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## BROMSGROVIAN WINS NATIONAL OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD



Year 13 Bromsgrovian, Korntawat Julamool (Bright), was awarded the National Outstanding Youth Award for Sport at the Children's Day ceremony held at the Royal Thai Navy Hall in Amarin Road on 8 January.

Bright received his award from the Minister of Education, Khun Jaturon Chaiseng.

This is another outstanding achievement for one of our top international golfers, and another proud moment for Bromsgrove!

## Bromsgrove Fun Run Raises 100,000 Baht

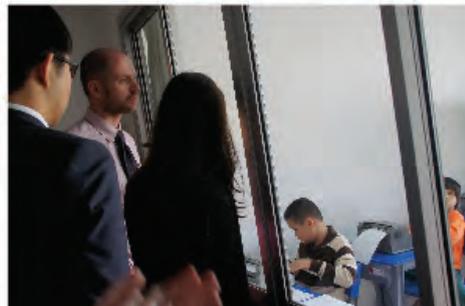


Bromsgrove was at its best on Tuesday 10 December, as the whole school, Early Years, Primary and Secondary students, took part in the Bromsgrove Fun Run 2013, along with parents and teachers.

The event raised a total of 100,000B for Ban Dek Ramintra School which was presented to the school by Deputy Headmaster, Mr Swan, with the Head Boy and Head Girl in January.

The PTA did a wonderful job in providing drinks and snacks for the runners after the event, and the students came out with flying colours as their determination, spirit and indeed fitness, proved crucial in completing the run.

The Early years run was 700m, the Primary run covered a distance of 2km and secondary students ran 5 km. This is a challenge for most people and it was great to see the students' energy and team work, helping each other to complete the race in hot conditions.



In February, Mr Swan presented the cheque to the school.

## MID-YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY BIST STUDENTS MAKE THEMSELVES PROUD



February saw the school's first 'Mid-year Awards Ceremony', an opportunity for us to celebrate the achievements of students in the Primary and Secondary schools half way through the academic year. It was a lovely event, with fantastic musical performances from Leah in Year 3 and Janissa in Year 10, not to mention a slideshow of some of the amazing artwork produced by students in Ms Deveney's classroom so far this year.

There were four categories of award presented. The Academic Excellence and Outstanding Effort awards were selected based on the highest average Attainment and Effort scores from the December reports. The Progress Award was given to the students who have made the most academic progress this year, and shown most strongly how they can achieve their potential across their subjects.

Finally, the Bromsgrovian Award is a new award, voted for by almost 50 teachers across the school, to recognise students who represent what it means to be a Bromsgrovian student. Mr Swan led a team of staff and students last term to design a BIST 'Learner Profile' – a recipe of the characteristics we most want to grow in our students – and our Bromsgrovian Award winners were voted as best encapsulating these attributes.

Over 80 awards were given on the day. A hearty congratulations to everyone – winners, runners-up and nominees – and a special thank you also to Joon Young and Prawta, our Head Boy and Head Girl, for acting as MCs for the whole ceremony: they did a brilliant job. To echo Prawta's question of the whole student body at the end, "What have you done today to make yourself proud?"

Mr Matthew Savage  
Deputy Headmaster (Academic)



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## OPTIONS – A TIME TO CHOOSE

Students in Years 9 and 11 have had meetings to discuss their optional subjects for the new academic year. This is an important and exciting time in their lives. Mr McNaught and I met with students to outline the options process and to advise them with their selection. All students will have personal interviews with Mr McNaught and discuss their subject choices and think about careers and future studies.

Students have been given information about IGCSE and AS choices, but it will also be helpful if parents discuss their choices with them. It's important to choose subjects they find enjoyable, but also to keep a good balance. All students received a booklet giving details for each subject. These booklets can also be downloaded from the school website from the Secondary Curriculum section: <http://www.bromsgrove.ac.th/secondary-school/>

Choosing the right subjects and getting the right qualifications will give you a better chance of getting the career of your choice. It is important to think about your subject options carefully to ensure you have the qualifications you need when you finish Year 11 and beyond.

The option blocks for IGCSE and AS for the new academic year are shown below:

## IGCSE

### Block A

ICT  
Business Studies  
History  
PE

### Block B

Geography  
Economics  
Business Studies  
EAP

### Block C

Art  
Music  
Drama  
Media Studies

### Block D

Thai  
Mandarin  
Korean  
Spanish

## AS

### Block A

Maths  
Psychology  
Drama  
Further Maths

### Block B

Biology  
Media Studies  
History  
Economics

### Block C

Physics  
Psychology  
Music  
Business Studies  
English  
Literature

### Block D

Chemistry  
Art  
Geography  
ICT

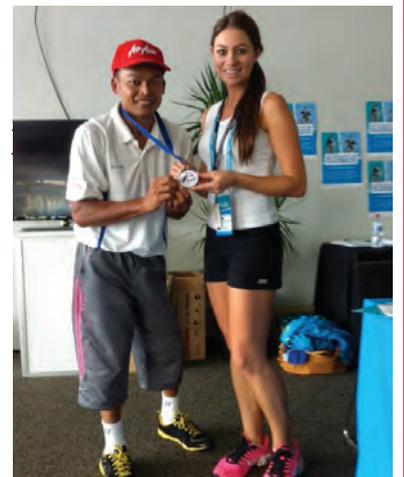
would like to thank Mr McNaught and Mr Gavin for helping me and the students with the options process. If you have any questions please let us know.

Nick Rowdene  
Assistant Headmaster (Academic)

## AUSTRALIAN TENNIS SUCCESS FOR BROMSGROVIAN

Our IT Support Technician, Banjob Suwan, returned from 1st place Winner's medal from the Wheelchair Tennis International tournament which preceded the Australian Open Tennis Tournament.

A fantastic achievement!



## DEATH RAILWAY, FALLS AND PUSH UPS

This was another great Year 9 trip to Kanchanaburi.

The trip to the Death Railway and the museum helped them to glimpse the horror of the conditions for POWs and Asian labourers in World War 2. Particularly moving and beautiful was the 'Peace Bowl', made by a former POW, placed on a plinth overlooking a majestic view of the valley.



The highlight for many students was Kanchanaburi falls - which gave a new meaning to the word 'Speedo'. The fittest students even made it to the very top waterfall, the seventh, which is lovely and serene.

Overall, all of the students worked hard and enjoyed themselves - some even got fitter due to doing push ups



## YEAR 7 TRIP TO KHAO YAI

Year 7 went to Khao Yai National Park in January to learn about conservation, wildlife and teambuilding. They braved temperatures as low as 10 degrees Celsius, spotted birds, investigated macro invertebrates, saw elephants on a night safari, hiked in grasslands and forests and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Year 7 students prepare a 'saltlick' to provide wild animals with essential nutrients.



A team-building game organised by Traidhos Three Generation Community for Learning.



A rare glimpse of a deer during the hike through the forest.

## COLD IN FANG!

Year 10 students braved the cold to travel up to Fang, located near the Thai-Burma. The days were packed with fun, with lots of activities on offer for the students. They seemed to take a lot from their visit to a local school where they were given the opportunity to teach local students some basic English. These schools require funding and BIST has in the past sponsored a student to remain in education rather than leave to work at home. This gift of education is something BIST will plan to contribute to again in the future.

Students took advantage of the activities on offer, participating in group challenges and confidence games. They also had the opportunity to conduct river studies and visit the stunning White Temple in Chiang Rai, but the highlight of the trip had to be the chance to ride on an elephant!

Students will not however look back so fondly on the river 'cruise', which set off in the morning from Fang and lasted 2 hours flowing down the beautiful Mekong at a bone chilling 8 degrees Celsius!

Mr B Delaney  
Trip Leader



The Confidence Course Mica Fowler, Seyi Kim



Sungwon Lee, Ann Piamchaiwat, Fah Belgrave, Proud Phoneprasert, Miga Ruangwimolwetaya, Phat Subruangtong  
Team work - Attempting to balance a seesaw



Team building Exercise

Satang Wareesngaid, Mike (Junki Min), Pang Vanichjakkong, Fred (Daeyo Jeong), Jinwoo Kim, Mica Fowler, Surahbi Vanalia, Ply Piniij, Harriet Glover

## IA STUDENTS GET WINDY AWAKENING!



18 – 21 January saw 22 Students on their practice adventurous journey for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh International Award. They had a brilliant time kayaking down the river and Sam Segal entertained us all with his views on life!

The river had a lovely backwater to stop for some balancing games and also a sandy beach to stop for lunch.



Day 2 was the jungle trek where the students had to try to map read through jungle, some of which was definitely not regularly walked! All students coped very well with the terrain and navigation. The team spirits were also excellent. We swam in a freezing pool by a waterfall before following the river bed for a while before climbing back up to the camp site through a bamboo forest.



That night the wind became incredibly strong from across the lake; tent poles snapped and although we ran repairs, by 4 a.m. we had to pack up. This was actually quite a challenge for the students, finding all their kit and getting it to the mini bus before it blew away.



The final adventure was clearing a fallen tree from the road before we could head back to BIST. Luckily the mini bus driver had a machete! It was certainly an adventure and we had a lot of fun.

May I take this opportunity to thank Jane Murray, Jonathan England and Matthew Savage for giving up their weekend to staff this trip. They were awesome in their attitude and willingness to get involved. Thank you.

Ashley Calloway  
International Award Coordinator



## Bronze International Award trip to Sam Roi Yot National Park



7-9 February 15 students and 5 staff camped on two beaches, completed a challenging trek over the mountain (dealing with rock scrambles and cactus), cooked their own food on a single gas stove, melted marshmallows on a camp fire, then kayaked down a mangrove swamp. Most of the students said their time on the beach was the best bit! The water was very shallow and they enjoyed collecting star fish and digging in the sand. All the students had a great attitude and the staff thoroughly enjoyed their exuberance and vitality.



Ashley Calloway



## MATHS TRIP TO ANCIENT SIAM



On 29 January, twenty seven “ A” level Mathematicians went to Ancient Siam to design a Maths trail. They used their mathematical knowledge and creativity to produce questions for future BIST students to solve. They cycled around the park and I was impressed with their work ethic and the number of different aspects of mathematics they utilized. The trail they design will be a legacy for BIST students to enjoy for years to come.



If you use 1 step = 1 metre to measure the circumference of the pond, what is the diameter of the pond? Show your workings!



Find a way to pass through all the pagodas without crossing any bridge more than once. You can pass through a pagoda more than once and you can start anywhere.

## ANNUAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE – SUAN ROT FAI



Part of our Community Service Programme, The annual Sponsored Bike Ride, took place this month to raise money to help Camillian Home, a charity which provides care for Children Living with Disabilities and HIV/ AIDS.

All of our Year 10 and 12 students cycled at least 15km in the Bangkok sunshine. This year we were once again joined by some of the students from Camillian. An enjoyable day was had by all in our efforts to help this worthwhile cause. Our students are busy collecting the sponsorship money at the moment. When this is all in, some of our students will be visiting Camillian Home for a presentation ceremony and to spend some time with the students there.

We will keep you updated with pictures of our visit to Camillian and also with details of the final amount raised. You will also be able to see video footage of our day in the park. Enjoy! We did and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Mr O' Brien  
Head of English



## CHINESE NEW YEAR 2014



Once again, a Happy Chinese New Year! Hope you get a lot of Red Envelopes with red sheets inside: silver ones perhaps!

This year we celebrated Chinese New Year on 31 January. Our students trained so hard for the Lion Dance show and thanks for wearing the Mascots suits in such hot weather.

As usual, we staged a fashion show for students to show off their best Chinese costume. Some students didn't wear traditional custom but still looked great in their red dresses.

It's good to be in red. Red, corresponding with fire, symbolizes good fortune and joy. You can find red everywhere during Chinese New Year and other holidays and family gatherings.

Harris from Year 9 won the fashion show, with Matthew, also Year 9, in second place.

The Art Competition was a close thing, but the eventual winners were:

- 1st Iris (Year 12)
- 2nd Thames (Year 11)
- 3rd Pompam (Year 6), Arissa (Year 6) and Jom (Year 5).

Invited chefs from a local Chinese restaurant cooked up a number of traditional Chinese dishes for lunch in the canteen, and they were quickly gobbled up by appreciative customers!

Thank you all the students for participating and all the teachers and GAPs for making this happen.

Margaret Feng  
Head of Chinese





Fun Chinese



The winner of fashion show



Oh, look it's the Emperor....



Happy Chinese



Joy Chinese



Lucky Chinese

## BROMSGROVE RAPPERS RULE THE SCHOOL



By Year 12 AS Language group: Monika, Kevin, Sam, Yuri, Elene

1965: Bob Dylan goes electric and shocks the world.  
 1969: The Stones play at Altamont in an attempt to define the 1960s era.  
 1996: Oasis rock a crowd of 250,000 at Knebworth and declare themselves 'bigger than God.'

But never mind all that - where were you on Thursday 13 February 2014? Because that's when our very own barnstorming Bromsgrovian MCs put the 'DJ' into the school's 'DJ' Building, as two home-grown rapping Gods sank their lupine teeth into a rip roaring rendition of Snoop Doggy Dogg's *Drop It Like It's Hot*, causing Year Three students' jaws to drop in the process.

Even before these homespun homeboys had stepped out of their G6, the room was already abuzz with anticipation. Year 12's two Kevins needed no introduction following their mind-blowing performance at the school Christmas concert; they certainly did not disappoint the baying crowds who had flocked to the Year 3 classroom to see these Hip-Hop heroes in a rare and exclusive live show.

Promising primary schoolboy, Tyler ('Frees-Tyler?') Strubelt, opened the show with a captivating impromptu performance of *Gran, Can You Rap?* - the rising young star is one to watch for the future, for shizzle - but this proved to be no more than the first step on the Stairway to Hip-Hop Heaven, as the two Kevins' pepped-up performance skyrocketed the adoring audience ever upward to a Gangster's Paradise. Gracious dance moves, tongue-twisting lyrics, trill talk and trap swag; this performance had it all, and the future of performance poetry at BIST looks bright as ever. You heard? I think you know.



## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY (RSC) BILL BRYSON ART-SCIENCE COMPETITION 2014

The Bill Bryson Prize is designed to recognise and encourage excellent science communication in schools and colleges by encouraging students to think creatively about science. The competition is open to students aged 5-18 with entries accepted in any format as long as they accurately communicate science. Recent entries have included videos, podcasts, posters, even cartoons, songs and poems.

If any primary or secondary students are interested in entering the competition please see me or a member of the Science Department.

Further details about the competition can be found here: [Bill-bryson-prize](http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InternationalActivities/InternationalRepresentatives/Thailand.asp)

Winning entrants receive £100 (B5000) and the school receives £500 (B25000). It would be wonderful if we get a winner for Bromsgrove especially as I am member of the RSC and a Representative for them in Thailand.

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InternationalActivities/InternationalRepresentatives/Thailand.asp>

Nick Rowdene  
 Assistant Headmaster (Academic)

### Royal Society of Chemistry Bill Bryson Prize 2014

This year, our Bill Bryson Prize asks students aged 5–18 for creative entries in the theme of science and art. Competition entries can be submitted in any format, from posters to puzzles to podcasts, as long as the content fits with the 2014 theme.

The competition will be judged in three categories: primary school, secondary school, and international. Both individual and group entries are accepted.

The best entries from each category will receive a prize of £500 for their school, and £100 for the winning students to share. Bill Bryson will present UK winners with their prizes in the Houses of Parliament.

Submit entries online from January 2014.  
 Closing date for entries is 31 March 2014.

Find out more at: <http://rsc.li/bill-bryson>

## TRASHION SHOW HIGHLIGHT OF HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Another action packed half term on the House Competition Front. Students collected points for Edwards, Walters and Taylor Houses through taking part in Chinese New Year activities, the annual Trashion Show and a Weigh your Waste competition where we saw which house wastes the least amount of food during lunch time.

Points were also collected for House Futsal and our weekly House Challenge. The results still place Edwards firmly in the lead, followed closely by Taylor in second place and Walters not far behind in third place.

Mrs Cramp  
House Competitions Coordinator



## TRASHION SHOW HIGHLIGHT OF HOUSE COMPETITIONS



Taylor, Walters and Edwards – weighing their waste!

[Click here to see more photos](#)

## GOLF NEWS

It is with much disappointment that our latest 2 golfing events have been cancelled. The current political unrest in Thailand has had a far reaching impact on our golf programme impacting on our own ISJGT scheduled to take place on 2 February. Let's all hope the politicians can sort out Thailand's unhappy state of affairs soon.

In the UK, for other reasons, the WSGC has been cancelled. The team will now have to wait until 2015 to challenge the rest of the world in an attempt to win the number one position! Keep practising!

Our Wednesday 9 Holes golf activity has seen the welcome addition of a few new faces, Trita, Belle, Vida , Kaow, Thungpetch and MJ. It is great to see our golfers enjoying their activity and let's hope that one day they too may be vying for a place on our schools team alongside our established players.

The new date for the ISJGT is yet to be fixed, but it is hoped that it will take place later in the year. The next events are:

30 March	ASB	Green Valley	BISAC
28 April	RBSC	RBSC	RBSC Junior Invitational

Enjoy your half term break and perhaps if you have a free few days why not pop along to the Honda LPGA classic at Siam Country Club, Pattaya – Feb 20 – 23 2014 <http://www.lpga.com/golf/tournaments/lpga/honda-lpga-thailand.aspx>

Latest Golfing Success News:

CONGRATULATIONS to Peng who won the Asia-Pacific Qualifying Competition last weekend, qualifying to go through to the next stage to be played later in the year.



Trita



Belle



Vida



Kaow



Thungpetch



MJ.

**MORE BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOR BIST!**



Our U17 Boys and Girls Basketball teams visited Prem International School in Chiang Mai during half term to compete in an International schools Basketball tournament.

It proved to be a very successful event for BIST as both our teams won their tournaments with convincing wins in the finals. The girls beat Chiang Mai International School in the final 45 -10, and the boys beat Grays International School 55 - 23. A fantastic achievement for all players, both boys and girls. Not only this but Janissa and Diego both won the MVP awards for best male and female players in the whole tournament.

## SPORTS NEWS TERM 2.1

Yet again, a busy term for PE and Sport: with volleyball taking a back seat and the golf championship cancelled because of the political situation at the time, it was time this term for Football and basketball to take centre stage. Here are some of the highlights:

### Football News

As well as a variety of friendly matches from U9 through to U17 this half term, we have had two major football events for our U11 teams. And with more friendlies and an U17 football tournament in March at BIST, it is indeed a busy time for football at BIST.

#### BIST Host BISAC U11 Girls Football Tournament

The 2014 BISAC U11 girls 7 a side football tournament was recently hosted by BIST. A fantastic day was had by all with 10 teams taking part in the event. Our U11 girls side looked very professional in their new kit, but despite playing better and better as the tournament went along, the girls were not quite able to make the knockout stages of the tournament finishing in 8th place overall.

Nevertheless, improvements were made game by game and a very enjoyable day was had by all. Well done to all who represented the school. Big thanks go to Mr Parry for coaching and organising the girls on the day.

#### U11 Boys Just Miss Out on BISAC Medals

Our U11 Boys team visited Harrow for the much anticipated BISAC U11 7 a side football tournament.

With 10 international schools taking part in the competition, it was going to be a real challenge for the boys. However, they rose to the occasion by seeing off early opposition of ISB and hosts Harrow convincingly. Their performances gradually improved as the event went on with wins over TCIS and RIS as well.

This put them into the playoffs where they narrowly lost to the overall winners, Traill, and meant they just missed out on a medal place. Nevertheless a very respectable performance from the boys. Well done to all, and to coach Mr Scott.



### Basketball News

#### Girls Finish 4th at BISAC

Bromsgrove girls finished a creditable 4th at the recent BISAC U17 and U19 Basketball Tournament, just missing out on the medals.

There were some outstanding performances, particularly from Poppy and Janissa, who were both voted MVPs for the event.

Our boys came up against some strong opposition and narrowly lost 3 games, which really could have gone either way.

Well done to all!



BIST U19 boys' basketball team



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