

BARNWELL SCHOOL PARENTAL UPDATE 9

5/6/2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this ninth update finds you and your family well. Half term flew by and we have already had a week of the next phase of our reduced school provision, which will take up to the end of the summer term. The school has remained open for a small number of students and our staff have continued to work hard to make sure those students had a productive and memorable experience. Please remember that we are here to help all families if you need us.

SCHOOL PROVISION

Year 10

Following previous communications regarding extending our provision, we are pleased to announce that we are on course to welcome some of our Year 10 students back to face-to-face core support presentations from Monday 15th June. Parents of those students that will be returning will have received a schoolcomms confirming arrangements for their child(ren). If your circumstances change, either wanting your Year 10 child to return, or to remove them from the provision, please email Miss Townsend as soon as possible. (m.townsend@barnwell.herts.sch.uk).

Year 12

Year 12 live online tutorial sessions will be starting from Monday 8th June and again students and parents have been informed of the arrangements. If you or your Year 12 child has a query about this provision, please email Mrs Johnson (j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

Year 9

Since half term, Year 9 students have been expected to not only complete work from core subject areas, but also the transition work that has been provided by their option subject teachers. These lessons and resources have been delivered via email as option groups are not set up in Show My Homework (SatchelOne) until September.

Year 7 and 8

Since half term, students should have been receiving more progressive work in all of their subject areas, with enhanced methods of delivery including voice over PowerPoint presentations

Year 11

Year 11 students will now be aware of the Post 16 transition packs that have been distributed to support their progression in to Post 16 courses next year.

We understand that for some individual students and their families it remains a challenge to complete some or all of the work set. Please be reassured that as a family, you can only do your best in these circumstances, every child is different, and every household has differing pressures.

As ever, if you or your child(ren) feel they have completed all their work, please contact teachers directly or guide them to the excellent online education resources that are there to support students and schools. These are in place to supplement schoolwork and provide additional support materials.

BBC Daily lessons can be accessed via this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Oak National Academy lessons can be accessed via this link: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

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Wellbeing and balance remain critical during this lockdown phase. If you or your child(ren) are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact their head of year/college.

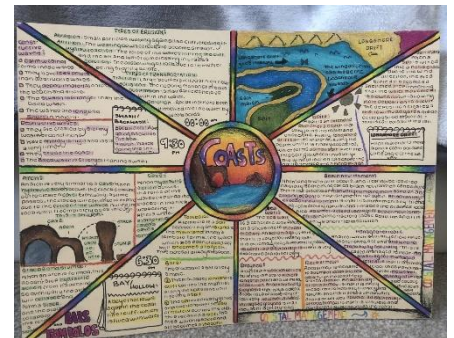
REMOTE LEARNING

During lockdown, we have been amazed at some of the home learning that has been taking place. Here are a few examples from various subject areas:

For the VE day celebrations, Archie (Year 7) researched and made potato, tomato and cheese sauce loaf along with a sausage and egg pie with shortcrust pastry. He made the sauce and pastry, along with VE Day bunting from scratch.



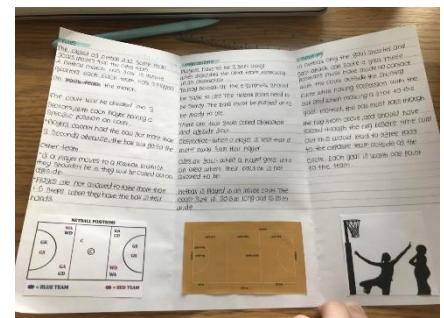
In geography, Kamila (Year 7) produced an outstanding Coasts presentation



Kaya (Year 8) created an excellent piece of artwork



Hope (Year 10) completed an excellent booklet on the rules of netball for BTEC Sport



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Also, in PE, Stanley (Year 7) not only logged 130km of running but raised an amazing £750 for the NHS – well done Stanley!

Diary :-

1/4/2020 - 4.1km	16/4/2020 - 4.13km
2/4/2020 - 5.85 km	17/4/2020 - 7.20km
3/4/2020 - 3.65km	18/4/2020 - 4.12km
4/4/2020 - 2.90km	19/4/2020 - 3.03km
6/4/2020 - 3.80km	20/4/2020 - 7.25km
7/4/2020 - 6.25km	21/4/2020 - 4.13km
8/4/2020 - 4.11km	22/4/2020 - 4.12km
9/4/2020 - 4.13km	23/4/2020 - 4.16km
10/4/2020 - 2.41km	24/4/2020 - 10.01km
11/4/2020 - 4.12km	26/4/2020 - 3.51km
12/4/2020 - 4.11km	27/4/2020 - 4.13km
13/4/2020 - 3.41km	28/4/2020 - 4.15km
14/4/2020 - 5.14km	29/4/2020 - 6.39km
15/4/2020 - 4.13km	30/4/2020 - 5.87km

As you will see from the below picture I managed to run 130k and I also raised over £750 for the NHS

In Year 12 Media, Evie produced an outstanding series of revision materials based around the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). Here is an example of one of her resources.



KEY WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN SCHOOL PROVISION

The school will remain open next through to the end of the summer term for vulnerable children and key worker children only. Please support the government lockdown measures by keeping your child at home wherever possible and encouraging stringent social distancing. If your situation at home has changed and you require your child to attend the in-school provision, please email communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

YEAR 8 OPTIONS PROCESS

Thank you to all Year 8 students and parents for completing the online options form. These selections are being processed and we will be able to confirm selections by the end of term.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS

Again, a big thank you to all students, parents and staff involved in this process. Options have been distributed to students and if there are any queries, please email Mrs Collier or Mr Patching. (k.collier@barnwell.herts.sch.uk / m.patching@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

WELLBEING, SAFEGUARDING AND SUPPORT

In these difficult times, mental health and wellbeing should be at the forefront of our minds. As previously stated, education is important but the mental and physical health of children and young people is the priority. We have included new resources that may help to support parents and students during this current lockdown phase.

Herts coronavirus webinar for young people

A coronavirus webinar for young people aged 11-19 took place in May. During the webinar, the panel answered as many questions from young people as possible, ranging from questions about social distancing and the progress of vaccine development, to questions about returning to school and exams. The recording of the webinar is now online www.justtalkherts.org/coronaviruswebinar

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Carers Week – w/b 8th June

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who do not think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support. To find out more go to <https://www.carersweek.org/>

FREE YCT counselling for young people 11-19

We would like to make you aware of the FREE counselling service for children and young people aged 11-19. As you know, YCT is a well-respected, local, mental health charity, operating in Harlow and close surround for over 30 years. They receive funding from Hertfordshire County Council to provide counselling to young people who may be struggling with a variety of issues including anxiety, depression, family breakdown, bereavement, relationship issues, school refusal, self-harm, low self-esteem and bullying. This counselling is provided in community locations in Stevenage, Ware, Hoddesdon, Turnford and Bishops Stortford. To find out more call 01279 414090 (option 1) or visit the website www.yctsupport.com

GamCare

GamCare is a leading national provider of free information, advice and support for anyone affected by problem gambling. The Youth Outreach Programme run the [BigDeal](#) project and provides free training to young people. For some, problem gambling may increase due to lockdown so here are some resources which may be of use.

- *Helpline:* 24/7 free support for problem gamblers and affected others on 0808 8020 133. You can read more details about our Helpline [here](#).
- *Big Deal website:* [BigDeal](#) is a place for young people to find information and support related to gambling, either for themselves or someone they care about.
- *The NetLine:* Confidential advice, information and emotional via an online text 'chat' service. You can read more about getting help as a young person [here](#).

Schools and Families Advice Line (SFAL)

The 'Schools and Families Advice Line' (SFAL) is a new service established to provide emotional wellbeing advice and early help to children, young people and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It can be really worrying when you or someone you know is going through a difficult time. If you feel this service could help, please call the Single Point of Access (SPA) who will take your details before passing them onto the call back service. This service is open to self-referrals from families and young people.

Contact Details: Telephone: 03007770707 Email: hpft.spa@nhs.net You will get a call back from a mental health practitioner between 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Support will be offered in a one-off, up to 1-hour phone call.

STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employability and life skills programmes

<https://workingoptions.org.uk>

Stay safe and please do not hesitate to contact the school on communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk if you require clarification or advice on any points linked to education or Barnwell School.

Regards

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Mr M Roberts

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