



# Brandles Newsletter



## October 2015

### News from the Head

I have been proud to be the Headteacher at Brandles for 11 years, but have reached a point in my life where I want to take up new challenges. At the end of the summer term I will be retiring.

In the meantime the Governing body will be working hard to find a replacement.

Parents / Carers will be informed when an appointment is made.

Mr D Vickery

### Uniform

Sadly this is still a problem for some pupils.

Can you please help us in making sure your son comes to school in the correct uniform – including black shoes.

As it gets colder your son may need a black V necked jumper or blazer. He may wear a plain white t - shirt under his school shirt.

Thank you

### College visit

Years 7, 8 and 9 have recently visited The STEM Centre at North Hertfordshire College. The facility is a specially designed teaching facility and exhibition space, focused exclusively on delivering educational and instructional activities in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The first session involved each year group trying to solve a murder through the use of forensic science techniques including finger printing, blood velocity and EFIT (Electronic Face Identification Technique). Years 10 and 11 will be attending the centre on our return from half term.



### It's all about conkers

In the last week of this half term the history and science departments have decided to explore the world of conkers. In science pupils are looking at



the best ways to make a conker resistant to being smashed by an opponent. Is it cooking or using vinegar? One way was to feed your conker to a pig! In history we are looking into the history of the game of conkers. Did you know that before the horse chestnut people used hazelnuts and...snail shells?

The week will culminate with a school conker competition.

The next parent / carer coffee morning is Wednesday 18th November 10.30 am -12.00 noon.

Please try and come along.

You will get the chance to meet other parents, discuss any concerns and share ideas.

If transport is a problem please contact Janet Stone  
07890665157



# School Council

We will be holding an election early next term to allow the students to vote for their school council representatives.

Any pupil can put themselves forward, they will be asked to provide a short piece of writing explaining why they feel they would like to be on the school council.

The hardest part of being on the council is being able to discuss and talk about the views of the other pupils, and not talking just about their own views.

If your son would like to put himself forward he needs to talk to Mrs Stone who can explain what he needs to do and offer support if he needs it.

## Brandles School Film Club

**This term we have started to run a weekly Film Club. This is completely free and takes place every Friday afternoon.**

**When: Every Friday from 1.45pm. Film Club will last as long as the movie.**

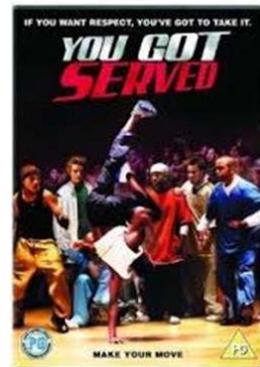
We are very excited to be able to offer this after school club to show a different movie every week that will bring the **enjoyment and wonder of film** to our boys. Over the coming months we will be showing a variety of movies that we hope will engage, excite and intrigue the boys and will give them an enriching activity to build as their own.

For those who are interested we will be looking at **making our own short film** and will also look at what goes on behind the scenes in the film industry. This is a very exciting opportunity for us all and I hope that we will get a lot of our boys involved.

The films we have seen so far are **Edward Scissorhands**, **Somers Town** and this week we will be watching **You Got Served**. If the boys want to request a film then they just need to see Mr Davis or Miss Turner.

Keep a look out for the Film Club

Newsletter which will highlight future films along with pupil reviews and any other film related events.



## Diary Dates

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

School returns Monday 2nd November

27th November Inset day school closed

30th November Occasional Day school closed

16th December School Christmas Dinner

18th December Break up for Christmas Holiday at 1pm School starts back on Monday 4th January

