

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of term it is always nice to reflect on the amazing achievements of students over the last few months. As you will have seen in the weekly bulletins, Barnwell students have lots of opportunities to grow and develop through so many areas of school life. Whenever I walk around the school during lesson time or after school, the variety of activities taking place astounds me.



Whether students are staying behind for GCSE and A' Level Grade Booster sessions, rehearsing for one of the school performances, representing the school in a sport or simply working on private study in one of our libraries, the school community continues to thrive.

Obviously many students will be turning their attention to their upcoming examinations and I am sure I will see some of them at the extra sessions taking place over the Easter Holiday. Remember, regular revision is much better than excessive cramming close to the exams.

Thank you to all parents for their continued support and I wish you a very Happy Easter.

*Mr Roberts—Head of School*

## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 5th April**  
**End of Term**

**Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May**

Year 9 Exams

**Tuesday 30th April**

Junior Maths Challenge - Years 7 & 8 (classes 7x,7y,8x & 8y)



**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'.**

Piotr Z - FWH Aneliya I - HO Owen D - SAH Mckenzie W - JH David O - KP Jenna M - SAH  
George B - SAH Frankie S - LB Tiana B - SAH Holly K - JH Taylor B - FWH Rebecca M - SAH  
Robert B - BI Ellie R - SAH Jamie B - SC Joanne S-L - SC Tyler B - KP

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

Marko B - FWH Esther S - GW Lexi M - HF Joseph E - GW Eloise B - JH  
Mckenzie W - JH Keane S - PA Erinjoy N - SC Ishe F - SC Holly K - JH  
Tyler B - KP Teddy R - JH Bayleigh W - ER Harvey R - HF Stevie-Jean F - SAH





## Pedantic (verb - past tense)



Excessively concerned with  
minor details or rules; over scrupulous.

### Synonyms

- precise
- exact
- fussy

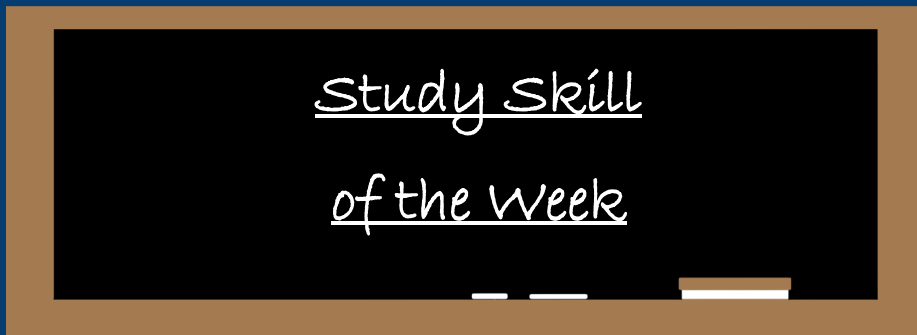
### Antonyms

- careless
- imprecise
- inexact

### Sentences containing the verb 'vindicated'

The teacher was **pedantic** in wanting the class to complete the calculation using his method only.

Jane was always **pedantic** when completing her homework.



Unlocking Key Vocabulary



## Maths Feast

Barnwell school was the host to the 2019 Maths Feast competition, which included 15 teams from other schools.

We were represented by the following students: Amanda J, Reem A, Chantelle B and Mante S (Team A) and George K, Adam M and Connor N (Team B)

Our students gave an excellent account of themselves with Team A, winning the teamwork trophy in memory of Mr Stevenson and Team B winning the second round of the competition.

Our students were an absolute credit to Barnwell and the way they worked together really impressed the judges. Some of the comments were: "this group listen to each other very well! very calm suggestions, apologised for wrong answers and great teamwork."



Winners of the Team Work trophy



Winner of the Individual Category





## IT & Computing



On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the following Year 7 & 8 students took part in the second round of the TCS Hertford College, Oxford University, Computing Challenge.

Jasmin C - Year 7

Ashleigh H - Year 7

Leo C - Year 7

Callum-Mac D - Year 8

Ardi J - Year 8

Blu A - Year 8

Very well done to all of these students, some of which have achieved a Distinction status!!

All students have been presented with a special certificate from Hertford College at Oxford University.

## Coding Club

Coding Club takes place on Thursday lunchtimes in the IT & CS Suite.

If you are interested in developing your coding skills, please come along.



## Year 9 Exam Week: Starting Monday 29th April.

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our Year 9 students will be taking their formal exams in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science in the week beginning Monday 29th April 2019. This is the second week back after the Easter holidays.

These exams will be sat in full exam conditions in our school hall and students will sit all exams in their half year groups. I have attached the timetable so you can see when your children have their exams. I will also be going over this process with the students in assemblies in the lead up to the exam week.

Students will be preparing for these exams in their lessons in the build up to these exams. These exams are very important as we will be using the results to help gauge progress and attainment over the year and to help prepare for the transition into Year 10.

I will be providing parents with subject specific revision information to allow you more effectively to be able to support your children to prepare thoroughly for the exams but in the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the Year 9 exams, please feel free to contact me.

Many thanks

Martyn Patching

Director of Learning - KS3

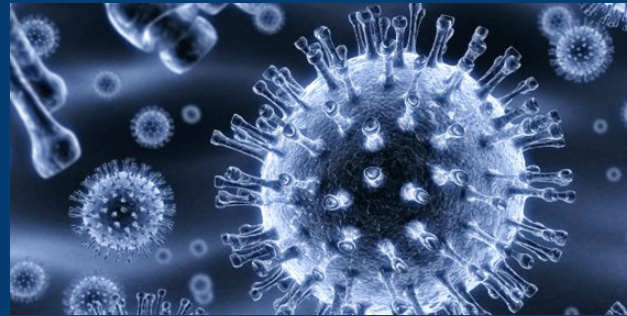
	Monday 29th April	Tuesday 30th April	Wednesday 1st May	Thursday 2nd May
Period 1/2	<u>SCIENCE (Paper 1)</u>		<u>MATHEMATICS (Paper 1)</u>	<u>MATHEMATICS (Paper 2)</u>
	Y Band		Y Band	Y Band
Period 3/4	<u>SCIENCE (Paper 1)</u>	<u>ENGLISH (Paper 1 - Writing)</u>	<u>Mathematics (Paper 2)</u>	<u>Mathematics (Paper 3)</u>
	X Band	X Band	X Band	X Band
Period 5/6	<u>MATHEMATICS (Paper 1)</u>	<u>ENGLISH (Paper 1 - Writing)</u>	<u>ENGLISH (Paper 2 - Literature)</u>	<u>ENGLISH (Paper 2 - Literature)</u>
	X Band	Y Band	X Band	Y Band

## Science:

### Virology

8y1 were visited by Sarah Kempster on Wednesday afternoon.

Sarah is a parent at the school and a virologist. Sarah came into school to show the students some of the techniques she uses on a daily basis and allow the students to have a go at them, as well as to be thinking about different diseases and how they might spread.



The class were split into 5 groups and rotated around benches with different activities.



Students here are using micropipettes. We held a competition to see who could fill 12 wells most accurately in the quickest time.

The winners were Branwen R, Daniel P and Hannah C.

Other activities including dressing in protective laboratory gear, ordering microscopic organisms from smallest to largest, playing top trumps with cards on microbes and making mucus.

The students were really engaged and enjoyed the activities. Thank you very much to Sarah for coming in with the ideas and delivering them.

Sarah is due to present an aspirations assembly to Year 9 in May.

Mrs Butterfield

## Rock Challenge

Yesterday we took 60 students to the Gordon Craig to compete in this years Rock Challenge southern heat.

The students performed an 8 minute drama and dance piece based around Marilyn Monroe's life.

The students did exceptionally well and were a real credit to the school.

We won awards for the following categories:

Drug awareness

Inclusion

Lighting design

Soundtrack

Choreography

The judges were really positive about our students and it was a pleasure to take them to the theatre to compete.

A special mention to be made for Alex P in Year 13. Alex worked exceptionally hard to ensure we had an amazing soundtrack and lighting design which he completed entirely on his own - the judges obviously thought he was fantastic too!

Well done to everyone involved!

## Learning Resource Centre

### Author of the Month: April

#### Here are ten absolutely true things about me:

I am a woman. I really am! I do get a lot of letters addressed to 'Mr Stevens', though.

I have a pet bearded dragon named Watson, and she is a girl too.

I was born in California, and I moved to England when I was three. This means that I have two passports (like a spy), and that I could be the President of the USA and the Prime Minister *at the same time* if I wanted to be. If this writing thing doesn't work out, I might consider it.

I grew up in Oxford, across the road from Alice in Wonderland. If she hadn't been Victorian and fictional, I think we could have been friends.

When I was little, I wanted to own a zoo and write books about it. I also wanted to be married to Gerald Durrell. I dreamed big.

Colin Dexter once sent me a fan letter. I met him when I was twelve and told him that when I grew up, I was going to write murder mysteries. I must have been really insistent, because he believed me.

I really did go to an English boarding school, Cheltenham Ladies College. And I really did sleep in a dorm, and learn Latin, and have school on Saturday mornings. I never detected a murder, though, which was a bit of a disappointment.

I've been on University Challenge! I was the Captain of the Warwick University team. We didn't win, unfortunately, but I did get to meet Jeremy Paxman.

When I was at university, I did my MA on crime fiction. So, I really do have a degree in murder.

I used to work as an editor, helping other authors get their books published, but today I'm lucky enough to be a full-time author!





## Uniform Donations Required



**Do you have any outgrown good quality School Uniform and PE kit that you could donate to other Barnwell families?**

**If so, please send them into school for the attention of Shelagh MacKey.**

**Any help would be so much appreciated.**

## 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](#)

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY **STRENGTHENS** THE MIND & THE BODY

### EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Our brains release endorphins during exercise, which help improve our mood, sleep, and energy levels.



### MEMORY

Exercise boosts the area of the brain in charge of verbal memory and learning.

### SOCIAL SKILLS



Physical activity most of the time involves participation in a team, which enhances leadership and empathy skills.

### ATTENTION

Being physically active increases our ability to pay attention.



### HEART, VEINS, ARTERIES

The heart is a muscle. Exercise helps it become stronger and more efficient, aids in keeping our veins and arteries clear, and decreases the levels of harmful cholesterol and fats in our blood.



### LUNGS

Working out increases lung capacity, so that our lungs can draw more oxygen into our bodies while releasing more carbon dioxide.

### BONES

Being physically active increases bone density, which helps prevent osteoporosis.



### WEIGHT CONTROL

Regular exercise helps us remain fit and control our weight.

### BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS

When we exercise, the glucose in our bloodstream is used by our muscles which makes it less likely that sugar will build up in the blood.

## Rehearsal Schedules

For



Please click on the links below:

[Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule](#)

And

[Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule](#)



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



## Free Breakfast!

### Monday to Friday from 8am - 8.25am

A big thank you to Barnwell School's, Parents and Students for supporting Breakfast Club this term.

We are delighted to have seen 120 individual students attend.

We hope students have enjoyed it as much as staff have.

**Breakfast Club is not running on the first day back after the Easter Break.**

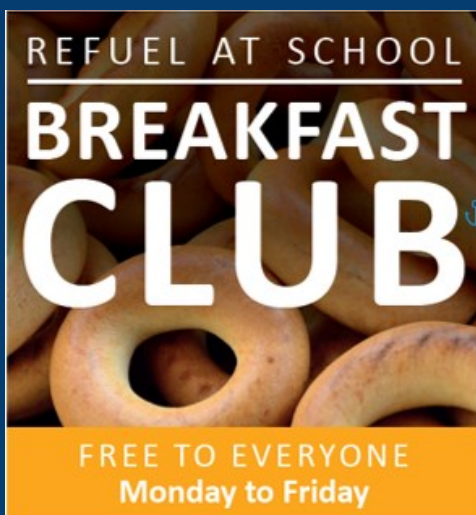
**Breakfast club will resume on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

We very much look forward to seeing students there.

Have a Wonderful Easter Break!

### What food is available?

**Bagels, Cheerios, Shreddies, Cornflakes, Rice Crispies**





## 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](mailto:david.brewer@nhs.net) to confirm your place – we expect to get to capacity very quickly so be quick!

## 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

## Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Open Day

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Site are hosting an open day at **Longfield Training Centre** on **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 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)

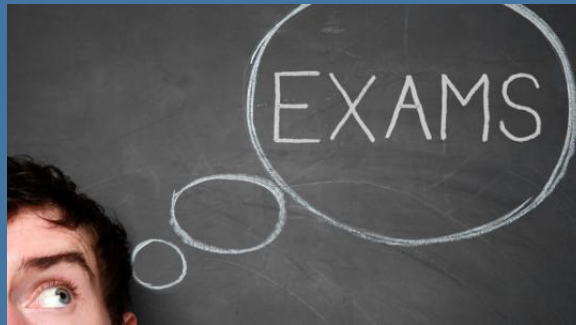
SAT 13TH APRIL 2019 11AM - 4PM

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](http://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.

## Exams Continued

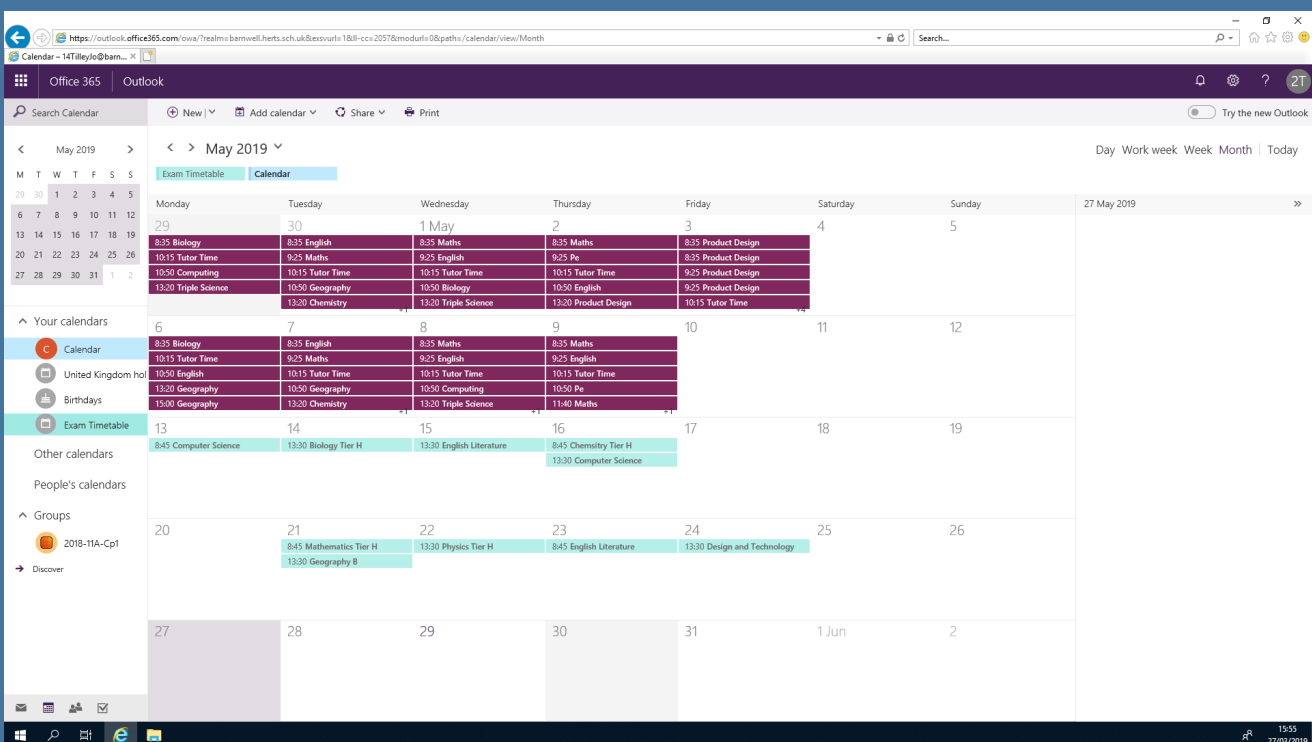
Students now have an "Exam Calendar" as well as the Calendar for their timetable in the O365 Outlook App.

It will cover GCSE and Level 3 exams coming up in May but the intention is also to use it in the future for scheduled mocks.

It can be found in O365 Outlook app selecting the Calendar icon at the bottom right hand corner.

Mrs Palin (Network, IT and Computing Science)

An example of how it should look:





## 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.

P  
R  
I  
D  
E

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)

## 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](mailto: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](#)**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> London Marathon and is raising awareness and funds for Papyrus, the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://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/>

