



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

# Bromsgrovian

NEWS REVIEW

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To mark the end of the academic year in the traditional way, the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster Pastoral, Mr McClure, and the Heads of School Phoebe Fletcher and Sebastien Atkinson joined together to lay the wreath to School founder Sir Thomas Cookes.

The School bell was rung as for Call-Over and the School flag was lowered, being folded with care by the Heads of School and then being passed to the Headmaster for safekeeping until School reconvenes in September.



# Senior School Leavers



Upper Sixth Leavers were invited to a special leavers' service over the online Zoom platform. The service was hosted by the Headmaster and the Deputy Head Pastoral. The Headmaster gave a heartfelt talk to

the leavers, recognising how difficult this year has been for them as they have been unable to celebrate their school graduation in the usual way. He has invited them back for a special evening next year and we hope many

of them will stay in touch, revisiting us and sending their news from University and beyond.

Mr McClure gave a review of the year and special prizes were announced.



## The special prizewinners are

**Cookes' Prize**

**Tony Limbert Trophy (Sport)**

**Paul Sawtell Trophy**

**Ben Showell Memorial Prize**

**Kelly Bicknell Award (Service)**

**Housman Trophy (Academic)**

Vivianne Zhang Wei

Kitty Luscombe

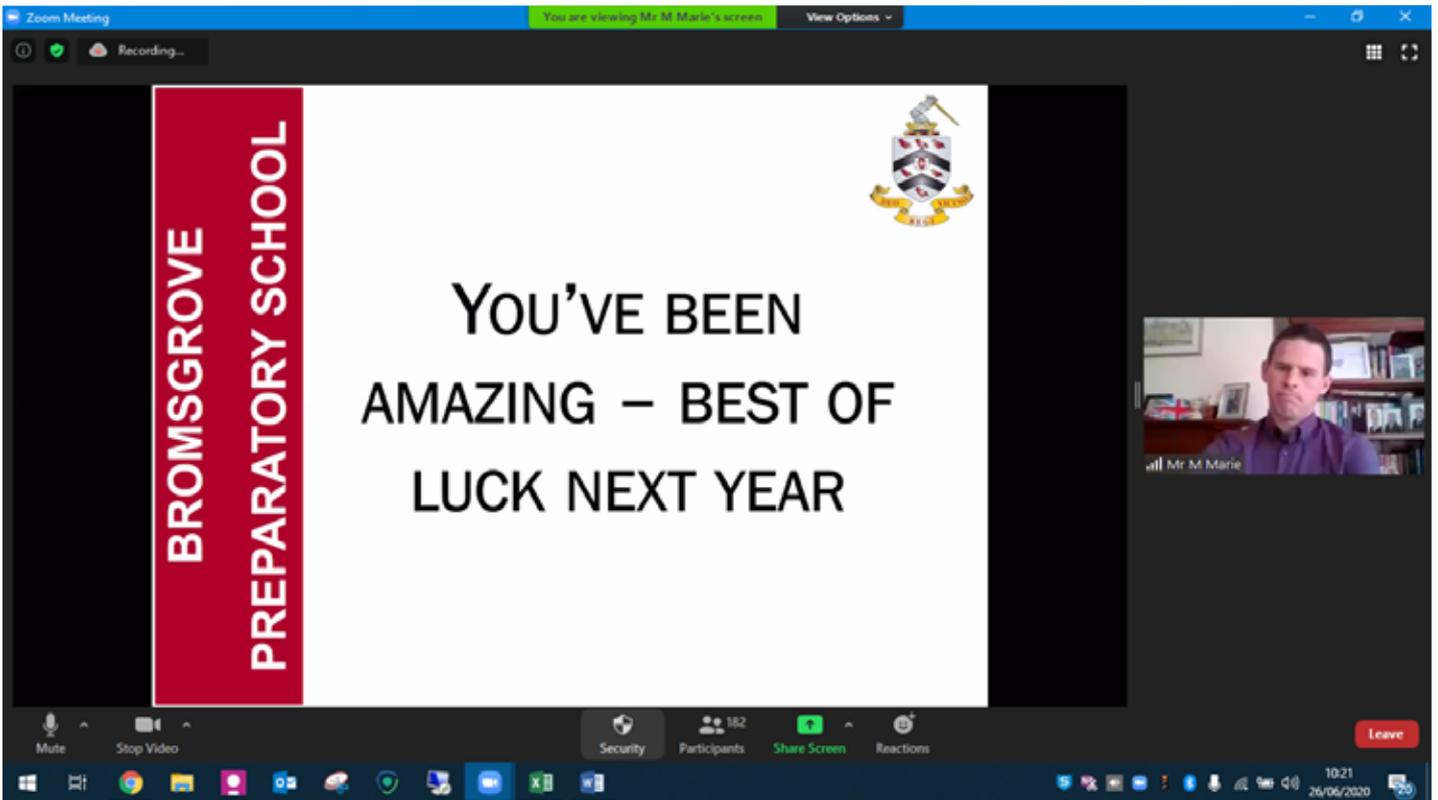
William Edwards

Phoebe Fletcher

Eleanor Johnson

Georgia Doohan-Smith

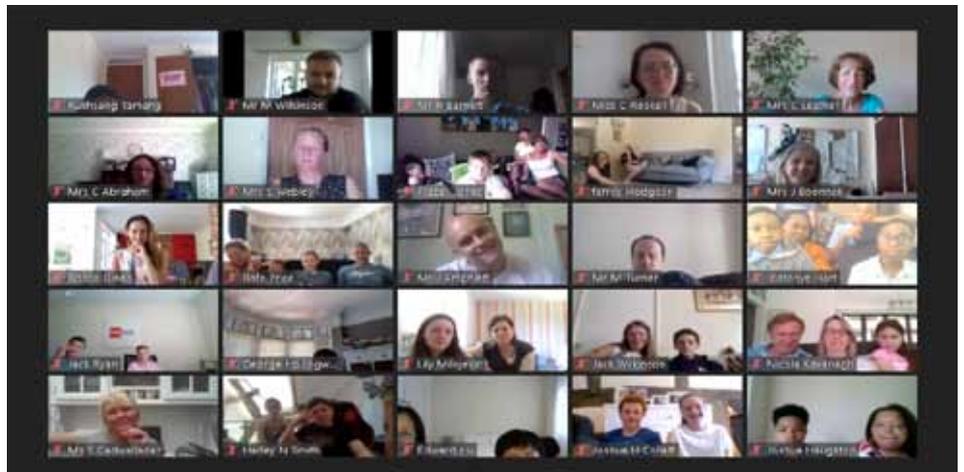
# Prep School Leavers



Mrs Deval-Reed and her team also held an online Leavers' Service for Year 8 pupils.

Mrs Deval-Reed said she would have dearly loved to have had the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with them all in person and to tell them what a special group of people they have been throughout their time in the Preparatory School.

She said the younger pupils have had excellent role models in this Year 8 and gave tribute to her outgoing Heads of School, Isabelle Kavanagh and Bobby Riley, and Deputies Teah Petrova and Darcy Dines, saying each of them personifies a true Bromsgrovian.

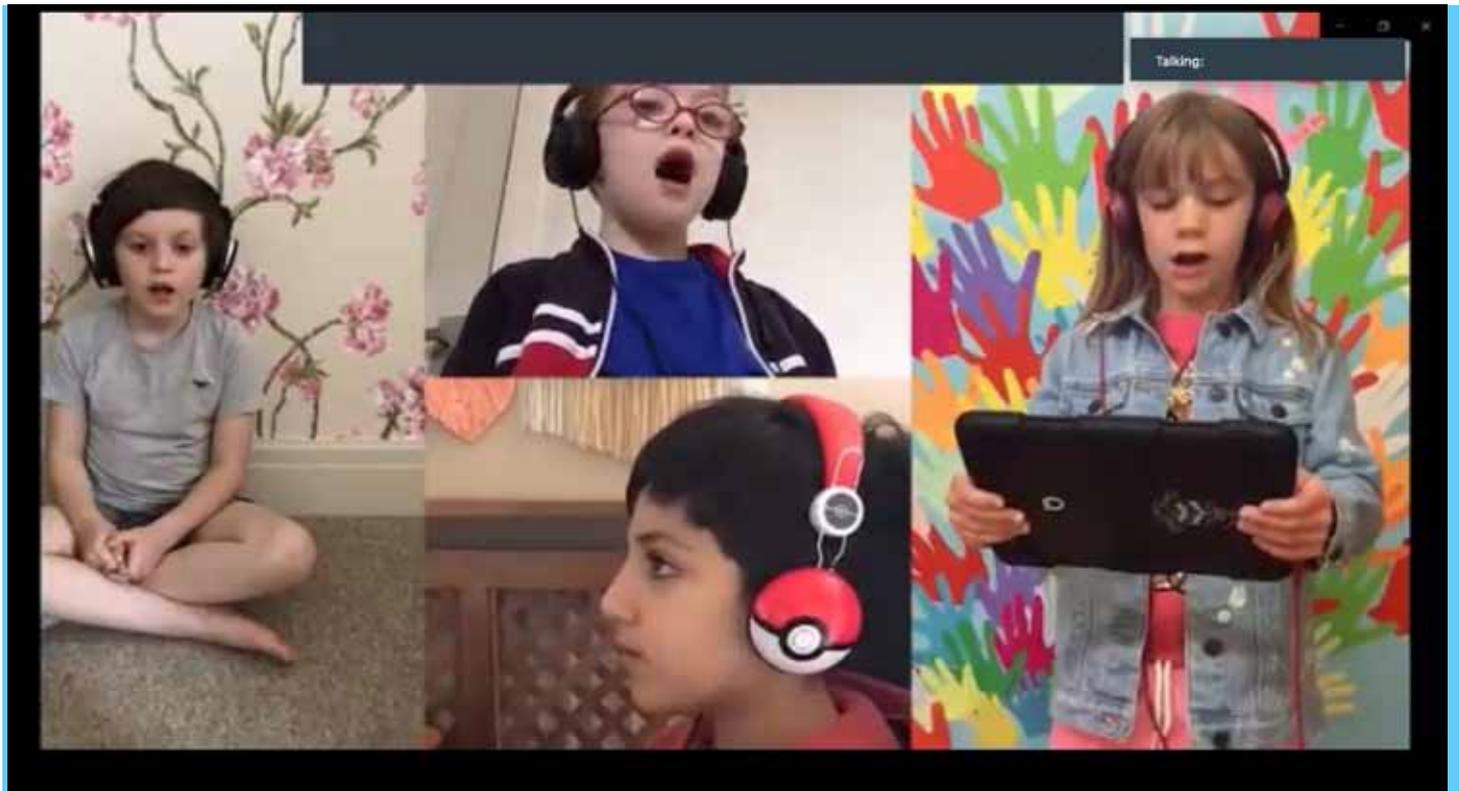


Mrs Deval-Reed ended with this quote from Mark Twain;

*“Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that*

*you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbour, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.”*

# Pre-Prep Leavers



Year 2, their parents and teachers were invited to a very moving Leavers' Service on the last Thursday afternoon of term, to celebrate this year group's amazing time at the Pre-Prep.

The online service reflected upon their time at the School, learning words and recording songs, drawing self-portraits and thinking about the future.

Mrs Deval-Reed told the children that as one journey comes to an end, another is about to begin for them in September at Prep School.



# Shine Media Awards



Congratulations to the editorial team of the pupil magazine who have scooped a clutch of awards at this year's Shine School Media Awards. Two Zero One won prizes for best magazine, best front cover, best overall content and editor of the year (Vivienne Zhang Wei). It was also highly commended in the best illustration and artwork, best print and design and best cartoon categories. The judges declared that the magazine is "Interesting, wide-ranging and engaging content voicing the concerns and topics of the moment, together with lifestyle and arts content, pulled together with attractive design and glorious illustrations – a fantastic read," declared the judges.

Headmaster Mr Clague commented 'This is fantastic news - a wonderful postscript to the year and an absolutely fitting acknowledgement of a remarkable editorial team.'



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## Staff Farewells



### Almost a Century

Senior School staff Mr Challoner (Director of Staffing), Dr Werrett (Senior Mistress) and Miss Fletcher (Housemother of Mary Windsor) all retire from Bromsgrove after a collective 91 years' service to the School. Sadly, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we weren't able to pay tribute to them in the usual way at Commemoration, so we have put together a few photographs from their time with us, which you can watch on our YouTube Channel – [www.youtube.com/bromsgroveschool](http://www.youtube.com/bromsgroveschool)

We wish Steve, Margaret and Christine a very happy retirement and hope to see them back at the School for alumni events in the future.



### Rugby

We are very proud to hear that Ollie Lawrence (Lyttelton 2016-2018) has had his contract extended at Worcester Warriors.

Ollie is a former England Under-20s international and was an important member of our 1st team during his time at Bromsgrove School. He scored a try on his senior debut against Sale Sharks in an Anglo-Welsh Cup match in November 2017 and was called up to train with England's senior squad in the summer of 2018 at the age of just 18.

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## Commemorating our OBs

We were all very sad that we could not celebrate Commemoration Day with our OBs this year, so we have created a series of special montages for certain year group anniversaries - the Class of 2000, Class of 2010 and Class of 2015, as well as a general look back at School life from the 1930s-1990s and a brief video on the History of Commemoration Day.

All of these can be viewed on our social media channels or on our YouTube Channel – visit the playlist direct at [bit.ly/bsob2020](https://bit.ly/bsob2020)

## Hockey

Well done to Bromsgrove Hockey Club Ladies' 1st Team who are celebrating promotion for the second consecutive season following their runaway success in the Midlands Feeder West hockey league. The team includes a number of Old Bromsgrovians: Anna Perrott (Hazeldene 1998-2007), Lily Alsop (Thomas Cookes 2004-2013), Victoria Burton (Thomas Cookes 2009-2011) and Heather Nunnerley (Thomas Cookes 1994-1999).

The team finished fourteen points clear of their nearest rivals when the season finished with one game unplayed at the end of March. Winning 14 of their 17 games, they scored 47 goals and only conceded 10 times all season. Bromsgrove striker, Anna Perrott, ended the season as the highest goalscorer in all midlands leagues with 20 goals.



As a result of their success, they are looking forward to playing in Midlands Division 2 next season for the first time in the club's history.