

## BARNWELL SCHOOL PARENTAL UPDATE WEEK 4 17/4/2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this fourth update finds you and your family well. Easter has come and gone, and we see ourselves entering another three-week period of lockdown. The school remained open for a small number of students and our staff worked 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.

A small reminder about Year 11 and 13 work and qualifications for GCSE, A Level, BTEC and CTEC:

- Year 11 and 13 students should not be completing any further work
- Students should not be asking for their submitted grades
- The exam boards will use teacher estimates to calculate a final grade

More detailed information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

As outlined by OFQUAL, please do not contact the school about student predictions.

### SCHOOLWORK UPDATE

We hope that students (and parents) have had a break from schoolwork over the Easter holiday. Wellbeing and balance are critical during this lockdown phase.

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, we will be adjusting the Key Stage 3 work expectations.

#### ***Years 7 – 9 Core subjects (English, mathematics and science)***

Key Stage 3 year groups will be set English, mathematics and science weekly. Tasks will be in line with work that has already been set during the lockdown period. These activities will be based around consolidation of previously studied materials and research work linked to the current curriculum.

Work will be staggered across the week to make it manageable for students and one piece of work will need to be submitted online by the end of the week to be assessed by the teacher during the following week. Teachers will record the effort and feedback through SMHW.

#### ***Years 7 – 9 Foundation subjects***

Key stage 3 year groups will be set work from foundation subjects on a rotation basis. Students will have one week to complete the activity set and submit evidence online where possible. Teachers will have one week to assess the work. Teachers will record the effort and feedback through SMHW.

	w/b 20/4	w/b 27/4	w/b 4/5	w/b 11/5	w/b 18/5
YEAR 7	Langs (French)	Geog	Tech	Hist	Exp Arts
YEAR 8	Geog	Tech	Hist	Exp Arts	Langs (French)
YEAR 9	Tech	Hist	Exp Arts	Langs	Geog

Barnwell PRIDE and PE will set work as timetabled. However, no work needs to be submitted online.

#### ***Year 10***

The setting of work for Year 10 will continue in the same way as it has since the beginning of the lockdown period. Students should expect work from all core and option subject areas. Activities will be based around consolidation of previously studied materials and research work linked to the current curriculum.

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#### ***Year 12***

The setting of work for Year 12 will continue in the same way as it has since the beginning of the lockdown period. Students should expect work from all option subject areas. Activities will be based around consolidation of previously studied materials and research work linked to the current curriculum.

#### **KEY WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN SCHOOL PROVISION**

The school remains open next week 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)

#### **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 attached 2 resources to support you and your families and a link you may choose to use with your child(ren):

Resource 1: **Covid19 advice for parents when child unwell or injured poster**

Resource 2: **Support for Families in Hertfordshire and beyond**

<http://www.jcoleman.co.uk/parents-and-teenagers-at-a-time-of-coronavirus>

#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

As a community we are aware that many parents/carers have been affected by places of work closing and earning potential being minimised. The school is always just an email away if you have concerns about your family but we have also attached a fact sheet from Hertfordshire County Council that may help with financial pressures or queries:

Resource 3: **Support for Families in Hertfordshire and beyond**

#### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals, then do apply as soon as possible once you have read the information below. If you are eligible then the school could receive additional funding which can be used to support your child.

Hertfordshire County Council could save you over £400 in school meals every year.

If you receive one of the following benefits, then you could be eligible for free school meals worth over £400 per child per year.

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under Pat VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

To apply, or for more information, visit [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)

**COMMUNITY WORK**

This week, the nation has been hooked on watching Captain Tom Moore and his amazing charity walk. Therefore, this week the only link I will add is to his just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tomswalkforthenhs>

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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