

Kelly Bicknell Award: Bijen Gurung

Housman Trophy: Victor Zhulikov

Cookes Prize: Benjamin Hornigold



Prep Prizegiving



Year 8 enjoyed celebrating the end of their time at Prep School with their teachers and families. After a Chapel Service, prizes were awarded before everyone enjoyed a relaxed lunch.



Pre-Prep Prizegiving

Year 2 also celebrated with their teachers and families. They were all awarded special chalices marking their time at Pre-Prep. In years to come we hope many of them will be 'Survivors' at Senior School Commemoration.



Flourishing Fiver

Year 7 raised an amazing £6,893 through their Flourishing Fiver challenge.

Each pupil started with just £5 and using creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit they encouraged their money to grow. The whole Prep community came together to support

their efforts; thank you to everyone who helped by buying, playing, and tasting all the creations.

All proceeds will go to Primrose Hospice, making a real difference locally whilst inspiring our pupils to think big.



Bake Off

The House Bake-Off competition is definitely a highlight of the Summer Term. With the theme of 'Transport: Past, Present and Future', Senior School Houses battled it out to be crowned Bromsgrove Bake Off Champion 2025. Creations ranged from a chocolate covered racing car (representing our School's kit car team) and a Cambridge Punt on the river (a play on words for our Headmaster, Mr Punt), to a variety of other trains, planes and automobiles. Having taste-tested each cake and asked the teams questions about their creation, the Headmaster announced the results.

Delighted winners were Otilie Hild House with a past, present and future cake. Runners up were Wendron-Gordon (racing car) and Oakley (airplanes).

Enrichment

During the penultimate week of term, Sixth Form students took part in an Enrichment Carousel. Members of staff and outside speakers gave talks and hosted workshops on a range of topics including water safety, healthy eating and first aid including the STOP the BLEED campaign.





Tennis

Junior

The Junior teams enjoyed a brilliant few weeks, with the U15 boys' securing impressive wins over RGS Worcester, Woodrush, and St Mary's, while the U13 girls' showed great resilience in a thrilling 3-3 match against St Mary's, ultimately winning the shootout. Congratulations to all players involved; both teams have now qualified for the knockout stages of the LTA National Cup Competition, a remarkable achievement.

Senior

The U18 boys' team approached their fixtures with quiet confidence, securing a dominant 5-1 victory over Ellesmere College to qualify for the National Finals. They went on to defeat Rugby School 8-1 and triumphed 3-1 against the Old Bromsgrovians on the same day, maintaining their unbeaten record and showcasing the squad's depth and composure.

The U16 boys' team has progressed to the final four of the School Sports Magazine National Cup, following a hard fought 6-0 victory over Finborough School. The U16 girls' team joined the boys U16 team in reaching the final of the School Sports National Cup. After a very competitive match against Coopers and Coborn School from Essex, the team came from 2 sets to 1 down to win 4-2 in sets. Full details of the Final follow on the next pages.



Individual Tennis

Congratulations to Grace Hadley who won the Hereford and Worcestershire county singles title, The Smyth Cup.

Following on from success in the girls' singles, Chaim Conroy won the U18 boys' county singles title, The Smith Cup.

Macklin Coalter won the U18 Grade 4 event at Carisbrooke Tennis Club.

Well done to Year 6 pupil Olivia Ford-James, who, with incredible determination, stepped up to play in a ladies' tennis match when the team was short a player. Undeterred by the

age gap, she stayed calm and focused, narrowly losing the first match in a tie break but bouncing back to win the second convincingly, 6-3, 6-3.



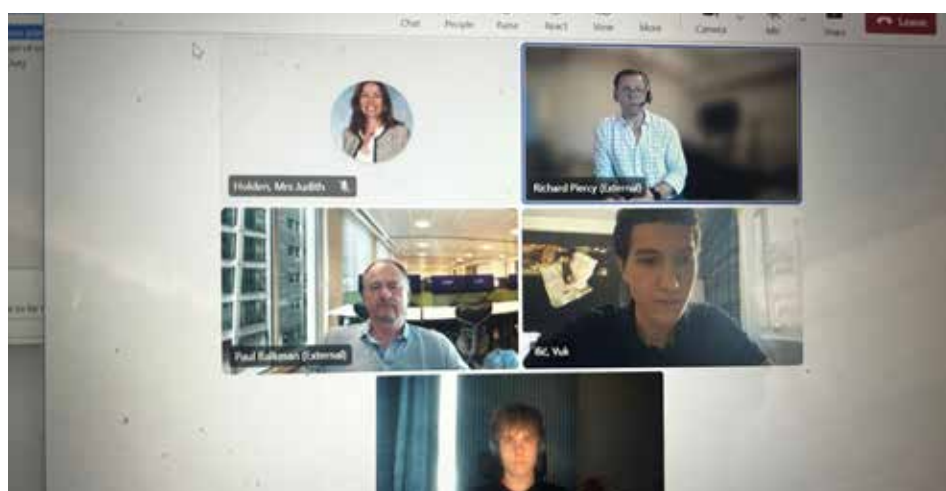
Tennis Finals

After a superb showing in the knockout phases, both our boys' and girls' teams took to the courts in the School Sports Magazine National Finals.

In the semi-finals, the girls' team showed real grit, drawing 3-3 with North London Collegiate College, and progressed on count back in a tightly contested tie. The boys' team impressed with a confident 4-2 win over Aylesbury Grammar School. In the finals, the girls faced a strong Wycombe Abbey side. Despite a great effort, and some brilliant individual performances, they were narrowly beaten 4-2 in a close and hard fought match. Their journey to the final was a great achievement and testament to their resilience and teamwork. With over 100 schools entering the competition, they can be very proud with second place.

Meanwhile, the boys' team battled hard in their final against Lancaster Royal Grammar School. With outstanding energy in extremely hot conditions, the boys managed to pull off an outstanding victory and were crowned National Champions.

To have both teams in the National Final and come away with a National title is an incredible accomplishment for the School's tennis programme.



Trading Platform

Computer Science students Vuk Ilic and Gleb Sovetkin have developed a platform to teach trading. After extensive testing and consultation within School they were invited to present their education trading platform to Evelyn Partners, a prestigious investment company. This was a valuable experience, and they gained some excellent advice.

Bronze DofE Award

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award participants gathered to celebrate their achievements over the year. Thirty-five of the group have already completed their full award and received their certificates and badges – a good achievement representing ongoing commitments to their volunteering, physical and skill sections, as well as a successful expedition.

There was also a chance to recognise excellence in a tremendous variety of different activities. Staff on the expedition had identified groups that stood out and there were also awards for leadership and outstanding individual sections with assessor reports highlighting how well participants had embraced the ethos of the Award.

The event culminated in three students being awarded prizes for their all-round excellence; well done to Celina Borkowska, Jenson Fickert and Dayven Wong.



Coding Challenge

The Upper Fourth Computer Science coding challenge tasked students with developing a text-based adventure game in Python, demonstrating their use of subroutines and input validation. Three teams were selected to deliver a five-minute presentation to the judges, Mrs Round and Mr Jones. All the games created were impressively creative and fully functional.



Marmite

Dr Ruben had the privilege of running the Marmite (More Able) Year 6 Taster Seminar. All the students attending were incredibly enthusiastic, thoughtful and imaginative. Participants really engaged with the idea that play is creative, about learning to take the right risks, and that, in 'children's' narratives from ancient Norse myths to The Simpsons, dangerous and important messages are concealed'. Everyone will be welcome at Years 7 and 8 Marmite next year.

Swimming

IAPS Finals

An exciting day of top-level school swimming took place at the iconic London Olympic Aquatics Centre, where eighteen Bromsgrove pupils proudly competed in the IAPS National Swimming Finals.

The U12 girls' team of Darcey Hackett, Phoebe Lloyd, Connie Foster and Eva Busby McVey, delivered outstanding performances, claiming bronze in the Medley Relay and securing 5th in the Freestyle Relay. Their efforts contributed to an impressive 6th place national team finish, with the U12 girls crowned the second strongest team in their age group across the country.

The U11 boys' team of Rory Townsend, Lucas Yiend, Harry Beckley and Ben White, showed superb form, placing 5th in the Medley Relay and 6th in the Freestyle Relay. Meanwhile, the U13 boys' (James Doyle, Edward Lyons, Seb Raine and Reuben Fowler) competed admirably in highly competitive races, achieving 8th and 7th in their respective relays. The boys' teams collectively placed 14th nationally.

ESSA

Rory Townsend, Harry Buckley, Ben White and Lucas Yiend delivered an exceptional performance at the ESSA National Primary Schools Swimming Relays in Sheffield, securing 3rd place nationally in the Medley Relay and an outstanding 2nd in the Freestyle Relay. Their results not only place them as the second fastest relay team in the country but also saw them break two long-standing School records, including one from 1999—a remarkable achievement for the Bromsgrove Prep swimmers.



Individual

Congratulations to Darcey Hackett on an outstanding performance at the West Midlands Regional Championships. Darcey has been crowned West Midlands Regional Champion in both the 50m Butterfly (31.99) and 50m Backstroke (34.78). She also secured silver medals in the 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly.



Hockey

Congratulations to Matt Bevins who won the England Hockey Tier 1 Cup with his club.



Geography in the Field

Year 7 pupils enjoyed their Geography fieldwork around the School campus. Their enquiry question was 'Can our School adapt to a heatwave?'. Pupils looked at the effect of vegetation and different building materials on surface temperatures. Some excellent data was obtained.

Jazz Soirée

The Bromsgrove Senior School band, *Impulse*, performed at Winterfold School's Jazz Soirée, held in the newly opened Penryn Hall. The atmospheric venue, transformed into a vibrant jazz club, set the perfect stage for the evening. The event kicked off with Winterfold bands the Offbeats and their energetic solos, followed by the Groove Diggers, who impressed with a jazzy rendition of *Seven Nation Army*.

After the interval, *Impulse* delivered two lively sets, featuring standout vocals from Ilerialuwa Odugbesan with a range of songs from the Jackson 5 to Hiatus Kaiyote, inspiring spontaneous dance moves from fellow performers. The night concluded with Ben Hornigold's soulful take on a Dire Straits classics, backed by Leo Boonnak's fiery guitar work - enough to get parents nodding along, even if they resisted the urge to dance.



Horse News

Congratulations to Chloe Chan and her pony Ruby who have been long listed for Team GB's Pony Eventing. From their very first outings to now competing at international level, Chloe has balanced her training with her GCSE studies, showing impressive determination both in and out of the saddle. We'll be cheering them on as they continue their journey toward the European Championships later this summer.

Mia-Bella Long was the youngest competitor by five years in her class, jumping at Royal Windsor. She finished in fourth place, a well-deserved achievement.



Jodrell Visit

Academic Scholars from Prep, Senior and Winterfold Schools visited the World UNESCO Heritage Site at Jodrell Bank.

The group saw the impressive Lovell Telescope and enjoyed two dome shows in the planetarium. Scholars also made an embroidered souvenir: in crafting a constellation, they were developing new creative skills alongside their increased knowledge of Physics.

At the end of the day, pupils enjoyed a history card game followed by more word games on the journey back to School. Top take-away fact of the day: 1% of the static on TV comes from the Big Bang.



Mother Goose

Reception and Nursery classes were treated to a magical celebration of traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes with a special visit from none other than 'Mother Goose' herself. The children were delighted by an enchanting session of storytelling and rhymes, brought to life with warmth and imagination. The excitement didn't stop there; following the stories, the children had the wonderful opportunity to take part in art activities led by children's author and poet, Cat Wetherell. It was a joyful and enriching morning that sparked imagination, laughter, and a love for storytelling across both year groups.

Butterflies

The children were thrilled to witness a truly magical moment as the butterflies in Reception emerged from their cocoons, transforming into vibrant, delicate creatures. Eyes lit up with wonder as pupils observed this fascinating stage of the butterfly lifecycle up close. This has been a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience with pupils able to closely observing each stage—from tiny eggs to wriggling caterpillars, then to chrysalises, and finally to the emergence of butterflies. This hands-on experience has sparked curiosity, excitement, and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of nature.



Connecting Cultures

Mrs Parveen, Head of EAL, held a tea party for the Cultures Connect Committee to thank them for their hard work and leadership this year. The team are already excited to start planning next year's Cultures Connect concert.

Lecture Week

During the now well-established Lecture Week, Lower Sixth were offered a wide range of engaging activities and talks designed to broaden their horizons.

The Chemistry department welcomed Dr Adam Bromley from the University of Reading for an insightful lecture on 'The Polymer Age' and the varied careers available with a chemistry degree.

A hands-on pottery workshop was led by Stephen Parkes, our IT/AV Technician and former contestant on Channel 4's The Great Pottery Throw Down, who taught the traditional techniques of throwing and coiling clay.

The International Universities Roadshow, hosted by The University Guys, gave students the opportunity to speak with representatives from global institutions such as McGill, SCAD, and

the New York Film Academy, and to learn about applying to universities worldwide.

The English department organised a trip to Tintern Abbey, where students explored the Gothic architecture and historic grounds, while others took part in a workshop from Glion/Les Roches, focusing on soft skills, leadership, and communication development.



Field Day

Lower Fourth Cadets took part in a field day at Peckwood Youth Centre learning about STEM, camouflage and concealment, tactics, ration cooking and building a two-man shelter.



BIST Farewell

The Headmaster said a fond farewell to our three BIST Scholars at the end of term. Yanah, Gati and Ziyang have been very much at home here in Bromsgrove and have been a great addition to Oakley House.

We wish them well as they continue their studies back in Thailand.



Enterprising Ideas

Year 8 pupils from both Bromsgrove and Winterfold formed teams to design and present business plans for setting up a supermarket that is accessible to people with multisensory impairment such as deafblindness. Pupils learned about forms of communication such as Braille, sign languages, objects of reference, and haptic feedback.

The teams decided their business name, assigned each other roles in different business departments, and made mind maps of ideas, a logo, an advertisement poster, birds-eye-view supermarket designs, and finance plan to support their request to the expert judging panel for 'investment'. Prizes were awarded for the teams who presented the best communication and teamwork (Team 7: Super Sense), the best understanding of accessibility (Team 1: Sense Mart), the best business plan (Team 2: Able Supermarket), and the best overall proposal (Team 10: Guided Grocers). Well done to everyone for engaging so enthusiastically with this project.



Macbeth

Cobham Theatre became a cauldron of atmosphere and intrigue in this bold, immersive production of Macbeth. From the eerie opening, with witches already at work and the space bathed in an unsettling glow, the tone was set for a chilling experience. A simple yet effective set and striking lighting in hues of blood and fire drew the audience into the heart of the action, enhancing the sense of doom. Performances were mature and emotionally rich, with the witches standing out as a masterstroke - ominous, playful, and ever-present, their eerie charm weaving chaos throughout. The versatile supporting cast maintained the pace and gravity of the story, contributing to a polished, cohesive ensemble. It was a huge success, well done to all the cast and crew involved.



Race for Life

Several Mary Windsor girls took part in the Race for Life in Solihull, collectively raising just over £600 for Cancer Research UK. The event was organised by Miss Perry, who was joined by Mr Wood and Mrs Helmore and volunteer driver Mr Matthews.

The students – Millie Hipkins, Rowan Reijmer, Stephanie Zhang, Ama Addo, Elly Hall, Elisabeth Hofman, Isabella Friend and Neve Wilkinson represented the School with enthusiasm and determination. It was an especially impressive effort from the Lower Fourth, who had completed a 16km walk just a few days earlier.



Fundraising

Well done to Prep School pupils, George and Olivia Cox who set up a lemonade stand to raise donations for Tynedale hospice at home care services, an organisation close to their heart.

Media Award

We are delighted to report that Winnie Zhuang has been nominated in the 'Best Artwork and Illustration' category at the Shine Media Awards 2025.





Park Run

After 10 years of sharing her passion for Park Run with pupils, Mrs Hankinson took part in her last Park Run event with the Senior School earlier this term.

Whether running or volunteering Mrs Hankinson has been an inspiration to all and has encouraged countless pupils and colleagues to lace up their trainers, put on their smiles and get on with running the race.

Tea Party

Winterfold School and Bromsgrove Prep students were welcomed onto the Academic Scholarship Pathway with a tea party and treasure hunt around the grounds of Winterfold.

Pupils worked collaboratively to solve some challenging cryptic puzzles and clues to unmask a mysterious teacher

who had hidden the Scholars' Cup somewhere in the Winterfold grounds.

The Pathways team area looking forward to working with the Academic Scholarship Pathway students in more exciting scholarly endeavours next year.



Parade

Bromsgrove School's CCF hosted Alamein Squadron from the Hereford and Worcester Army Cadet Force. They held a banners parade where the new banners from each detachment were blessed by the padre.





Gymnastics

Year 1 had an exciting trip to Earl's Gymnastics Club. They eagerly took part in a carousel of activities, tackling everything from bars and beams to trampolines and floor routines. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills while building strength, balance, and confidence. The undisputed highlight of the day was watching Mr Etty-Leal bounce down the fast track, soar on the trampoline, and land with a splash into the foam pit. It was a day full of energy, laughter, and fun - for the children and staff alike.

Smoothie Bike

Prep School pupils were invited to an informative assembly about why it is so important to eat seasonal fruit and vegetables. Holroyd Howe set up a smoothie maker bike, operated only by pedal power, which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed.



Internet Safety

Reception children enjoyed an assembly led by Mrs Townsend, which was all about staying safe online. She shared the wonderful story Penguinpig - a tale that helped our youngest pupils understand the importance of asking a trusted adult before exploring the internet. Through this fun and thoughtful story, the children learned that not everything they see online is real, and it's always best to double-check before clicking.

Athletics

Prep

Year 7 and 8 athletes competed in the county final of this year's English Schools' Track and Field Cup, it was a highly successful afternoon with numerous personal bests across the board. The boys' team scored an impressive 420 points, placing them 5th nationally at the time and securing a place in the Midland Regional Final. The girls also dominated their county round, finishing top with a strong total of 355 points, putting them in a promising position for the next stage. Jai Vijh set a new school Year 7 record in the 80m hurdles with a superb time of 12.6 seconds—marking the first occasion two boys from the school have run under 13 seconds in this event, with James Doyle also clocking 13.0 seconds earlier in the season.



Senior

The Inter Girls' athletics team, (Years 9 and 10), delivered an outstanding performance to win the English Schools' Midlands Finals, securing their place in the National Finals. The Inter Boys' team also competed admirably, with strong performances from some individuals. Despite their best efforts, the boys narrowly missed out on national qualification by just two points.

Arun Chawlia, Martha Blower, Harry Helmore, Isabella Davies, Winnie Padmore, Kara Rose Welborn and Ollie Dieppe have been selected for the English Schools Championships later in the summer due to their superb performances over the summer term.



District Competition

The District Athletics competition at the Ryland Centre proved to be a great success, highlighting the talent, determination, and sportsmanship of all participating schools. The Year 7 and 8 boys' and girls' teams delivered excellent performances throughout the day, with numerous personal bests

achieved across a range of track and field events. Athletes from both age groups secured an impressive number of medals, with strong representation in almost every category. The boys and girls contributed equally to the overall tally, demonstrating the strength and depth of the school's athletic talent.

Congratulations to all participants, and a special well done to those who achieved a personal best and brought home medals.



Bushcraft

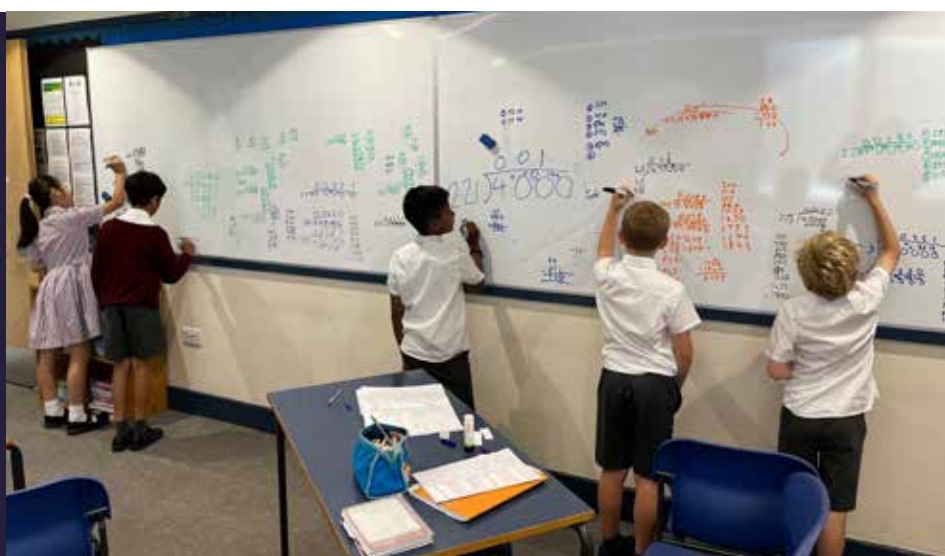
Year 5 took part in a Bushcraft Challenge Enrichment Day.

Activities included den building, making a DIY water filtration using a range of materials, and fire handling.



Moon Pi

Year 5 have been working on calculating pi by hand, in preparation for the Moon Pi mission. Successful calculations will allow pupils' names to be placed onto a real-life moon rover, launched by Astrobotic Technology later this year.



Churchfields Farm

Reception had a fantastic time at Churchfields Farm. One of the highlights was the tractor ride around the fields, where they got an up-close look at the Highland cattle. Pupils were especially thrilled to see Betty, a four day old calf. Everyone loved meeting the farm animals, feeding the friendly goats, and discovering how ice cream is made. They even learned about the fascinating process of salt production. The trip ended on a sweet note, with everyone enjoying a delicious ice cream treat before heading home.



Fencing

Prep pupils took part in a regional fencing tournament. Tommy Pratt, came away with second place and Hussein Sagar came away with first.

Cricket

Well done to Nico Foster, his Eisteddfod guitar and singing performance has earned him a Blue Peter badge for music. The design of the badge is by musician, Ed Sheeran.

Also well done to Keerit Maumi who has received her third Blue Peter Badge for music. She submitted a song and a piano piece to the show



Cricket

Congratulations to the U15 team who progressed through to the last eight of the National competition after beating Oundle School by 4 wickets before having another successful day against Malvern College in the County T20 final. Malvern batted first and scored 131 from their 20 overs before a brilliant batting display from George H (98 not

out) closed out the victory. This means that Bromsgrove now go through to the National knockouts. We wish the team well in the next round. Recently, they also became Midlands Champions in the ESCA one day tournament. The team won convincingly against Norwich School.

Also well done to Ayan Khan who scored 156 for Warwickshire U15s against Somerset during the half term break. Ayan has worked very hard during his School cricket sessions during the winter and has enjoyed a great start to the season.



Hockey

Congratulations to Toby Kippax, who represented the Mercian Marauders regional Midland hockey team for the third consecutive year, this time as co-captain—at the UK Lions National Tournament in Nottingham.

Competing against top regional teams from across the UK, the Marauders finished fourth overall after a narrow semi-final loss on shuffles to the eventual champions. Despite recovering from injury, Toby's standout performance earned him selection for the UK Lions Team, comprising the top 36 U13 players from the tournament. His Year 9 season will include an international tournament in either Holland or Italy, competing against elite U14 club sides.

Netball

At the last Birmingham Panthers match, Harriet Warman received an award for the most improved player for the Bromsgrove hub in netball. This is a brilliant achievement considering there were only two awards given out for each hub.

Also, well done to a group of our Prep School pupils who have walked away with awards at the Ryland Netball

Presentation evening.

Nancy Morgan - U9 Training Award
Chloe Heath - U10 Players Player Award
Isabelle Holland - U10 Coaches Player Award
Imogen Lewis - U11A Coaches Player Award
Venise Moodley - U11B Players Player Award

Congratulations to the pupils on a great season of netball.



Gymnastics

Evie Ashurst has been selected to represent Great Britain for her first international competition in October in Switzerland. At just twelve years old, this is a huge achievement and one that Evie should be rightly proud of.

We look forward to following Evie's progress in the competition next term.

Concerts

Year 3 Scheme

After a fantastic year on their chosen instruments, this presentation was a brilliant opportunity to showcase everything they had learned. This year our Year 3's were introduced to a breadth of instruments, including strings, woodwind and brass, they also had vocal and theory of music lessons. This opportunity to experience a variety of music activities really shone through in their concert. The Years 3 and 4 Choir also performed, and with over 100 pupils taking part they sounded phenomenal in Routh Concert Hall.



Year 5 Scheme

After a great year on their Woodwind or Brass instrument, the Presentation Concert was a fabulous spectacle, showcasing everything the young musicians had learned. The Year 3- to 5 Orchestra also performed, and it was a wonderful opportunity for our youngest musicians to perform as part of such a large ensemble, some for the very first time.



Summer Concert

In a fabulous end to the academic year in Prep Music, Years 6 to 8 pupils put on a spectacular concert. All the Ensembles performed, including the Brass, Flute, String, Guitar, Percussion and Jazz groups; the Orchestra; and Chamber Choir, as well as three pupil lead Rock Bands. The breadth of music ranged from Green Day to Bach, from Andrew Lloyd Webber to Beethoven and really showcased the level of skill and dedication of all our pupils.

This was also the final concert put on by our Head of Prep Music Mrs Corrie before she retires. In appreciation of her, a flash mob of Thank You For the Music by ABBA was put on by pupils and staff.



RCO Accreditation

The School has been accredited by the Royal College of Organists, the UK's professional body for organists. Accreditation is only given where the organ plays a core role in the life of the School and there is high-quality organ teaching. We are extremely excited by the opportunities this status will open up for the School and for our organ students.



Social Value

Bromsgrove pupils taking part in the DofE Award have spent 6,136 hours volunteering between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025. The total social value of these hours is £39,270.

Culture

Year 4 took part in an Indian Dance workshop learning about the cultural aspects of the dances, as well as dressing in the traditional clothes.





Fundraising Total

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bromsgrove School fundraising page in aid of Cancer Research UK following Team Bromsgrove's efforts at the Great Birmingham Run in May 2025.

We are extremely pleased to report that the grand total raised by our runners is just over £7,000.



Dr T Talk

Pupils, staff and parents enjoyed a fabulous session with Dr T who brought his 'Memory Show' to Bromsgrove School. With hints and tips about how to boost your memory, from exam techniques to simply remembering your shopping list, the evening was enjoyed by adults and children alike, with a few games thrown in along the way to show us that even the most mundane memory tasks can be fun.



Fellowship

Congratulations to Mr Kettle, Head of Science and Physics, on his Fellowship award from the Chartered College of Teaching.

The FCCT recognises the commitment of teachers and school leaders. It is a formal mark of their achievements, skills and expertise as a teaching professional.



Charity Run

Mr Munn had a busy half-term as he completed two 26-mile courses in both the Lake District and Northumberland, raising £1,200 for Alzheimer's Society in the process. However, these are just warm-ups for the main event - an Ultra 50k on 2nd August down the South West Coast Path and around Exmoor to raise money for Parkinson's UK in memory of his mum.

30 Years of Service

Congratulations to Mrs Liz Bird, PA to the Bursar, on an incredible 30 years of service to Bromsgrove School.



Founder's Award

Our catering team from across the Bromsgrove Family of Schools pictured with their 2025 'Founder's Award'. This was awarded by the founder of Holroyd Howe, Nick Howe, to recognise a set of individuals who are seen as positive ambassadors for the company. Simon Illingworth, Catering Manager at Bromsgrove School, says "It is a huge honour for the Bromsgrove team, especially when recognising the efforts across all sections of the School - Senior, Prep, Pre-Prep, Winterfold and Café 1553."



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England Rugby

Seb Atkinson (E 15-20) was named in the England squad to face France at Allianz Stadium. Uncapped Seb partnered Henry Slade in midfield.

Architecture Award

Congratulations to Luke Alcock (S 10-17) who received First Prize for 'Best Student Project' for his design for a Crafthouse in the Old Dorter Ruins of Worcester Cathedral.

This was awarded by The Traditional Architecture Group, a linked society of the Royal Institute of British Architects.



Athletic Cap

Humphrey Morgan (Ly 50-54) was awarded his Athletics Cap at Bromsgrove at the age of 18. Unfortunately, he did not receive the actual cap at the time and when the Bromsgrovian Office heard this story at an alumni event last month, one was quickly procured from the School Shop and sent to his brother, Gareth, as a surprise. We recently heard from Humphrey who is absolutely delighted that he now has his Bromsgrove Athletics Cap after waiting seventy-one years.



Business Inspiration

Our Business Studies department would like to create an inspiration board showing the careers and workplaces that our Old Bromsgrovians have gone into, with a particular focus on business/management.

If you would like to take part, please email your name, House and years, plus your job role and company (along with a photograph, if possible) to Mrs Jo Holdsworth (Business Teacher) at jeholdsworth@bromsgrove-school.co.uk



The Millennium Walk

Four OBs from Cookes House in the 1960s – Ian Bunton, John Moody, Nigel Clements, and Matthew Horton – are pictured at the start of Ian Bunton's walk along The Millennium Way, a 100-mile route beginning at Pershore Bridge and ending in Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire. Ian, who now lives in the Bay of Islands on New Zealand's North Island, is a regular visitor to England and often embarks on long-distance walks with fellow OBs. His frequent walking companion and fellow Cookes contemporary, Tim Grout-Smith, was sadly unable to join him this year due to recent surgery. We wish Tim a speedy recovery and congratulate Ian on completing yet another impressive walk.



England Netball

England Netball has announced the roll call for the 2025/26 international season.

Old Bromsgrovian Alana Pullen (OH 18-23) has been selected for the Vitality UK and futures Roses programme, as well as in the Netball World Youth Cup Training Squad.



Marathon Man

George Goucher (Ws 09-14) recently completed the Comrades Ultramarathon, which is the world's largest and oldest ultramarathon race, covering 90km (55 miles) across South Africa. He finished in 10 hours and 58 minutes. A fantastic achievement.

If any 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:

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All photos featured on the Bromsgrovian pages, including individual's names and years, can be found on the Bromsgrovian Facebook site.