



March 2017

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For a Brighter Tomorrow*

# BROADLANDS HALL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been a whirl-wind of activity and the Summer term looks equally crammed with adventure and new experiences: I seem to say this in every Newsletter, but that is simply because it is true!

## **The Inspiring World of Work**

The trip to the headquarters of 'Innocent' was a real inspiration for the boys. They met trendy professionals whose job it is to be on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter all day, plus people whose job is to research tasty ingredients and sit and 'think' about advertising slogans. The staff at Innocent were incredibly generous with their time and all the boys really enjoyed this short insight into the world of work. Staff and students have also donned hard-hats and hi-viz jackets to tour Sizewell-B Nuclear Plant. Here they met civil engineers and scientists, as well as public relations staff. We all learned a great deal about how energy is created as well as the diverse range of jobs available in this sector. The students were a real credit, as you can see from the note below:

*I would like to add what an absolute pleasure it was to show your pupils and staff around the power station.*

*Without exception they were all polite, respectful and fully engaged.  
Our guides commented on how much they enjoyed the visit*

*Sarah Osborne*

*Visitor Centre Co-ordinator      Sizewell B Power Station*

Of course, 'Wicked' was lots of fun, as was the dinner out in London before returning home and the tour of the Royal Albert Hall, including access to the Royal Box. When I asked a student for his opinion he replied, "what word is more awesome than awesome?"

## **Reach for the Stars**

Right now, we are all busy rehearsing for the Spring Show on **March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**. If you can manage it, please do come along and support the students. We are combining this event with Red Nose Day and thus, there will be lots of bakery items (made by the boys) for you to purchase and all proceeds will go to Charity.

**CHANGE OF VENUE:** We have decided to keep the performance at Broadlands Hall, so that you can visit the students' classrooms and meet with teachers if you wish to do so.

## Survey Results

As previously promised, the results of the recent survey are attached. We are so grateful for your comments – and I am very proud of everything the staff do in the School that has resulted in this positive report. Thank you all again for taking the time to contribute.

## What's coming up?

Aside from the completion of those very important study programmes and qualifications, the Summer term has a distinctly musical theme, with a good splatter of sports opportunities.

## Sport for Health, Aspiration and Fun:

We are thrilled that Dan Bentley, a Gold Medallist, has kindly agreed to coach our students weekly in enrichment session. We have also enrolled on the Suffolk School Games Discovery programme. This is designed specifically for students with SEN and offers an annual calendar of sports experiences and inter-school competitions, including Equestrian, Gymnastics, Athletics, Team Sports and Panathons. In the Summer term, some of the boys will be learning to sail and they will also be completing in a Tri-Cricket tournament.



## We are banging our drum!

We are going on a trip to the home of the London Symphony Orchestra, where we will take part in a Gamelan workshop. These Indonesian percussive instruments are unique and it is rare to have the opportunity to play them, so we are certainly looking forward to that. We have also booked two exciting in-school workshops from visiting musicians. The first of these is an African Drumming workshop and the second a Samba Music workshop. Everyone will be off-timetable on those afternoons so that they can join in.

## Important Dates

PD Day (Staff)	April 18 <sup>th</sup>
Start of Summer Term (Students)	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Summer half-term	May 29 <sup>th</sup> to June 2 <sup>nd</sup> inclusive
Sports and Awards Day	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Last day of the Summer Term	July 21 <sup>st</sup>

I hope to see you all soon.

Kind regards,

Hazel Simmons  
Head teacher

