

POST 16 BULLETIN (1)



Week Beginning 7th September 2020

Welcome to the first edition of this year's Post 16 Bulletin.

We are delighted to welcome all of you back to sixth form – school has definitely not been the same without you! We are extremely pleased to see that you have all settled so quickly and are approaching your studies with such enthusiasm. Please keep up the good work and may we take this opportunity to wish you every success over the next year.

Return to School

We have made a short presentation of the new school arrangements as we return to school. Please view it [here](#).

Please find below some gentle reminders of our basic expectations:

Dress Code

Sixth Form students are role models for the younger students within the school and their standards of dress are an important part of the culture of Barnwell. In the Sixth Form, students have their own dress code, which should be smart, clean and within the ethos of the School. Interpreting the guidelines, students should ensure that their overall appearance is appropriate to that of a working environment.

During the warmer months of the year, students are reminded that they are in a School, not a College, and will therefore come in to contact with much younger students throughout the day. For this reason, very short, tight or revealing clothing is deemed inappropriate and will be challenged.

Given the constantly evolving nature of fashion, Barnwell School reserves the right to add to these requirements and determine that items are not appropriate. Students are expected to exercise mature judgement in their choices. In instances of uncertainty, a member of the Sixth Form team should be consulted.

Students should accept that choosing to dress inappropriately puts them at risk of being sent home to change, with a consequent loss of learning time.

Examples of **ACCEPTABLE** items of Sixth Form dress code

- * Trousers, dress and/or skirt with a formal jacket (jacket is not compulsory)
- * Length of skirt needs to be appropriate for a work environment - on or just above the knee.
- * A smart shirt/blouse and/or smart jumper may be worn.
- * Long or short sleeve shirts. These can be worn with a tie (a tie is not compulsory).

* Smart collared polo shirt/tops

* Department specific clothing such as PE or Performing Arts department. The school logo needs to be present on all items of clothing.

Examples of **UNACCEPTABLE** items of Sixth Form dress code

* Denim Jeans - this also includes Black Denim.

* Trainers of any style are not acceptable, this includes black leather converse and other canvas style footwear.

* Track suits, hoodies, t-shirts and sports t-shirts. Sports and football shorts, football shirts, sweatshirts and baseball caps/hats are not acceptable.

* Tight fitting or revealing clothes, including mini-skirts, leggings, shorts, vest tops, crop tops, low cut tops or tops that do not cover the midriff area are not acceptable.

* Any clothing with inappropriate wording or slogans is not appropriate.

ID Badges

Sixth Form Identify Badges are currently being created and will be issued next week. This badge must be worn at all times whilst on Barnwell School Premises.

Attendance

You are expected to attend all lessons. Your attendance should remain at 95% or above. If your attendance falls below 95% during the course of year, you may jeopardise your place within sixth form and if you are a Year 12 student, your place in the sixth form will be terminated at the end of the year. Should your attendance fall below 80%, you will be required to pay for your own examination entries.

If you are ill, please contact the sixth form absence line on [01438 744416](tel:01438744416)

Tutor Time

Students are currently not required to attend their tutor period until further notice.

Mentoring sessions

Students in both Year's 12 and 13 have a mentoring period scheduled as part of their timetable. These sessions are compulsory and are part of the lessons students are required to attend.

Homework

Students are required to complete **at least** 5 hours of extended learning per subject per week. Homework, within the sixth form, will be published via 'Show My Homework' as in previous years.

Email Etiquette

Email communication between sixth form students and teachers is very common, particularly in the current climate. Please see the attached 'Email Etiquette'

Part Time Employment

It is strongly recommended that you do not exceed 12 hours employment per week. Any additional hours may have a detrimental effect upon your academic achievement.

School Free Meals

If you were eligible for free school meals last year then you may still be entitled to them. Please see June in the canteen urgently.

Car Parking / Driving

If you are driving to school:

- You must collect a 'permission to drive' sheet from the sixth form office which must be completed and returned with a copy of your driving licence and insurance details
- You will be issued with a parking permit which must be displayed in your windscreen at all times whilst your car is on school premises
- Parking for sixth form vehicles is on the UPPER CAMPUS ONLY and the designated area is the first row of parking by the leisure centre (in front of the grass)
- If you have lessons on Middle Campus, you must walk between the sites (using the school paths which connect the adjoining school fields). There is extremely limited parking on the Middle School campus and there is not the capacity to accommodate sixth form vehicles.
- Sixth form students are not permitted to leave the site at breaktime (students can leave the site at lunchtime, however, please remember that the gate is only open for the first and last 10 minutes of the lunch period)
- The speed limit on campus is 5mph – whilst driving on school premises, it would be hard to justify moving out of second gear
- Although the speed limit on Barnwell is 30mph, please take extreme care on your approach / departure from the school. There are often cars parked on both sides of the road and pedestrians crossing. Please slow down.

Any student who does not adhere to these rules will automatically lose the privilege of being permitted to park on campus.

School Photographs – Year 12 & 13

Proofs have been issued to students. If you wish to purchase a copy of your photograph, please return the completed order form, with payment in full, to the sixth form office by Thursday 17th September at the very latest.

Year 13 UCAS

Students should now be working on finalising their personal statements. Mrs Johnson will be supporting you in making your application to University between now and the deadline date of 15th January 2021.

BMAT (Bio Medical Admissions Test) Applications must be submitted by 30th September. If you would like to be entered for this examination, please see Ms Pettifer urgently with your UCAS number.

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