

Dear Parents/Carers

With half term rapidly approaching I felt it was a good time to take stock following a busy period since the Christmas break.



I have spent most of my time this half term meeting staff and students and trying to get into lessons to get an overall feel for the quality of education we are providing as a school. It is very pleasing to note how many young people at our school have a mature and positive attitude to their studies and are polite and self-regulating in their behaviour. This last phrase is a term borrowed from Ofsted who, in their criteria for what denotes 'outstanding' behaviour, look for 'impeccable' behaviour where students manage their own and each other's punctuality to lessons, behaviour around the school and relationships with staff. This has been, and continues to be, a strength at Barnwell.

Following the success of Operation Edge mentioned last week, we have held assemblies with all year groups highlighting the issues surrounding knife crime in society. Inspector Tabert from the Hertfordshire Constabulary joined us for the assemblies and is looking forward to working with all schools in the area raising awareness to students and families.

Despite the poor weather last week, all field trips were successful, and students benefited enormously from their practical experiences.

Finally, we held our Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening on Wednesday which was very well attended. Feedback from parents and staff indicated that progress conversations were positive and ensured students were focused on the next phase of their studies. I would like to encourage parents to not wait for parents' evenings to check on the progress of your children. Our doors are always open for you to contact us and arrange a meeting with individual teachers, pastoral leaders or senior team.

*Mr Roberts*

**Tuesday 12th February -**

Year 11 Solo Performance

Exams

**Friday 15th February -**

Year 7 Le Touquet Trip

Year 11 Krakow Trip

**Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February -**

Half Term



**Study Skill of the Week:**

Practical revision techniques

**Word of the Week**  
**#WOW**

*omniscient*

**This week we celebrate the following students, who have the most PRIDE points for demonstrating our school values**

**Celebrating Student Achievement**

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

Joanne S-L - SC Katie P - ND Kyah B - SB Alfie L - HR

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

Alessio T - SOC Amelie S - DSM Kamila S - HF Favour O - JME Leo W - ANC

Abbie S - HF Holly K - JH Jamie-Leigh C - EB Courtney W - ANC

Aiden W - DSM Raul T - ANC Owen P-P - HR Katie M - KP

Chloe S - FWH Ajay S - ER Heather S - SC Eldean A - LB

Arabella C - DSM



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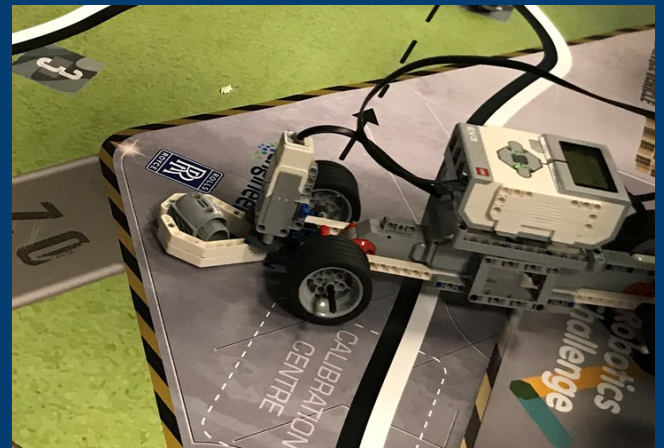


On Tuesday 5th February Mrs Butterfield and Mr Lund took some of our Year 8 & Year 9 students to the EEP Robotics Challenge at Farnborough College of Technology.

We are proud to tell you that our students won the Team Work Challenge!



The students and their robot completed different challenges including which robot is the fastest, the most versatile and able to climb a hill and fetch various items in the scenario of providing humanitarian aid.



**#PRIDE**

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## Mathematics

A great example of Year 7X1 calculator practice, rounding to different decimal places.

Mr Harris.

Q8

$$\begin{array}{r} 875 \\ \times 398 \\ \hline 7000 \\ 78750 \\ 262500 \\ \hline 348250 \end{array}$$

Q9:  $02745.75 \checkmark$   
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Q10: Angles in a quadrilateral add up to  $360 \checkmark$   
 $\frac{10}{10} = 100\% = \textcircled{G}$

Rounding decimals 30/11

3 Use your calculator to work out these then round your answer to 2 decimal places.

|            | Full calculator display   | Rounded to 2 decimal places |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\sqrt{2}$ | 1.414213562. $\checkmark$ | 1.41 $\checkmark$           |
| $\sqrt{3}$ | 1.732050808. $\checkmark$ | 1.73 $\checkmark$           |
| $\sqrt{5}$ | 2.236067977. $\checkmark$ | 2.24 $\checkmark$           |
| $\sqrt{6}$ | 2.449489743. $\checkmark$ | -2.45 $\checkmark$          |

**Decimals**



## Media Studies

### Some Exciting Year 12 A2 Media News!

Year 12 A2 Media student Zain Kwabi has been shortlisted for the Buntingford Film Club Shorts Competition. She has produced work entirely independently, in response to a letter / poster sent to our Photography / Media departments in April.

It is extremely gratifying that she has taken advantage of this Stretch & Challenge opportunity. As a shortlisted entry she has been invited to a screening finale where the winners will be announced on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February – so watch this space after half-term for more news!



**BUNTINGFORD FILM CLUB**  
**SHORTS COMPETITION 2018/19**

**1ST PRIZE OF £150**  
**PRIZES FOR 2ND & 3RD**

To win, create a short film between 1-10 minutes in length on a topic of your choice.

**All entrants must be 14-18 years old**  
**Deadline for entries is 25th January 2019**

All entries shortlisted will be invited to a screening finale, where winners will be announced on Thursday 21st February 2019.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**AND TO FIND OUT HOW TO ENTER, PLEASE VISIT**  
**[WWW.BUNTINGFORDFILMCLUB.ORG/SHORTS](http://WWW.BUNTINGFORDFILMCLUB.ORG/SHORTS)**





Click below to find links to the apprenticeship vacancies coming up soon:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

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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.

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

To apply, click on the link below:

<https://savercards.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>





## 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)

## Women in Tech Event

**CCH**  
CENTRAL  
CAREERS HUB

Supported By:  
**prospects**

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



## 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](#)**



## 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

### Open Evenings 2019

- 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

## Tuesday

### 5th February

🕒 5-8pm

## Wednesday

### 1st May

🕒 5-7pm

### Welwyn Garden City

The Campus, Welwyn GC, Herts AL8 6AH

### Open Evenings 2019

- 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

## 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

## 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.

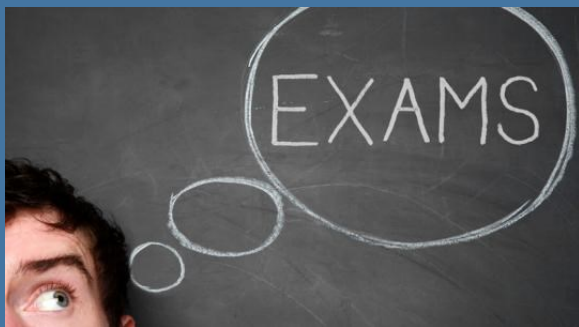
Once registered parents can sign up for any school in Hertfordshire, primary or secondary.

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.



## **Summer 2019 Exams** **Contingency Day**

We will be sending out the Summer exam timetables over the coming weeks. In the meantime, in case you are looking to book summer holidays, please be aware that candidates must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke a contingency plan.