

BARNWELL SCHOOL PARENTAL UPDATE 10

12/6/2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this tenth update finds you and your family well. The weather has changed as have the lockdown rules and we hope that some of our families will benefit from being able to welcome single adults into their own bubbles. Please remember that we are here to help all families if you need us. There is little new information to update you on this week but there are a few key items to cover and one main document to share.

SCHOOL PROVISION

Year 10

There has been no further change to the plans for Year 10. We look forward to welcoming some of our Year 10 students back for face-to-face core support presentations from Monday. If you are unclear on the system in place or 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

The Year 12 live online tutorial sessions started on Monday and the feedback has been incredibly positive. Nearly all of the students engaged in the sessions and both students and teachers enjoyed the increased interaction. If you or your Year 12 child has a query about this provision, please email Mrs Johnson (j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

Year 11

We need to apologise as we jumped the gun on the Post 16 transition packs. Mrs Johnson is finalising the packs and information and they will be distributed in the coming week. Usually the packs are distributed in July, so we are actually ahead this year.

ACADEMIC REVIEWS – YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10

Over the next few weeks, we are proposing to conduct online face-to-face student reviews with subject teachers for students in years 9 and 10.

The purpose of the meetings (max 10 minutes) will be for Year 10 option subject teachers to touch base with their students in a face-to-face way, ensuring they are happy with the work and to provide guidance on what steps they need to take to continue to make progress through to the end of term.

For Year 9 students they will have an opportunity to have a meeting with all of their teachers before the end of term, again to touch base and to check progress and understanding.

The meetings will be conducted through our secure Microsoft School Teams application and will only require students to access a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or PC. No specific equipment will be required.

The reason we will be using Microsoft Teams is that in the same way as we are conducting Year 12 live tutorials, we are able to record that meetings for safeguarding purposes. All recordings will be deleted at the end of term.

The meetings will be held over an 8 working day period and the meetings will be able to be booked between 9am and 5pm, depending on teacher and student availability. Obviously it would be ideal if parents are available to be involved in the meetings but given the current situation and the need for flexibility in terms of staff availability, it was felt the all day approach would allow more meetings to take place.

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Year 10 parents will receive information on the booking system on Monday and the system will go live on Wednesday. This is the same as the online booking system that we use for standard parents' evenings. Parents will be able to select times over the 8 days for the subjects available. Students will then receive invites on their school email address for the meetings. Year 9 parents will receive information on Monday 22nd June.

This is a new system and we would appreciate it if parents and students could bear with us as we launch it for the very first time.

More information will be distributed on Monday along with protocols for the meetings and a contact for queries.

REMOTE LEARNING

Last week we shared some of the amazing home learning that has been taking place. We had a late submission from Mr Goodman that needs to be shared this week:

Ashton (Year 8) produced this outstanding 3D model of the layers of the Earth. Well done Ashton



THE WORLDS LARGEST LESSON



United Nations Leaders and Teen Stars Invite Young People to Reimagine the World Post COVID19

These past few months have exposed many challenges and inequalities in our world but also the incredible power of collective action.

Now is the time for change. The United Nations wants everyone to reimagine the world using the Global Goals as the starting point. On the **16th June** [World's Largest Lesson Live](#) will premiere on [YouTube](#) at **4pm** UK time. This global broadcast for teenagers is a **30 minute educational show** featuring United Nations leaders including Amina J Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the UN. They are joined by teen stars **Millie Bobby Brown, Sofia Carson** and students from across the world. They will all invite young people to take part in reimagining education, health and activism.

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KEY WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN SCHOOL PROVISION

The school will remain open 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

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.

Domestic Abuse

If home isn't safe, we're here to help. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, call 0300 790 6772* for advice and support.

In an emergency, always call 999. If you are afraid to speak, call 999 from a mobile and press 5, 5.

For more information go to hertssunflower.org

Amazing Apprenticeships - We want to help you start your week well.

Amazing Apprenticeships have pulled together some helpful articles, videos, activities and more, to help you prepare for the new week ahead. We know that planning your week and sticking to a routine can have a positive impact on your mental health – so we're here to help with some amazing ideas!

There's something incredible for every day of the week...

MOTIVATION MONDAY	George Anderson, wellbeing expert with Gen. Healthy Minds , has a Monday morning message for you to help celebrate National Best Friends Day!
TALKING TUESDAY	On the 9th June, Gen. Healthy Minds are running Mind Festival , with workshops and speakers to explore how you can be happier, healthier and successful at work.
WEDNESDAY WISDOM	Have you heard about about toxic productivity ? Psychologist Dr Julie Smith explains how this unhelpful behaviour can harm your wellbeing, your goals, and your daily life!
THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY	With retailers getting back on their feet, now is the perfect time to shop local and show your support! Plan ahead for birthdays and special occasions with thoughtful gifts.
FANTASTIC FRIDAY	Declutter and donate to Mencap with a Virtual Car Boot Sale! Turn unwanted books, games and DVDs into donations without leaving your home - and it's totally free!
SOCIAL SATURDAY	Lockdown restrictions doesn't mean you can't enjoy a tea party! Support Marie Curie through the national crisis and hold your own Blooming Virtual Tea Party .
SHAPE-UP SUNDAY	From 1 July, raise money for Diabetes UK by taking at least 10,000 steps a day for three months! Walk them. Jog them. Dance them! Find out more .

The Amazing Apprenticeships team is here to support the wider community during this difficult time. If you have any questions or feedback, please [get in touch](#).

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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.

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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