

## Dear Parents / Carers

It has once again proven to be a very busy week at Barnwell.

The Year 11 Dance group have taken their solo performance exam, with Miss Blackwell reporting that students were 'calm, focussed and well prepared' for this practical examination.

9x1 and 9y1 English groups took part in a live debate after school on Thursday, arguing for and against 'the Reinstatement of Capital Punishment in Great Britain', producing well thought out and well delivered arguments for both sides.

We had 50 very excited Year 7s depart today for their French trip to Le Touquet, where they will experience several exciting activities, including visiting the Nausicaa Marine Centre at Boulogne.

This week also saw the beginning of Year 9 options interviews, with students and parents having the opportunity to discuss with staff their future curriculum choices at Barnwell.

On our return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, after a well-earned half term break, Year 9 options interviews will continue, and the Year 11s and Year 13s will be sitting their GCSE and A level mock exams. As always, we wish them the best of luck in these examinations and look forward to sharing the results with Year 11s at the 'up the ante' evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

*Mrs Francis*



## Dates for the Diary

### Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February

Half Term

### Monday 25th February - Friday 1st March

Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams

### Tuesday 26th February

Parents meeting for Sorrento trip

### Wednesday 27th February

Year 9 ELSA assembly

### Wednesday 6th March

Welwyn Drama Festival - KS4&5

### Thursday 7th March

Herts County Dance Festival

### Friday 8th March

Move It Dance Trip

**This week we celebrate the following students, who have the most PRIDE points for**

## Celebrating Student Achievement

**demonstrating our school values**

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

Emma G - RPA Parris M—DSM Josie E - EB Lilli-Rose C-H - ER Jackie H - DL Charlotte M - FWH  
Jessica B - LB Harry S - EB

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

Jaziah R-L - HF Logan A - KP Ellie-May L - HR Bayleigh W - ER Alfie M - JH  
Chloe S - FWH Kai R - FWH Marko B - FWH Leo W - ANC McKenzie W - JH  
Adam S - HR Daniel P - JM Ruby-Ann M - ER Tia G - JH Miruna A - BI  
Lilli-Rose C-H - ER





## Exacerbate (adjective) to make worse



### Synonyms

- inflame
- aggravate
- worsen

### Antonyms

- calm
- reduce
- Smooth over

### Sentences containing the verb 'exacerbate'

- If you do not take medicine, your condition will **exacerbate**.
- Cora chose to **exacerbate** the situation by walking out of the lesson.



Study Skill  
of the Week



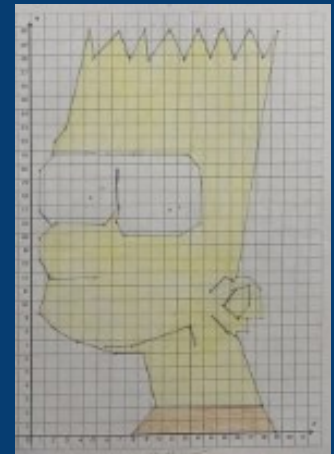
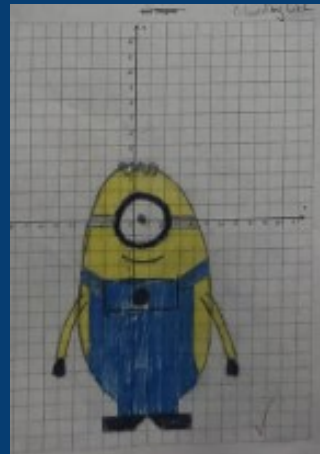
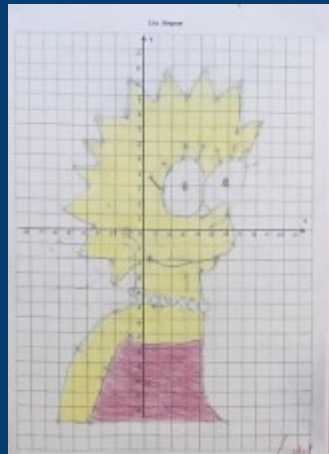
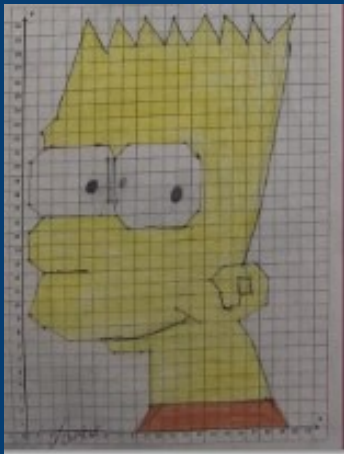
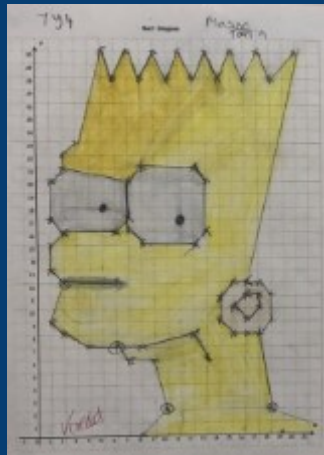
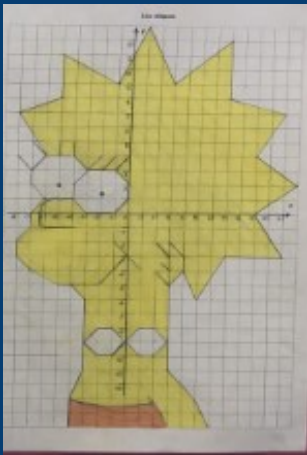
Practical revision techniques



## Mathematics

Some great example's of  $7 \times 4$  and  $7y4$ 's  
co-ordinate work

Mrs Woodard.



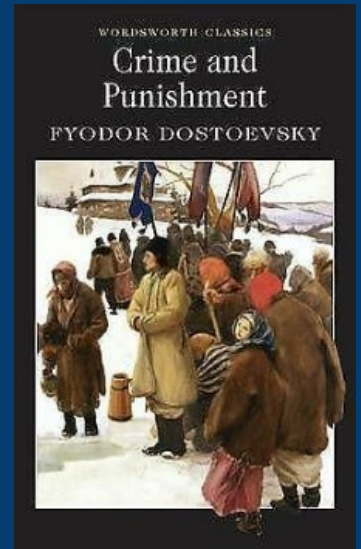
## Media Studies

Year 8 students are currently studying *Crime and Punishment* in their English lessons.

Before her class went to the Y12 OPERATION EDGE film assembly last week, Miss Cowling set them a challenge to write a crime poem for homework. They handed in their poems last Friday and she was kind enough to share some of their work with us.

This was extremely gratifying for the Y12 Media students who made the film – their work has clearly had an impact on these promising young writers.

Ms Pellen and Miss Cowling



Knife crime acrostic poem

**K**nives are illegal if you are caught carrying them on the streets  
**N**o joy comes from carrying a knife //  
**I**llegal knife activity = 4 years in prison  
**F**atalities of teenagers is mostly knife crime  
**E**ngraved names of teenagers on gravestones //  
**C**riminal records ruin your job prospects  
**R**emind yourself of the everlasting damage you will cause if your about to commit a c  
**I**ntentionally carrying a knife means that you are ready to take someone else's life  
**M**ums, dads, brothers, sisters and the whole family loose a loved one  
**E**veryone is affected by Knife Crime, SO DON'T DO IT!

Nobody needs to carry a knife  
 people should never need to fight  
 let's all be nice today //  
 not take away a precious life!  
 It's a brand new day.

Some people think they're big  
 some people think they're clever  
 but to use a knife on someone  
 can change someone's life forever

Crime poem

We live in a world were crime is Rife //  
 But we all need to get out of this life, //  
 Make sure your safe when your out with mates //  
 Don't get caught up in gangs or crime as you //  
 will end up doing time, //  
 Don't take drugs your ruin your life //  
 Don't assault people its not very nice, //  
 If you think about carrying a knife you //  
 might aswell kiss goodbye to your life. //

Whos knife is that? I think I know.  
 Its owner is quite depressed though  
 It really is a tale of woe  
 I watch him frown, I cry hello. //

I start to shake  
 and I sob until the tears make  
 the only other sounds the break  
 of me screaming and as birds I awake //

The knife is dangerous, scary and  
 but he had his promise to keep,  
 now on he cannot call asleep,  
 I lay there and weep. //

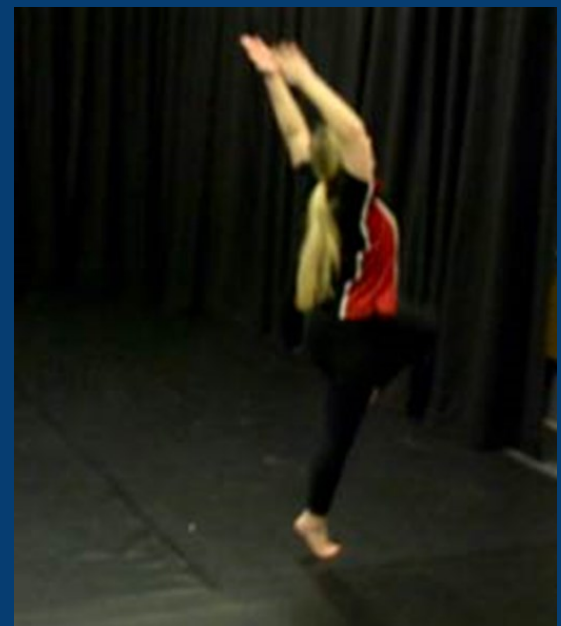
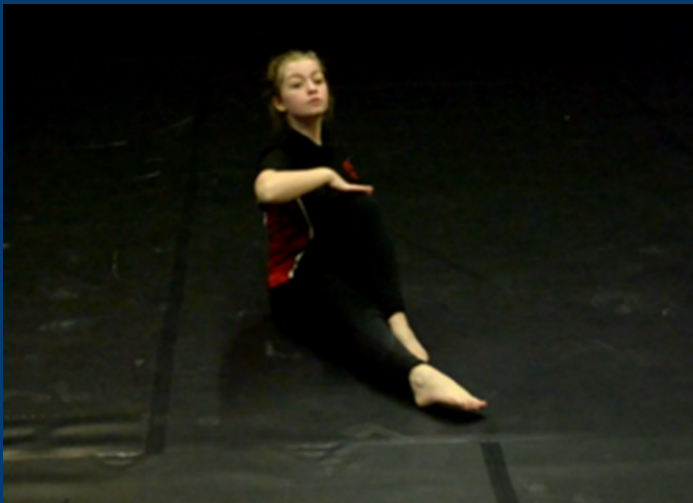
I rise from my horrid spot,  
 I can no longer love,  
 I look around there's not  
 since I'm in heaven up above. //

## GCSE Dance

The Year 11 GCSE Dance students had their first practical performance exam this week – two solo performances! Students were calm and focussed and well prepared for their examination. They remembered the key tips that have been given to them including ‘breathe!’, ‘Disneyland’ ‘flat hands!’ and ‘you can!!!’.

Well done all, a great start to your practical component. Now on to the next two performance’s at the end of March!

Miss Blackwell



## Auditions!

# CHICAGO

## HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

### AUDITIONS

**ACTORS/SINGERS – TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FROM 3:15PM IN SM1**

**DANCERS – WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FROM 3:15PM IN H8/H9**

**AUDITION SCRIPTS AND SONGS CAN BE  
ACCESSED VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Come along and audition for Chicago!

Students auditioning for an acting role must select one script, learn the dialogue and perform using an American accent.

Students auditioning for a lead role must choose one of the songs below and prepare the first verse and chorus:

'Mr Cellophane'

'All That Jazz'

You will find the scripts on the Barnwell School Website on the link below:

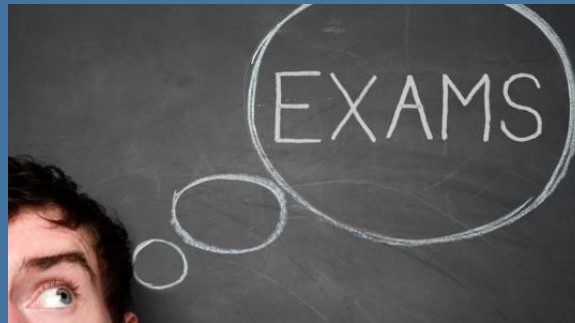
<https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/students/new-page-2/>

Students auditioning for lead roles must attend the Dance audition on  
Wednesday 27th February.

## Learning Resource Centre

Come along to the Learning Resource Centre on Middle and Upper:





With the Summer exam season fast approaching, it's important that students and parents read the Examinations Student Handbook.

This can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/students/examinations/>

**NO IPODS, MOBILE PHONES  
MP3/4 PLAYERS  
SMARTWATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB  
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from your examination and your overall qualification.

**Warning to Candidates**

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
3. You **must not**:
  - sit an examination in the name of another candidate;
  - have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which might give you an unfair advantage.
4. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **breaking the rules**, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
5. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
6. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
7. If you are in any doubt speak to the invigilator.

**WATCHES**

**ALL WATCHES MUST BE  
HANDED IN ALONG WITH  
MOBILE PHONES & ANY  
OTHER UNAUTHORISED  
ITEMS.**

Failure to do so may lead to **disqualification**

## Summer 2019 Exams Contingency Day

Summer exam timetables have now been sent out, but please be aware that candidates must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke a contingency plan.





## 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)



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

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

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



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/>



## 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, GSCEPod, 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)

OAKLANDS COLLEGE

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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.



## We received the following message from Save the Children this Week:

It's been two months since we all pulled on our festive knits for a cause very close to my heart. The money we've raised together is so important, because children fulfilling their potential is our biggest hope for a better, brighter future for us all.

I just wanted to say an enormous thank you for being a woolly wonderful fundraiser and raising **£341.12.**

**Take a look at this video** and see how your fundraising could be supporting children...

