

Dear Parents/Carers

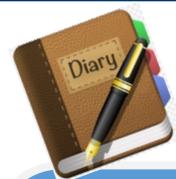
This week has been a national celebration of apprenticeships and the impact of apprenticeships on individuals, employers and the economy. In recent years, the number of sixth form students embarking upon apprenticeships upon completion of their studies, here at Barnwell, has grown as the opportunities available have increased dramatically. Today, our Year 12 students have spent the day at MK Arena exploring their options at the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair. This is an extremely exciting time for our students as they continue to plan their future career pathways.



To find out more about apprenticeships, please find a link below to the 'Amazing Apprenticeship' website where, each month, a parent pack is published:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-february-2019/>

Mrs Johnson - Head of Sixth Form



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 13th March

Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th March

Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam

Maths Fest, County Competition - Middle

Thursday 21st March

Year 10 Parents Evening

Monday 25th March

Year 11 Choreography Exam

Tuesday 26th March

Year 11 "Up the Anti"

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'.

Jessica B - LB Annabella G - ER Taylor B- FWH Harry H - SAH Demi-Mae S - LB James W - JEL
Oliver W-M - JME Shyla-Mae D - SAH Alfie K-B - HR

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Ajay S - ER Rocco W - SC Angelee K - EPO Alessio T - SOC Tia S - IC
Joshua T - SOC Abigail G - HR Daniel G - RPA Callum A - SOC
Lilli-Rose C-H - ER Taylor M - HF Georgi M - DSM Tammie T-S - EPO
Michael W - HR Charlotte M - FWH Katie M - KP Katie P - ER Daniel P - JM
Aiden C - HF Marko B - FWH - George F - SC George B - SAH Ines C - NHA





Cantankerous (adjective)



Bad tempered and
uncooperative

Synonyms

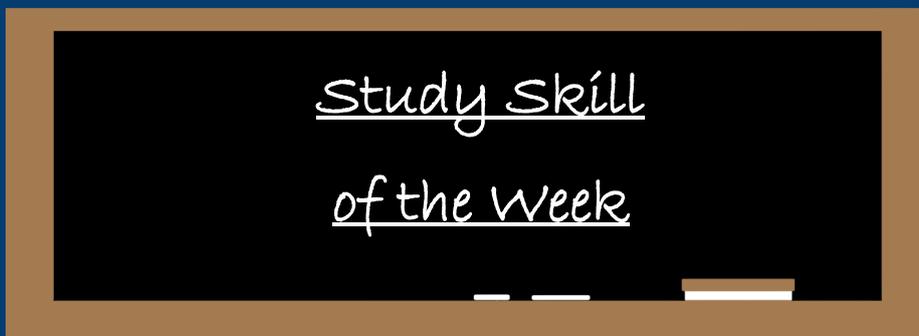
- grumpy
- tetchy
- Irritable

Antonyms

- Good natured
- Affable
- Positive

Sentences containing the adjective 'cantankerous'

- Gemma was always **cantankerous** in the mornings.
- Jim became **cantankerous** when he was told he had a test next lesson.



Memory Skills



Free Breakfast!

Monday to Friday from 8am - 8.25am

This week we launched our Breakfast Club to students on both middle and upper campus. Students have thoroughly enjoyed attending. We hope to see lots more new faces over the coming weeks.

Students will be able to receive this free breakfast between 8-8.25am. This will be based in LRC and supported by a member of staff.

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to access this provision, therefore the same school expectations are required as per the code of conduct.

Students must sign in and out of the breakfast programme.

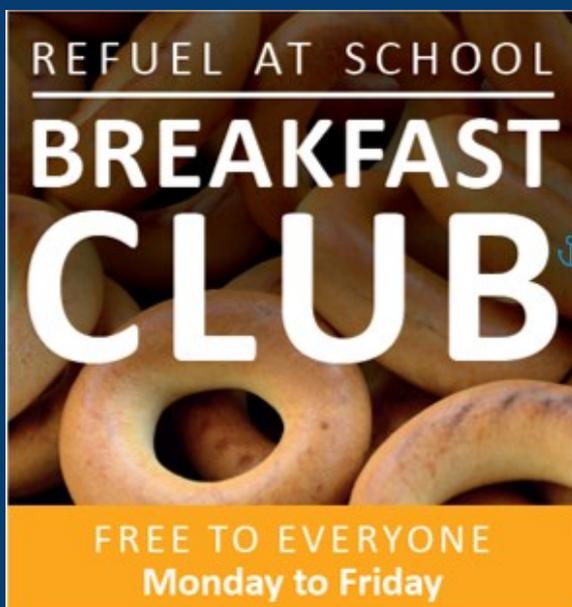
All students must take responsibility for organising their breakfast.

Students are encouraged to ask a member of staff for support if required.

Students are responsible for clearing up after themselves.

Students must not take food out of LRC.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the **National Schools Breakfast Programme (Magic Breakfast)** for supporting our students at Barnwell School.



Sponsored Readathon

Please encourage your children to sign up to the Read for Good Readathon.



WARNING!
Books can seriously change lives!

Join our sponsored read and YOU can change lives too!

Start date: Tuesday 5th March
Sponsor money in by: Tuesday 23rd April
Organiser: _____

 readforgood.org

Watch the following video for more information:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2vUPYpaZK4&feature=youtu.be>



Barnwell Bulletin

The beautiful Jamaica, ^(C) is a gorgeous island lazily floating in the middle of the Pacific Atlantic ocean. Golden beaches around every corner inviting you in. In cities such as Kingston roadside stalls release the enticing aroma of Jerk chicken, Sestial and plantain. At night music blasts out of houses smalls bars and dancehalls. At nighttime, it is a luxury to visit icecream parlours overlooking the sea. I love Jamaica. It's my home! Make sure you visit to and understand why.

(C) * Credit *

Sounds like a wonderful place!

Miss J. Bacon
Barnwell school, G12
Stevenage, Shephall Green
Herts SG2 9XT

From Mariah T.

Someday, I would like to travel to Japan. Japanese culture is very fascinating, as they celebrate special days (like Umi no Hi / Ocean day) with silly and vibrant coloured kimonos, have a variety of food that is extremely rare to find in England. Furthermore, J-Pop bands and idols. This may be weird for others however, these Vocaloids have gotten so popular across Japan (and many more countries) that there are now real live concerts. People keep flooding in the building where the Vocaloid concerts are held; they swiftly strip all of the merchandise and pay for the glasticks before the show starts. In my opinion, Vocaloid concerts are better than normal concerts due to their dancing, perfectly and effectively, appearing as a hologram (but not, they look so real so people may not think that they are holograms). I sing as real life humans play the background music.

(C) * Credit *

Great knowledge of Japan - very interesting facts!

To: Miss Bacon
Address: SG2 9SR
Barnwell School
Stevenage

Dear Miss Bacon,

In the summer, 2019, I visited terrific Turkey. We stayed in a villa which ^(looked) over the glistering sea. It was quite an unknown area which meant it had the friendliest people with stunning sights. The food was delicious that filled the air with mouth watering aromas.

Wish you were here!

Best Wishes

From Kiera

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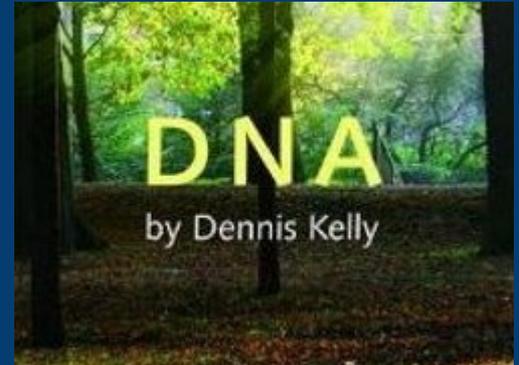
Miss J. Bacon
Barnwell middle school
Shephall Green
Stevenage
Herts
SG2 9XT

This sounds like a fabulous place to visit!

Drama

Well done to the Barnwell Upper Drama group, who took part in the Welwyn Youth Drama Festival yesterday!

Ten students performed in Dennis Kelly's play 'DNA' - a dark story about teenagers caught up in a spiral of lies.



All of the cast members did a brilliant job of depicting the style of the piece, with clear characterisation and imaginative movement sequences.

Well done to Jack S, Neave K, Shannon N, Ellie P, Abbie M, Frances U, Tia S, Casey H, Kerren C and Luca M!



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Mercedes-Benz

National Apprenticeship Week

It's National Apprenticeship Week and the perfect time to bring to your attention some great apprenticeship opportunities with Mercedes-Benz:

Mercedes Benz recruit and train apprentices for their franchised sites, with vacancies available throughout the whole of the UK. Apprentices train as Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle or Semi-skilled Technicians or for those wishing to gain skills in a sales or customer service role they have Retail Parts Advisor or Customer Service Specialist.

To find out more and make an application, please visit their website:
www.mercedes-benztraining.co.uk/apprenticeships

**Mercedes Benz are particularly looking to promote Women in STEM
If you are a young women with a passion to understand how vehicles work
then they want to hear from you.**

**“Let us dispel the myths of what a day in the life of a technician looks like
Let us share the benefits of launching a career with a globally recognised
brand”**

To speak with one of their team, call 01908 301496 or e:mail them at
mb.apprentice.academy@daimler.com

**[Click here for the Mercedes Benz
Apprenticeship Programme](#)**

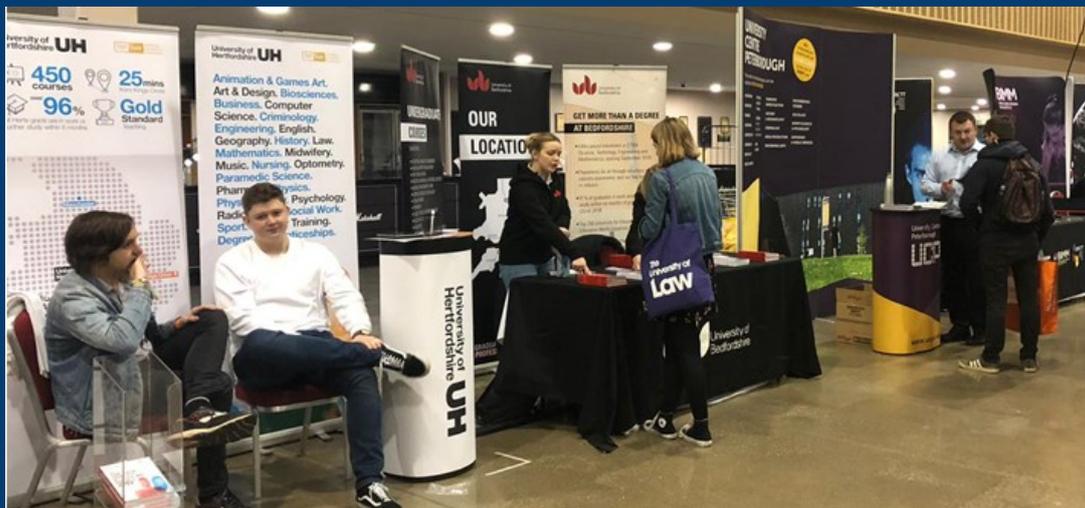




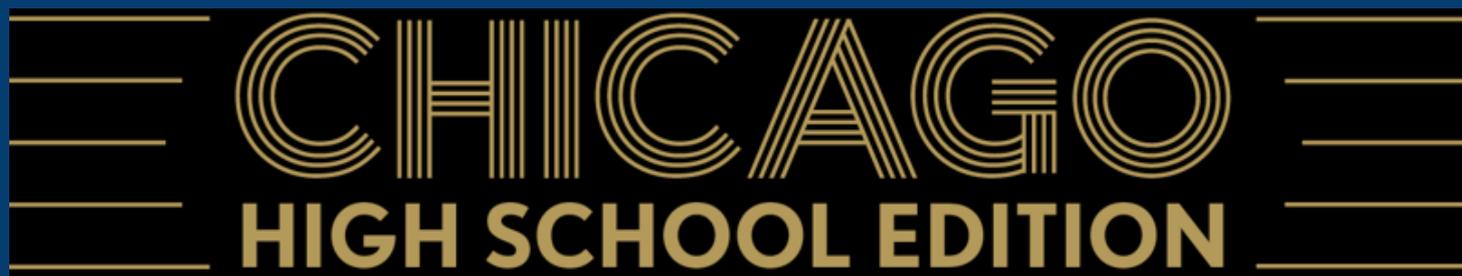
Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week
4 to 8 March 2019

Today, our Year 12 students spent the day at Milton Keynes Arena exploring their options at the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair.



Rehearsal Schedules for



Please click on the links below:

[Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule](#)

And

[Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule](#)



Mathematics

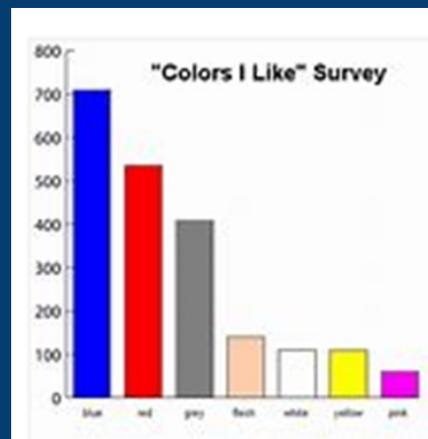
This week the Year 10's are learning about different types of charts to use in Statistics:

Mrs Farquharson

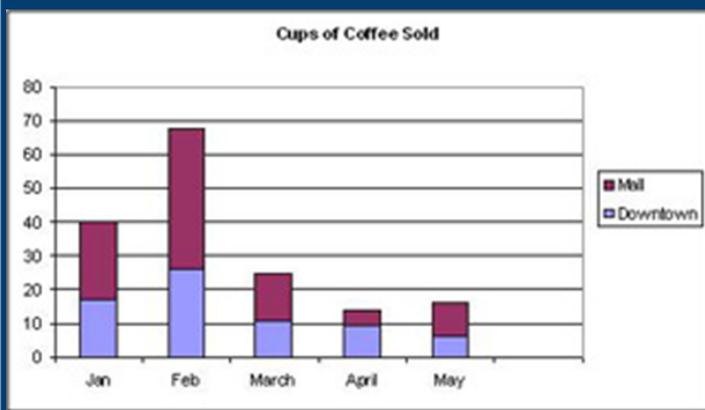
Pictograms:

Colour	Number of Smarties	Frequency
Green		7
Orange		8
Blue		5
Pink		6
Yellow		11
Red		8
Purple		7
Brown		3
Key = 2 smarties		

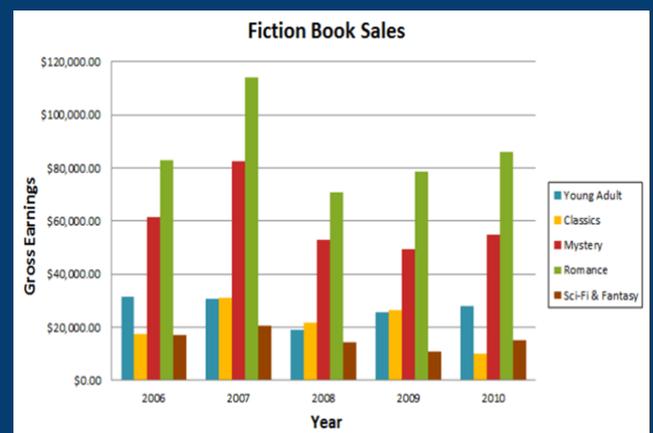
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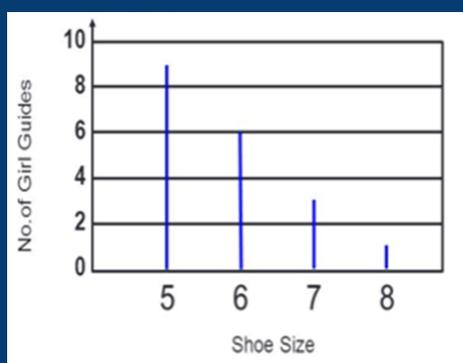
Duel Bar Charts:



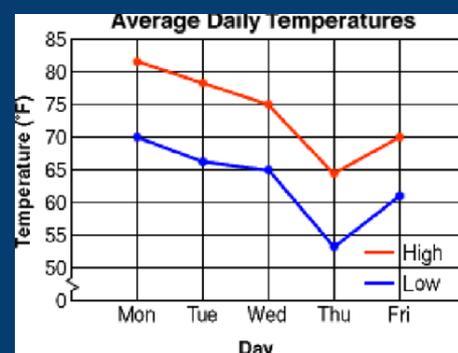
Composite Bar Charts:



Vertical Line Charts:



Line Graphs:

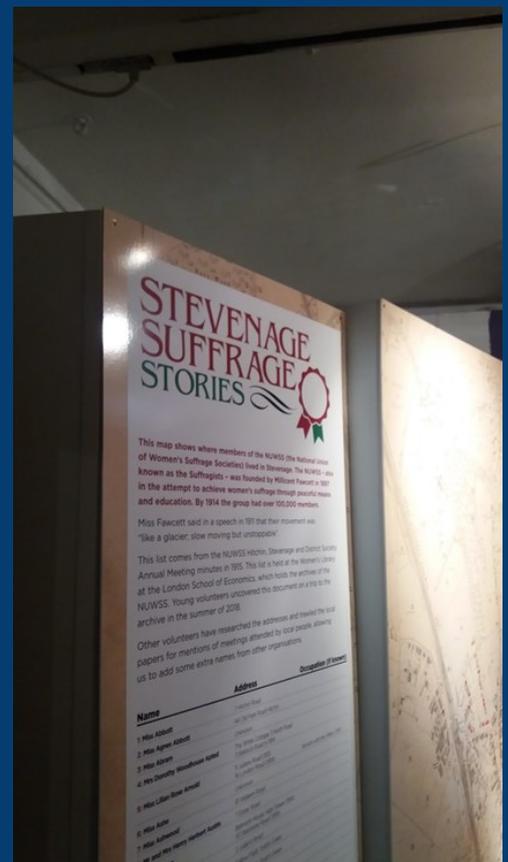


Media Studies

Barnwell Media Work is on Display at Stevenage Museum until Saturday 9th March.

Films made by KS4/5 Media students with local artists Rewind & Modern Suffrage have been on show at Stevenage Museum for several weeks.

It is an excellent exhibition and well worth a visit. See if you can spot anyone you know in the silhouetted vignettes!



PE News

Seniors District Basketball Final

Monday saw a disappointing result for Barnwell against Hitchin Boys School in the North Herts District Cup Final finishing 51-36. Superb team effort, but buckets just didn't fall...

Well done to the whole team on a fantastic season!

Mr Launay



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exercise NOT ONLY
CHANGES YOUR BODY.
IT CHANGES YOUR MIND.
YOUR ATTITUDE AND
YOUR MOOD.

PE and school sport is about so much more than just physical health. So please encourage your children to sign up to this term's extra curricular sports.

Timetables are available below:

[Click here for Middle School Extra Curricular Sports Timetable](#)

[Click here for Upper School Extra Curricular Sports Timetable](#)

Barnwell Kart Club

About Us

The Kart club meets in term time, on Wednesday nights from 17.30 - 19.30, during March to November in the Tech Block of the Upper Campus. We break for the winter between November and March as it's too cold and wet to race but during this time we will usually meet up to have a meal, go bowling or go to the cinema, we also discuss future events, race meetings and fundraising events. This is a family club so a parent needs to be on site and at race meetings to keep an eye on their child, it's also a good chance to get to know each other socially as we spend a lot of time together on race days.



Wednesday club nights are spent either checking the karts following a race meeting, preparing the karts and loading them onto the trailer for the next race, learning about the track and talking about fundraising or other club details. Parents and children will also be taught how to maintain and fix the karts.

Racing

We race in NatSKA - The National Schools Karting Association. The competition year starts in September and finishes in June the following year with a break from November to March. There are 10-12 race meetings per year with some of them being quite a distance away. The karting year ends in June with 'The Nationals' which take place over 3 days. If attending you will need to either camp or stay in a hotel, this is optional and not club funded but group accommodation will be discussed nearer the time. The days are long when we go to races and leaving home at 5am is not unusual so it is important that you and your child show a commitment to the club if they want to race.



If you are interested in becoming the next formula 1 champion come along on a Wednesday evening and join us. For further information please email b.hull@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

If Lewis Hamilton can do it so can you!

Mr Hull, Team Leader



Please help prepare students by ensuring that they are aware of the following rules:

- Any pencil cases brought into exams MUST be see through
- All written work MUST be in BLACK biro only
- Mobile phones MUST be switched off and handed in at the start of the exam and exchanged for a raffle ticket and can be collected after the exam has ended
- No watches of any kind are allowed in the exams and must also be handed in and exchanged for a raffle ticket
- Any water bottles brought into the exam must be clear plastic bottles and all labels must be removed before entering

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/>

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

Download the free app to your mobile / device!

Monthly prize draw for parents regularly logging-in.

Barnwell School

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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)

Stand By Me Teen Bereavement Support Group

If you feel your child would benefit from some bereavement counselling, referrals can now be made for the June group programme. Referrals are accepted from parents or carers however if you would like support with this process, please contact your child's Head of College or Head of Year.



Teen Bereavement Group Programme June 2019



PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

Referrals are now being accepted for the 2019 Summer Teen Bereavement Group

Who is it for?

11– 16 year olds living in North Herts or Stevenage who have bereaved of a significant relationship at anytime in their childhood

Details

The therapeutic group programme takes place weekly over 6 consecutive weeks for between 90 mins and 2 hours

Find out more

Referrals from parents and carers are welcomed

CONTACT

E: info@stand-by-me.org.uk Mob: 07469 255139

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](#)

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.



Half Fare Bus Travel for 11-18 Year Old's

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**.

To apply, click on the link below:
<https://savercards.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>



Take the Time to Thank a Member of Staff

As a new initiative, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to recognise the hard work individual members of staff put in on a daily basis to ensure your children thrive academically and pastorally.

The Barnwell Staff Thank You scheme will run throughout the year and will be available to access via newsletters and our new school website.

Staff that are nominated will be personally recognised in school.

Please click the picture below to be directed to a simple on-line form to register your nomination.

A graphic with the text 'THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF' in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are arranged in four lines: 'THANK' (top), 'YOU' (second), 'TEACHERS' (third), and 'AND STAFF' (bottom). Each letter is a different color, creating a vibrant rainbow effect.

THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF

Apprenticeship Drop-ins at North Hertfordshire College

At Hart Learning & Development, the apprenticeship arm of North Hertfordshire College, we are excited to announce that we are launching monthly “Apprenticeship Drop-In’s”. These sessions will run from 3.30pm – 5pm on the first Thursday of every month at our Stevenage campus.

Launch:

We are launching the Drop-in’s on **Thursday 7th March 2019** in **National Apprenticeship Week**. We are now open for bookings for employers to have a stand to promote their organisation at the launch event and subsequent drop-in’s and also for school parties to book groups in to attend.

Purpose:

These Drop-in’s will welcome:

- those wishing to learn more about apprenticeships
- those looking for vacancies to apply for
- those wishing to advertise for an apprentice
- those wishing to discover our apprenticeship offer, costs and processes

Attendees:

Potential apprentices

- We would like to encourage students from our local schools who may wish to explore apprenticeships as an option.
- We will have all our current vacancies available for attendees to look through
- We will offer support with CV’s and applying for vacancies using our recruitment tool – “Get My First Job”

Potential employers

- We will discuss our apprenticeship offer with clients
- We will enable employers to promote their apprenticeship programmes
- We will introduce employers to those interested in their vacancies

If you would like to attend the launch event or subsequent drop-ins, please contact enquiries@hartld.co.uk