
BSTA
Brentwood School Tennis Academy



“High standards guide you towards higher expectations”

Developing Future Tennis Stars - The Brentwood Way

Individual player development is at the heart of the Brentwood School Tennis Academy programme.

At Brentwood School, our Tennis Academy is committed to nurturing the whole player, developing key attributes across four core pillars: **Head, Heart, Athlete, and Weapons/Skills**.

Head

Our players cultivate focus, strong decision-making, and reflective thinking. With a growth mindset and courage under pressure, they learn to approach challenges with composure and intelligence to achieve their goals.

Heart

Players compete and train with passion, resilience, and joy. A strong work ethic and love for the game are at the core of our culture. We promote a competitive spirit balanced by humility and respect for partners, opponents, and the sport itself.

Athlete

Each player develops high-level movement and physical capability to meet the demands of tennis. Our programme builds speed, agility, power, and robustness, with strength and conditioning integrated into every stage of coaching.

Weapons & Skills

Players are encouraged to discover and refine their unique playing style. With tactical awareness and technically sound execution, they develop the skills and weapons that define their individual identity on court.



BSTA Blue - Racket Size 17in or 19in

Children will develop balance, agility, and coordination through fun, engaging games, all while being introduced to the sport we love. At this stage, it's not about winning or losing — it's about developing good habits and having fun along the way.



BSTA Red - Racket Size 21in

Children begin practising overarm serves, volleys, and learning how to rally, all while continuing to develop their coordination, balance, speed, and agility. Using soft balls and smaller courts, they'll also be gently introduced to friendly competition.



BSTA Orange - Racket Size 23in

Children start linking shots together and it's time to introduce tactics, problem-solving, and the foundations of sportsmanship and leadership. They'll start learning how to compete through learning the rules and hitting their serve, return, and rally with real purpose.



BSTA Green - Racket Size 25in

It's time for children to take the full-sized court. Now, the focus shifts to growing their game by fine-tuning and refining the techniques they've developed so far. At this stage, children should be ready to make more independent decisions on court.



BSTA Yellow - Racket Size 26in or 27in

It's all about playing on a full size court with the same size court and balls that the pros use. Children will continue to explore different game styles and start to develop their own identity on court. By this point we hope children will be tennis players, and fans of the game for life!



BSTA Academy - Racket size 27in

We combine coaching, training, physical conditioning and competition to work towards developing the complete tennis player. Our program is built around four core pillars—Head, Heart, Athlete, and Weapons/ Skills - nurturing mental toughness, character, physical performance and technical ability so players can confidently compete for their school team and beyond.

The Brentwood School Tennis Academy offers a clear and inclusive development pathway, supporting players from Foundation through to Sixth Form. Our mission is to help every student grow both on and off the court, empowering them to realise their full potential.

We also invite aspiring tennis players to join our BSTA Elite Player Pathway, where they will receive comprehensive support and development in order to fulfil their true potential as tennis stars of the future.

Each programme is individually tailored to meet the specific needs of every player. It can include one-to-one coaching sessions on-site at Brentwood, group sessions, tournament support, and access to strength and conditioning sessions designed to enhance the physical demands of their game.

Pupils will have the opportunity to represent the School in many tennis fixtures during the Trinity Term and our Senior School will compete in the National Schools Championships, Schools Team Tennis and Independent Schools Tennis Championships each year.

If you would like to find out more information about the Brentwood School Tennis Academy and the tennis programme, please contact our Head of the Brentwood School Tennis Academy, Mr Simpson-Crick on simpson-crickm@brentwood.essex.sch.uk



Private Tennis Lessons
We offer private tennis lessons all year round. Pupils in EYFS and KS1 can have private tennis lessons before school, during lunchtime or at the weekend. KS2 and Senior School pupils can have a daytime tennis lesson in replace of a different academic lesson each week. They also have the opportunity to have evening or weekend lesson too.

More information

U13 Girls Essex Schools' Champions 2024

U13 Girls Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2024

U11 Boys Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2023 & 2024

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Essex LTA School of the Year 2023

U13 Girls Independent School National Champion 2022

U18 Girls National Championships Finalists 2025 & 2026

U15 Boys Essex Schools' Champions 2025

U18 Girls Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2025 & 2026

U18 Girls National Schools' Regional Finalists 2023

U15 Girls Essex Schools' Champions 2023 & 2024

U15 Girls Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2023, 2024 & 2025

U13 Boys Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2023, 2024 & 2025

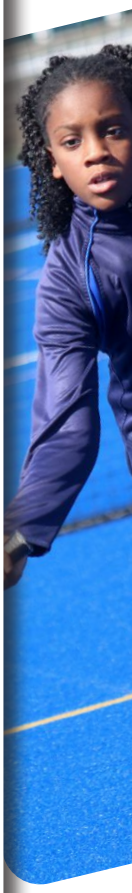
U13 Boys Essex Schools' Champions 2023, 2025 & 2026

U13 & U15 Girls Regional School Finalists 2024

U18 Boys Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2025 & 2026

U15 Boys Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2025

U9 Boys Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2025





U14 Boys School Sports Magazine National Champions 2026

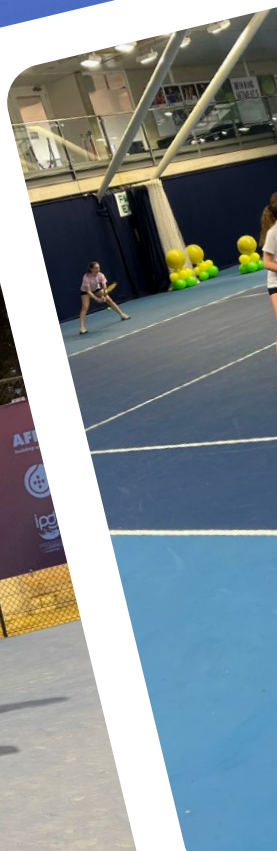
U11 Boys Essex Independent Schools' Champions 2026







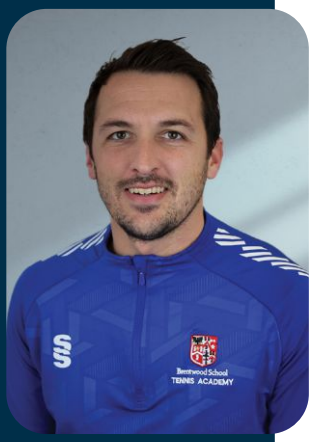






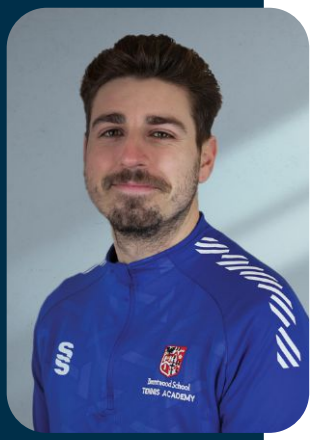
Brentwood School Tennis Coaches

Our coaching team led by Mr Simpson-Crick aims to develop all-round players who will be great ambassadors for Brentwood School, improving every day to achieve a world-class game style both on and off the tennis court.



Mr Mark Simpson-Crick, Head of Tennis Academy

LTA Level 5 Licensed Coach, former La Manga Club Professional, competed on the British Tour & Coach for the England School Boys Team at the 2018 World Summer Games



Mr Sam Bayda, Academy Coach

LTA Level 3 Licensed Coach, former UK top 20 Junior Player & UK top 50 Singles Ranking, competed on the British Tour & trained full-time at Sotogrande Academy, represented Essex Men's & Junior County Teams



Mr Jason Duff, Academy Coach

LTA & USPTR Qualified Coach, former Head Coach of Chingford School of Tennis & former Head Coach at Woodford Wells Tennis Club



Miss Grace Coster, Academy Coach

LTA Qualified Coach, Old Brentwood and National Schools Finalist competitor for Brentwood School. Former coach of Bentley Tennis Club and David Lloyd Chigwell and enjoys working will all ages and ability levels



Mr Hal Kannor, Academy Coach

LTA Level 3 Licensed Coach, Head Coach at Bentley Tennis Club, University of Hertfordshire Graduate in Sports Coaching and has lots of experience developing beginners through to county standard players



Mr Josh Ratnage, Academy Coach

LTA Level 3 Licensed Coach, former Essex County Tennis Player & Head Coach of Ingatestone Tennis Club. Won Regional tournaments as a player & reached a ranking of 67 in the UK as a Junior



Mr Mark Throp, Academy Coach

LTA Qualified Coach, played to County Level and won Regional Tournaments as a player, Performance Coach at Hutton & Shenfield Tennis Club and enjoys working with players of all ages & abilities

Mr Gary Davis, Academy Coach

Tennis Lesson Term Dates 2026/27

Michaelmas Term 2026
Monday 7th September to Friday 16th October (1/2 Day)
Monday 2nd November to Saturday 5th December
(7th-11th December will be used for catch-up lessons)

Lent Term 2027
Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February (1/2 Day)
Monday 22nd February to Monday 22nd March
(23rd-25th March will be used for catch-up lessons)

Trinity Term 2027
Wednesday 14th April to Friday 28th May
Monday 7th June toTuesday 29th June
(30th June-2nd July will be used for catch-up lessons)

Tennis Camp Dates 2026/27

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October 2026

Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th February 2027

Tuesday 30th March to Friday 2nd April 2027

Tuesday 1st June to Friday 4th June 2027

Monday 5th toThursday 8th July 2027

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th July 2027

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd July 2027

Monday 26th to Thursday 29th July 2027



Find out more about camps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