

# BARNWELL SCHOOL PARENTAL UPDATE 11

## 19/6/2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this eleventh update finds you and your family well. The weather has changed yet again but better weather is on the way. We hope you and your families have been able to safely expand your family bubbles and are starting to feel the benefits of the new normal. These are still strange times, and many are struggling but please remember that we are here to help all families if you need us.

### **ONLINE AUDIO VERSION OF THIS UPDATE**

If you would like to listen to the is update, please click this link.

### **SCHOOL PROVISION**

#### **Year 10**

The Year 10 provision began on Monday and we would like to report that the sessions have gone incredibly smoothly and that it has been lovely to see our students returning. Attendance and engagement have been excellent, and we have managed to ensure all students have maintained the social distancing and hygiene expectations. Thank you to all students, staff and families that have supported this expanded provision. 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](mailto:m.townsend@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)).

#### **Year 12**

Mrs Johnson has joined many of the online tutorials this week and again has been very pleased by the high levels of engagement and enthusiasm shown by our students. Thank you to the Year 12 teachers that have adapted well to the new world of online provision. If you or your Year 12 child has a query about this provision, please email Mrs Johnson ([j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)).

#### **Year 11**

The full Year 11 transition programme is here. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Chapman have done an impressive job pulling these resources together and enabling our students to have the most comprehensive transition programme we have ever provided. If you have any questions about Year 11 into 12 transition, please email Mrs Johnson ([j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)).

### **ACADEMIC REVIEWS – YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10**

We are pleased to announce that preparations for the online face-to-face student reviews with subject teachers for students in years 9 and 10 are fully underway.

Year 10 parents have access to the booking system until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm and Year 9 parents will be able to book appointments from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 10am.

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.

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.

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The reason we will be using Microsoft Teams is that in the same way as we are conducting Year 12 live online 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. Ideally, we would like parents involved in the meetings, but understand that this may not be possible due to other commitments.

Protocols and expectations for the meetings will be distributed on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June for Year 10 and Monday 29th June for Year 9.

Please remember, 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.

### REMOTE LEARNING

During the last few weeks, we have shared some of the amazing home learning that has been taking place.

For this week Tyler R (Year 8) produced an excellent COVID-19 newsletter for his English homework.

The newsletter is titled "Barnwell Vs Covid-19" with the subtitle "The Affects Of Covid 19 On The School". It features several articles and images:

- Remote learning becomes the a normality.** Article discussing the staff at Barnwell holding emergency meetings to set up remote learning.
- Covid-19 shuts down our school.** Article about the school closing on March 20th, 2020.
- Years 10 and 12 are welcomed back to school.** Article about the return of Year 10 and 12 students.
- How we learn had to change.** Article about the shift to remote learning.
- Starting to win this year.** Article about the return of Year 10 and 12 students.
- Interview with Mr Fitzpatrick.** A Q&A section with the headteacher.
- Images:** A photo of Mr Fitzpatrick in front of the school sign, a photo of a student working, and a "Back to School" sign.
- Quote:** "I am shocked and disheartened that our doors have closed and I hope they will reopen soon"

### SatchelOne (SMHW) - Satchel's statement on removing parent mobile ads

In light of recent feedback from parents and schools, we wanted to provide a comprehensive response on our decision to introduce ads on parent mobile apps. On reflection, whilst we approached this with the best intentions, we wanted to outline our reasons for stopping this activity. You can read our [full statement here](#).

Please note that some devices may still see requests for consent over the coming days. If you have any further concerns, please contact us and we will of course be open to discussing this further.

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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](mailto:communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

#### STUDENT AND PARENT/CARER OPPORTUNITIES

##### *NHS Cadets*

This September NHS England along with NHS Innovation, St John Ambulance and local providers, will launch their new national programme: The NHS Cadets. The Cadet programme aims to support young people aged 14-16 to access meaningful volunteer experiences within a healthcare environment while enjoying relevant training and development opportunities. [Click here](#) for the information flyer.

##### *National School Sport Week at Home 2020*

Mr Goodman will be sharing challenges and running a competition through the PE department for the **National School Sport Week at Home 2020** which starts on Saturday. **National School Sport Week at Home 2020** celebrates the important role of Physical Education and school sport in enhancing young people's wellbeing. Click [this link](#) for more information.

##### *School Diversity Week*



'*Schools Diversity Week*' runs all next week and there is a huge amount of activities, masterclasses and support, information advice and guidance that can be **accessed totally free of charge through their Facebook site.**

- The link to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/JustLikeUsUK>
- The link to information on their masterclasses: <https://www.justlikeus.org/masterclasses>
- Link to their website: <https://www.justlikeus.org/sdw>

##### *Win a workshop with leading social entrepreneurs!*



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In collaboration with the [Peter Jones Foundation](#), we are launching a brand-new competition for learners in school or college. [CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

What does the challenge involve? The challenge is to create a social enterprise idea that addresses a social or environmental issue, such as poverty, climate change or equality. Learners will need to complete an activity sheet or film a video pitch. This is something that learners can complete at home. Learners do not have to study a business or enterprise qualification to enter the competition.

What do you win? Learners with the top entries will win an online enterprise workshop hosted by the Peter Jones Foundation with the opportunity to meet and hear from leading social entrepreneurs. This will be a unique learning experience for the learners behind the best social enterprise ideas.

How do you enter? We've created a quick [step-by-step guide](#) on how to enter your learners into the competition.

#### ***Sport England – Active Lives Survey***

Barnwell School has been selected by Sport England to participate in this year's Active Lives Survey. We will be distributing the survey to all students in years 7, 9 and 10 via SMHW.

A letter for parents along with a privacy notice can be accessed via the links below.

Letter: [Click here](#) Privacy Policy: [Click here](#)

#### **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.

#### ***Face to Face contact with Children Services***

Children Services have produced a leaflet to help prepare families for face to face contact with CS. The information leaflet can be accessed via [this link](#).

#### ***Thinkuknow***

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.

Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command.

Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them.

Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help professionals raise young people's awareness.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

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### **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](http://hertssunflower.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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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