

Dear Parents/Carers

With only two weeks until the Easter break the exam classes in year 11 and 13 are gearing up for their public exams. We have held several sessions in school to help students decide on the best way to revise. How to revise is a very individual activity but all the research shows that imitating exam conditions (revising in silence) is the best model. If your child is not sure of the best way to revise, please ask them to see any member of staff for guidance.



Educational trips are an important part of school life and we have had a number this term. Four Year 9 students attended the Birmingham Big Bang event (the Affinity Water Competition) and received a commendation for their idea. A number of students from our Dance Company run a primary school dance event and we hosted the Year 10 Maths Feast.

Can I encourage parents/carer(s) to make full use of Schoolcomms and our web site to find out about our up and coming events particularly the summer show which is Chicago. It will be a truly amazing event.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Anderson - Assistant Headteacher

Dates for the Diary



Monday 25th March

Year 11 Choreography Exam

Tuesday 26th March

Year 11 "Up the Anti"

Friday 29th March

Anna Freud Workshop - Year 9's

Monday 1st April

Inter College Sports Day & Rock Challenge Rehearsals

Friday 5th April

End of Term

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'.

Josh M - JM Dylan W - ANC Kyle S - EPO Katerina B - HF Kristian M - IC Tyler B - KP Katie P - ND
James C - ANC Bailey W - HR Mark H - ANC Karol Z - BI Harry H - SAH Alfie K-B - HR

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Kasey-Lee P - ER Rebecca S - IC Cayshel G - KP Faith L - ANC Ruby-Ann M - ER
Tia S - IC Ala S - ER Connor N - PN Alfie M - JH Branwen R - HF Charlize H - LB
Cara H - ANC Max A - KP Joseph E - GW Harvey G - EB





Cajole (verb)



Persuading someone
to do something using flattery or coaxing

Synonyms

- persuade
- entice
- tempt

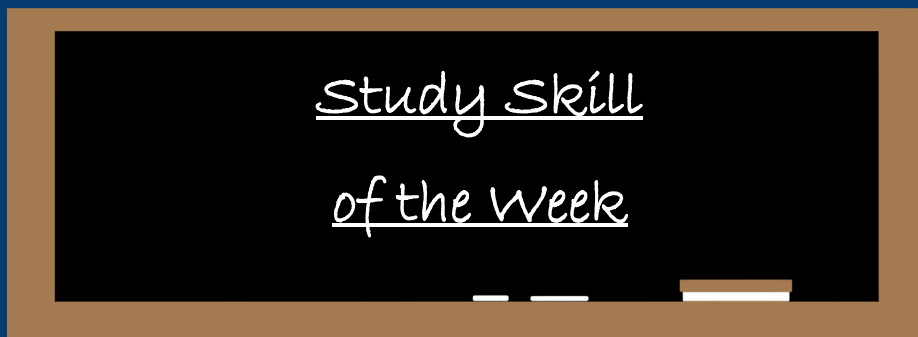
Antonyms

- force
- bully
- threaten

Sentences containing the verb 'cajole'

He really knows how to **cajole** people into doing what he wants.

The most effective technique is to **cajole** rather than to threaten.



Using GCSE POD



Year 12/13 A Level Psychology Trip – Thursday 14th March 2019

The day started with a trip to the Freud Museum in South Hampstead, London. This is a museum dedicated to the life and works of the famous psychologist Sigmund Freud. It is based in the house he lived in with his family for the last year of his life.

Freud (1856-1939) was the founder of psychoanalysis, a theory of how the mind works and a method of helping people in mental distress.



He was the first psychologist to introduce the ‘couch’ where patients were encouraged to talk about their thoughts and feelings. This is the actual couch used by Freud as he developed his theory of psychoanalysis. He would sit at the end and his patients would lie down facing away from him.



When Freud moved his family from Vienna to London, they managed to bring all their furniture and personal belongings with them. Above is a picture of the desk and chair used by Freud. If you look carefully you can see his spectacles on the desk.

Here is the group in the wind and the rain in front on the Freud statue.



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Year 12/13 A Level Psychology Trip - Continued

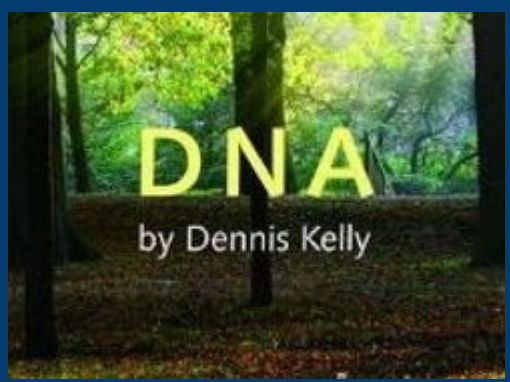
In the evening we went on a 'Jack the Ripper' tour. Starting at Aldgate East tube station we walked through the streets and alleyways of Whitechapel to discover where the gruesome remains of his 5 victims were found. What makes a human commit such horrific acts of violence? What could be their motivation? Our guide was called Paul and he gave us a detailed insight into the squalid conditions people lived in at the time. The level of poverty and deprivation was terrible and for a while no-one cared about these murders as the victims were simply not thought of as important in society.



Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising the trip. It was a very busy and enjoyable day.

Drama

Congratulations to Luca M, who was awarded a Medal of Excellence at the WGC Youth Drama Festival for his performance in 'DNA'.



#PASSION #PRIDE



Rehearsal Schedules

For



Please click on the links below:

[Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule](#)

And

[Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule](#)



PE News

The year 8 netball team came 2nd in the Stevenage and North Herts netball tournament. Well done to all the other teams



#PRIDE #PASSION

Extra Curricular Sports

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](#)

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



Science



GSK Careers and Laboratory Visit - Year 13's

GSK are a science-led global healthcare company with a special purpose: to help people do more, feel better and live longer.

On Tuesday 19th March, four Year 13 science students visited GSK Stevenage, to find out more about what goes on at this global giant of the pharmaceutical industry.

The students were given an introductory talk, overviewing the process of medicine production from the initial identification of a compound to seeing that drug on the market. This insight provides an idea of the range of possible job opportunities at the site, from scientists to statisticians, from marketing to managing.

This was followed by a tour of the labs by the scientists which work there, showing the students pieces of equipment which use the latest technology and require massive investment, but which are used daily by the experts working on developing medicines. We saw a Chemistry lab, a Biology lab and a lab used specifically to work on gene therapies.

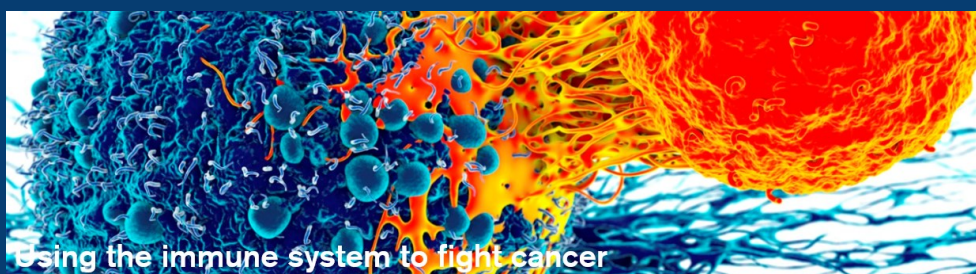
Finally, the students were given the opportunity to talk to employees of the company and find out more about the different routes available into employment at GSK.

The students are all likely to head in different directions, but all with a science theme, and all found the visit to be useful in helping to make those difficult decisions about the future.

“The best thing about the trip to GSK was the fact that it gave me the chance to explore the vast opportunities which my future may hold.” **Leah Mallam**

“I found looking around the Labs at GSK interesting, particularly seeing the equipment used in drugs production. The presentation about the work of GSK was also very interesting and useful in helping me think about a future career in Science, particularly R&D”. **Holly Parry**

Mrs Butterfield



Using the immune system to fight cancer

Sponsored Readathon

The sponsored Readathon will be continuing until the end of term.

Please encourage your children to sign up!



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>



Free Breakfast!

Monday to Friday from 8am - 8.25am

This is the third week of Breakfast Club at Barnwell School. Staff thoroughly enjoy seeing the students access this FREE breakfast and engaging with their peers.

While students are in LRC, their time can also be spent completing homework, reading, meeting friends, checking emails and much more.

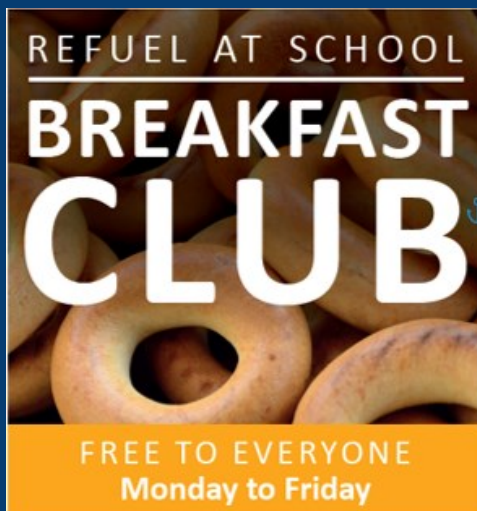
On Thursday evening this week, Magic Breakfast was available to sample at the Year 10 parents evening. Thank You to everyone who spoke with us.

What food is available?

Bagels, Cheerios, Shreddies, Cornflakes, Rice Crispies

Breakfast Monitors

We're looking to recruit Breakfast monitors on middle and upper campus. This will consist of light duties helping at Breakfast club whilst gaining experience. If your child wishes to participate, please ask them to speak to Miss Sayer or email s.sayer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk





Careers Open Evening at Lister Hospital



The East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust based at the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, is delighted to offer an NHS careers open evening on

Tuesday 16 April 2019 from 5pm to 7pm

This is open to local school pupils from the age of 14, parents and teachers. They will be showcasing NHS careers including medicine, nursing and midwifery through a mix of lectures and personal conversations with a range of professionals including student doctors, consultants, nurses and many other NHS careers.

Please contact David Brewer at david.brewer@nhs.net to confirm your place – we expect to get to capacity very quickly so be quick!

Apprenticeships



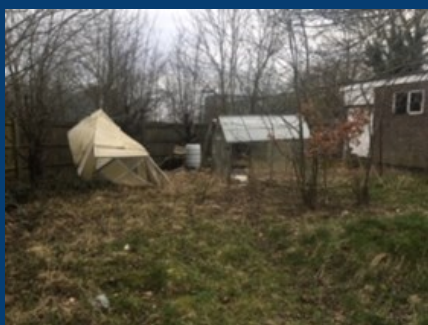
Bell Group in Letchworth are looking for Painting & Decorating Apprentices!

If you are interested and want to find out more, contact them on:

apprenticeships@bellgroup.co.uk

Barnwell Community Gardening Day

Saturday 27th April 2019



Barnwell School are excited to announce we have been successful in our application for a small grant from Stevenage Community Trust to develop an old allotment area into a functioning and working allotment space for our students.

Following a fantastic response from the community, we are delighted to inform you that on Saturday 27th April we will be holding a Community Gardening Day at

Barnwell Upper Campus

10am-3pm

You do not need to sign up, however we are keen to receive feedback from as many parents/ carers as possible. If you have either the skills, experience, equipment, knowledge and or time to support this project, we would love to hear from you via the google doc below:

[Community Gardening Day Sign Up](#)



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

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, multi-colored effect.

THANK
YOU
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AND STAFF

Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Open Day

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Site are hosting an open day at **Longfield Training Centre** on **Sat 13th April 11am – 4pm**. There will be a host of activities taking place, with Fire demos, Air Ambulance, 'Req's their fire dog in attendance, bouncy castle, meet the super heroes, teddy bear parachute jumps, BBQ, Ice Cream van and much much more.



Working in partnership with Trading Standards, Resilience and Herts Police

HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

LONGFIELD OPEN DAY

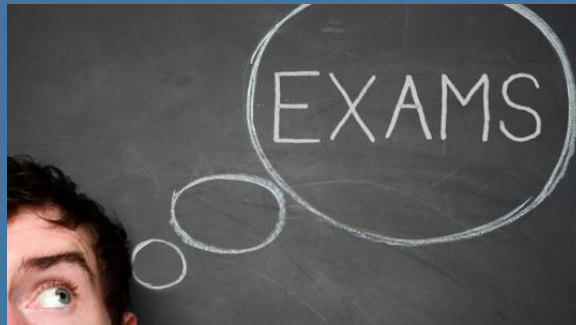
Longfield,
Hitchin Road,
SG1 4AE
(FREE ADMISSION)

SAT 13TH APRIL 2019
11AM - 4PM

Attendees include Essex & Herts Air Ambulance & other agencies

Bring your teddy bear for a parachute jump (Operational calls permitting) Come and meet your super heroes, Fire Investigation dog, smoke experience, rescue demonstrations, bouncy castle, children's driving experience, BBQ, drone demo and more.

WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire



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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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)

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, 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](#)

An amazing Marathon Effort

Two members of our school community have been training hard and will be taking on the challenge of the London Marathon on 28th April.

June Owen – Upper Campus Kitchen Queen has been training hard after deferring her 2018 entry due to injury. June is raising awareness and money for the British Lung Foundation.

Donations can be made by visiting her just giving page below:

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/
fundraiser-display/
showROFundraiserPage?
userUrl=JuneOwen&pageUrl=2](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=JuneOwen&pageUrl=2)



Julia Bunting – Parent Partnership member will be running her 3rd London Marathon and is raising awareness and funds for Papyrus, the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide www.papyrus-uk.org.

To donate on Julia's giving page please click below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julia-bunting6>

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/>

