

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term break! I know it was especially enjoyable for 50 of our Year 7 students who enjoyed a trip to Le Touquet, a small seaside town in France.

The return from our February half-term break has certainly been a busy one, especially for our year 11 and 13 students who are amid their second round of pre-public exams, before they sit their final exams in May. Our year 11 Graphics students had their 10-hour external examination this week, spread over two days and this forms 25% of their final grade.



Our year 9s took part in a workshop about keeping themselves safe in peer relationships and this forms an important part of the work we do across the school to ensure our students understand what positive relationships look like.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Townsend*



## Dates for the Diary

### Wednesday 6th March

Welwyn Drama Festival - KS4&5

### Thursday 7th March

Herts County Dance Festival

### Friday 8th March

Move It Dance Trip

### Wednesday 13st March

Year 9 Parents Evening

### Thursday 21st March

Year 10 Parents Evening

**This week we celebrate the following students, who have the most PRIDE points for**

## Celebrating Student Achievement

**demonstrating our school values**

**'Passionate, Resilient, Innovative, Determined, Empathetic'.**

Devonte B-S - BI Harry S - EB Taylor P - HO Eren A - ER Loic B - JH Owen P-P - HR Hayden B - KP

Melanie S - DLE Madison K - ER Keane M - KP

**Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:**

Kaitlin T - SAH Ruby K - DD Deni B - JME Katie M - KP Ellie-May H - NHA

Demi-Mae S - LB Natasha M - DD Gabriel M - SAH Kimberleigh E - NHA Miruna A - BI

Marks B - FWH Jessica B - LB Lennie C - SC





## Belligerent (adjective)



Hostile and aggressive

### Synonyms

- threatening
- confrontational
- argumentative

### Antonyms

- friendly
- Peaceable
- pacifist

### Sentences containing the adjective 'belligerent'

- My brother is always **belligerent** and ready to fight.
- You make more friends being nice than you do by being **belligerent**.

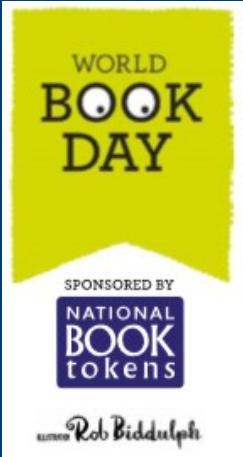


Study Skill  
of the Week



Student engagement





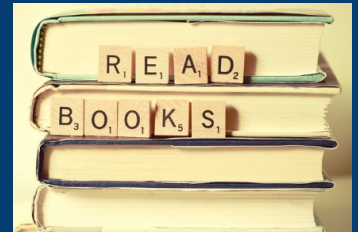
## Barnwell Reading Week & World Book Day

Barnwell Reading Week begins Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March & World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

World Book Day Tokens will be available from the Learning Resource Centre's on both campuses.

To celebrate World Book Day and share and encourage a love of reading here at Barnwell, next week we will be holding a Reading Week.

Throughout the week there will be activities and quizzes for students to take part in, such as 'Who's Favourite Book' where students will have to match the member of staff to their favourite book!



Please have a look at the attached letter for ideas on how to encourage and share reading at home with your child. Click on the picture for more information.

**Sponsored Read** – we will be launching our 'Reading for Good Sponsored Read' this week.

**Click on the picture for more information.**



## Book Swap!

When? Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Where? Middle Campus Hall

Who? Parents, Staff & Students

What? Bring along any old or unwanted books to swap! Everyone is welcome. Even if you don't have any books to swap, come along and help yourself to a new book and enjoy chatting about reading! You can send any donated books into the LRC on both campuses.



## Stand By Me Teen Bereavement Support Group

If you feel your child would benefit from some bereavement counselling, referrals can now be made for the June group programme. Referrals are accepted from parents or carers however if you would like support with this process, please contact your child's Head of College or Head of Year.



### Teen Bereavement Group Programme June 2019



#### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

Referrals are now being accepted for the 2019 Summer Teen Bereavement Group

#### Who is it for?

11- 16 year olds living in North Herts or Stevenage who have bereaved of a significant relationship at anytime in their childhood

#### Details

The therapeutic group programme takes place weekly over 6 consecutive weeks for between 90 mins and 2 hours

#### Find out more

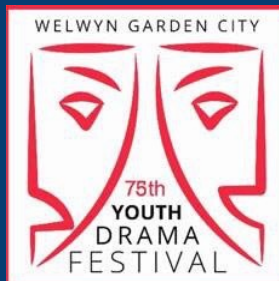
Referrals from parents and carers are welcomed

#### CONTACT

E: [info@stand-by-me.org.uk](mailto:info@stand-by-me.org.uk) Mob: 07469 255139

## Drama

Good luck to the Barnwell Upper Drama students who are taking part in the WGC Youth Drama Festival next Wednesday 6th March. The students are performing 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly, which they have been rehearsing since September. Tickets are available from The Barn Theatre box office.



**4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**The Barn Theatre, WGC**

**Adjudicator:**  
**Mike Tilbury GoDA**

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 7.30pm**

Pump House CYT (J) "Flour Babies" – Anne Fine  
Dramawise Sky Blue Theatre Company (S) "A Midsummer Night's Dream" – William Shakespeare (adapted)  
Gestalt Youth Theatre (S) Swipe Right - devised

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 7.30pm**

Stagecoach (Bishops Stortford & Harlow) (J) "Hiroshima" – John Pritchard  
Company of Teens (S) "Timeline" – devised  
Pump House CYT (S) "Ageless" – Benjamin Kuffuor

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 7.30pm**

The Academy of Speech & Drama (J) "Camp Empowerment" – Lucy Ashton  
Limitless Academy of Performing Arts (S) "Teechers" – John Godber  
Barnwell Upper School (S) "DNA" – Dennis Kelly

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 7.30pm**

Barn Errol (J) "Stranded" – devised  
Chancellor's School (J) "Teechers" – John Godber  
Mimic Youth Theatre Company (S) "Dreams of Anne Frank" – Bernard Kops

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 7.30pm**

Richard Hale Junior Theatre Company (J) "A Thousand Cranes" – Katherine Schultz Miller  
Archer Players (J) "A Midsummer Night's Dream" – William Shakespeare  
Barn Hermes (S) "Little Wing" – devised

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 7pm**

St Christopher School (J) "Tales from The Other Side" – devised  
St Francis' College (J) "Little Brown Jug Club" – Charlotte McDermott  
The Academy of Speech & Drama (S) A Concise (& Almost Precise) Theatrical History – Lucy Ashton

**Award ceremony**

*Caution: some entries may contain strong language or themes unsuitable for young children*

### **WGC Youth Drama Festival Tickets:**

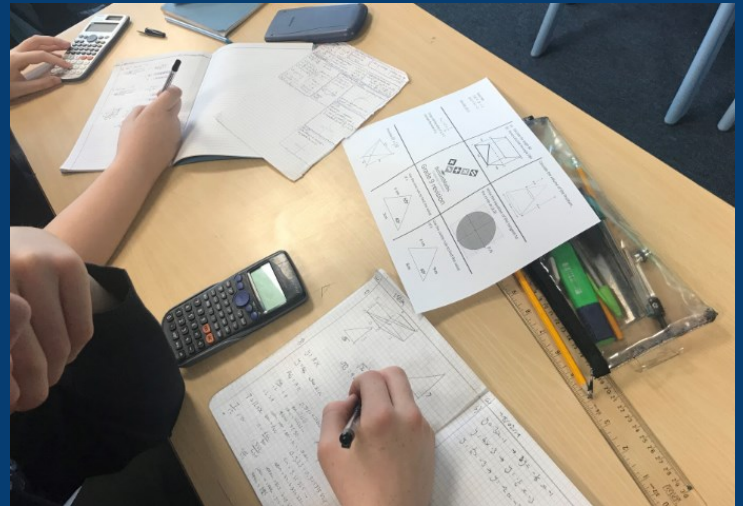
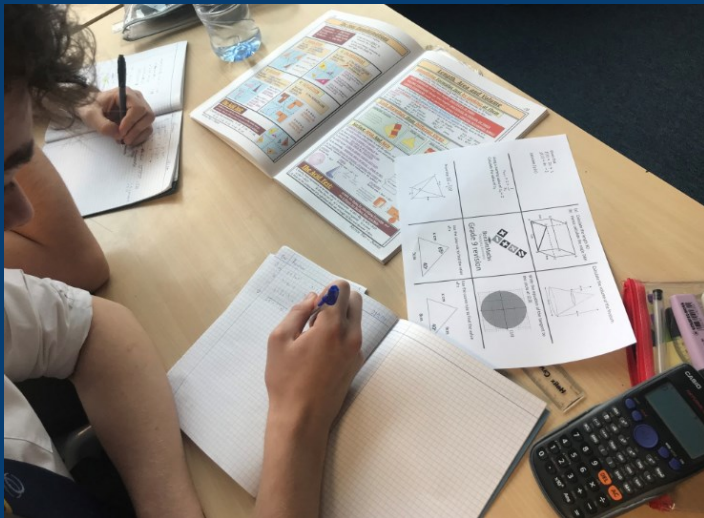
Tickets are available through [www.barntheatre.co.uk](http://www.barntheatre.co.uk) at £10 each with a reduced price of £6 for groups of 6 or more. They can also be obtained from the Barn Box Office 01707 324300 open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Saturday; also on any show/festival night from 7pm to 9pm at The Barn. Season tickets, £30 each.

## Mathematics

Our Year 11 students have been busy revising for their Pre-Public Examinations this week.

Students have been memorising mathematical formulae and solving exam problems in lesson.

11X1 have been pushing themselves by working on their Grade 9 skills.



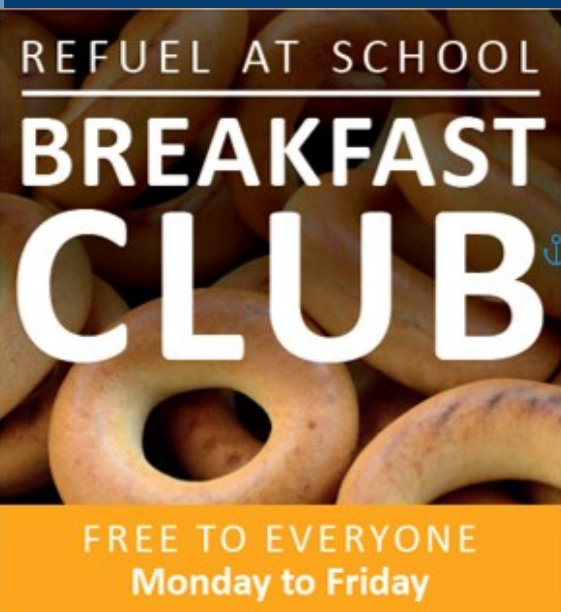
We're incredibly proud of the effort you are putting into your exams this week, well done!

Mrs Collier

**#Determined**

## Breakfast Club - Free to Every Student

Monday to Friday from 8am - 8.25am



We are delighted to inform you that we have successfully been allocated funding to provide a free breakfast programme to all students on both middle and upper campuses at Barnwell School.

Students will be able to receive this free breakfast between 8-8.25am. This will be based in LRC and supported by a member of staff.

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to access this provision, therefore the same school expectations are required as per the code of conduct.

Students must sign in and out of the breakfast programme.

All students must take responsibility for organising their breakfast.

Students are encouraged to ask a member of staff for support if required.

Students are responsible for clearing up after themselves.

Students must not take food out of LRC.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the **National Schools Breakfast Programme (Magic Breakfast)** for supporting our students at Barnwell School.



## Take the Time to Thank a Member of Staff

As a new initiative, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to recognise the hard work individual members of staff put in on a daily basis to ensure your children thrive academically and pastorally.

The Barnwell Staff Thank You scheme will run throughout the year and will be available to access via newsletters and our new school website.

Staff that are nominated will be personally recognised in school.

Please click the picture below to be directed to a simple on-line form to register your nomination.



THANK  
YOU  
TEACHERS  
AND STAFF



## Apprenticeship Drop-ins at North Hertfordshire College

At Hart Learning & Development, the apprenticeship arm of North Hertfordshire College, we are excited to announce that we are launching monthly “Apprenticeship Drop-In’s”. These sessions will run from 3.30pm – 5pm on the first Thursday of every month at our Stevenage campus.

### **Launch:**

We are launching the Drop-in’s on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019** in **National Apprenticeship Week**. We are now open for bookings for employers to have a stand to promote their organisation at the launch event and subsequent drop-in’s and also for school parties to book groups in to attend.

### **Purpose:**

These Drop-in’s will welcome:

- those wishing to learn more about apprenticeships
- those looking for vacancies to apply for
- those wishing to advertise for an apprentice
- those wishing to discover our apprenticeship offer, costs and processes

### **Attendees:**

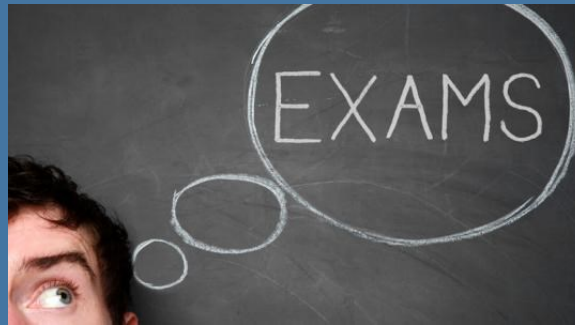
#### *Potential apprentices*

- We would like to encourage students from our local schools who may wish to explore apprenticeships as an option.
- We will have all our current vacancies available for attendees to look through
- We will offer support with CV’s and applying for vacancies using our recruitment tool – “Get My First Job”

#### *Potential employers*

- We will discuss our apprenticeship offer with clients
- We will enable employers to promote their apprenticeship programmes
- We will introduce employers to those interested in their vacancies

If you would like to attend the launch event or subsequent drop-ins, please contact [enquiries@hartld.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hartld.co.uk)



'Don't Count the Days...BUT make the days Count! '  
Here are some fun video's from @thefixupteam for students to watch:



## How to Focus



## 10 Ways to FAIL your Exams

With the Summer exam season fast approaching, it's important that students and parents read the Examinations Student Handbook.

This can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/students/examinations/>

AQA	City & Guilds	CCEA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
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**NO IPODS, MOBILE PHONES  
MP3/4 PLAYERS  
SMARTWATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB  
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from your examination and your overall qualification.

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**Warning to Candidates**

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
3. You **must not**:
  - sit an examination in the name of another candidate;
  - have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which might give you an unfair advantage.
4. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **breaking the rules**, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
5. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
6. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
7. If you are in any doubt speak to the invigilator.

**WATCHES**

**ALL WATCHES MUST BE  
HANDED IN ALONG WITH  
MOBILE PHONES & ANY  
OTHER UNAUTHORISED  
ITEMS.**

Failure to do so may lead to  
disqualification

## Summer 2019 Exams Contingency Day

Summer exam timetables have now been sent out, but please be aware that candidates must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke a contingency plan.



## Show My Homework

Parents should log in weekly to check:

- What homework has been set.
- Students have handed in on time.
- Did homework meet expectation?
- Get reminders / updates from teachers.

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Research shows that student progress is more rapid when parents log in at least once a week!

Parents can check their login details by emailing [d.smith@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:d.smith@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

*Download the free app to your mobile / device!*

**Monthly prize draw for parents regularly logging-in.**

**Barnwell School**

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*Achieving Excellence Together*

## Barnwell Social Media

If you aren't already, please make sure you follow our social media accounts below for the latest Barnwell news:



Twitter:

@BarnwellSchool  
@Barnwell\_PE  
@Barnwell6thForm  
@GOBarnwell  
@BarnwellY7Adv  
@Barnwell\_Ski



Instagram

@barnwellperformingarts  
@Barnwellfood

facebook

@Barnwell School (Official)



## Free School Meals

Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).



**Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes 5 mins and in most cases we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.**

**[Click here for information about how to apply](#)**



Barnwell have invested in the award winning resource, GCSEPod, to help your child reach their goals!

Join the thousands of parents encouraging their children to use GCSEPod to support learning, homework and revision.

**[Click Here to Find Out More](#)**

## School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire County Council operate a Schools Closure Notification System for advising parents should schools have to close for any reason. This system is operated by Everbridge and parents are able to register with Everbridge to receive emails and/or texts sent by schools.

Once registered parents can sign up for any school in Hertfordshire, primary or secondary.

To register please click on the link below:

### [Click Here to Register](#)

This link will direct you to the sign up page where you should click on the 'sign up' button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than five minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address.

Parents/carers are urged to sign up for this service as we will be contacting Everbridge as soon as a decision is made to close the school for whatever reason, such as heavy snow. The system will only be used for School Closures or other serious issues and is a supplement to information currently provided via the Herts Direct website and local radio stations. Our website will also be updated regularly.



## Half Fare Bus Travel for 11-18 Year Old's

To get a SaverCard, you will need to:

- be **11-18 years old**
- be in **full-time education**
- live in **Hertfordshire**
- pay a fee of **£15**.

To apply, click on the link below:  
<https://savercards.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>





## Oaklands College

Come along and discover all you need to take on the world

### St Albans Campus

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0XR

### Welwyn Garden City Campus

The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AH

[www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk)

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## Open Events

#TakeOnTheWorld

**Full details overleaf...**

## Oaklands College

Choose your course and campus...

### St Albans Campus

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0XR

- Adult Short Courses
- A Levels
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Apprenticeships
- Art, Fashion & Design
- Brickwork & Construction Trades
- Business
- Carpentry
- Computing & Technology
- EFL / ESOL
- Electrical
- Equine Studies
- Higher Education
- Hospitality & Catering
- Horticulture
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Public Services
- Sports Studies & Academies
- Supportive Learning

### Open Evenings 2019

## Tuesday

## 5th February

🕒 5-8pm

## Wednesday

## 1st May

🕒 5-7pm

### Welwyn Garden City

The Campus, Welwyn GC, Herts AL8 6AH

- Access to Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Applied Science
- Business
- Childcare
- Computing & Technology
- Construction & Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Higher Education
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Supportive Learning
- Travel & Tourism
- Welding

### Open Evenings 2019

## Wednesday

## 6th February

🕒 5-8pm

## Tuesday

## 30th April

🕒 5-7pm

**Find out more and register your interest at:**  
[www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk) or call us on: 01727 737000

## Women in Tech Event

**CCH**  
CENTRAL  
CAREERS HUB

Supported By:  
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Thursday 7th  
March



Central Careers Hub & Just IT are organising a FREE event aimed at young women aged 14-18 years old, their teachers and parents/guardians.

Discover the different routes into tech careers, including:

- Coding
- Web design
- Cybersecurity
- Data analysis
- Digital Marketing
- Technical Support
- Infrastructure

There will also be an opportunity to speak to female managers working for large employers such as TFL and Macfarlanes.

Registration and information by Clicking Below:

[Women in Tech](#)



WOMEN *in* TECH