

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone managed to have a very restful Easter break. Personally, it took me a good 4 days to recover from the school ski trip – it must be my age!



Talking of trips, both the Italy food trip and the USA Ski trip were a huge success. All staff and students thoroughly enjoyed their visits and learnt valuable lessons during their time away. Whether they were cultural, skills based or about themselves, students definitely grew throughout the trips. Photos from the trips will be on our website soon but you can join the twitter groups @Barnwell_ski and @sorrento2019 to see the full experience unfold.

Year 11 and 13 students were fully engaged with exam booster sessions during the 2nd week of the holiday, with over 80% of students attending one or more of the targeted sessions. Full credit to those year 11 students that attended the morning after a return flight from America...

We move swiftly into exam season now with Year 9 exams starting next week, followed by GCSE and A Levels soon after. Year 7, 8 and 10 exams will be later in the term. Good luck to all students sitting exams in the next few weeks.

My final good luck is to anyone in our community running the London Marathon this Sunday. Special thoughts go to June Owen, Upper School Catering Manager and Julia Bunting, Parent Partnership Member.

Mr Roberts—Head of School

Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May

Year 9 Exams

Tuesday 30th April

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

Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May

Year 8&9 Girls HPV2 Injection

Friday 10th May

Year 7 Harry Potter Trip



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

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

Celebrating Student Achievement

Tyler B - KP Jade M - EPO Katie P - ND Joanne S-L - SC Kaya R - HF Katie M - FWH Devonte B-S - BI Tia S - IC Amelia B - JH Emily J - JEL Eloise B - JH Sarah N - EB Max A - KP Farran R - HF Leo C - JH Kamila S - HF Jasmin C - ER Jamie W - GW Freddy C - JH Cian L - FWH William C - GW Marko B - FWH Lilly P - HF Dylan B - BI Jessica P - SOC Archie D - BI Kian P - GW Lillie-Rose D - KP Jaziah R-L - HF

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:



Rares T - BI Parris M - DSM Amy G - KP Ryan E - SOC Mia C - BI Owen R - JME Samuel G - KP Bobby M - BI Emma G - RPA Louis O - EPO Kyle S - EPO Ollie B - DLE Archie D - BI Ollie C - EB Oliver W-M - JME Jon T - SOC Amy T - ACH Denisa T - BI Jasmine R - DLE Omo A - JME Indi I - FWH Robert B - BI





Inherent (adjective)



A permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute.

Synonyms

- intrinsic
- ingrained
- deep-rooted

Antonyms

- acquired
- extrinsic
- learned

Sentences containing the adjective 'inherent'

- * There are **inherent** flaws in the way the FA deals with misbehaviour of players.
- * Some animals have an **inherent** aggression.



Study Skill
of the Week



Unlocking Key Vocabulary



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 this weekend.

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>

Maths

A New Approach to Self-Assessment in Mathematics

This term the Maths Department are trialing a new method for students to reflect upon their progress in maths lessons. We are using Personal Learning Checklist (PLC) such as the ones below:

Half term 5 – Year 9 Higher Tier			
10 – Linear graphs			
I should already know:	G	A	R
how to plot coordinates in all four quadrants			
how to substitute numbers into a formula			
how to read and estimate from scales			
how to plot a graph from a given table of values			
I have learnt how to:	G	A	R
Read off values from a conversion graph			
Draw a linear graph without being given a table of values			
Find the gradient of a line			
Draw straight lines using the gradient-intercept method			
Draw straight lines using the cover-up method			
Find the equation of a straight line			
Use graphs to find formulae			
Use graphs to solve simultaneous equations			
Draw linear graphs parallel or perpendicular to other lines			

At the start of a new topic, students answer questions related to the statements listed in the “I should already know” section. They then mark the questions and RAG (red/amber/green) themselves so that they know their strengths and this information can be easily seen by the class teacher.

Over the course of the teaching of the topic the PLC sheets are regularly RAGged so that students can identify the skills being taught each lesson and monitor their progress through completion of classwork and homework.

At the end of a half term or body of work, a test will be completed which will also have the PLC’s identified by questions so that students can clearly identify the skills they have mastered and those that they need to improve during consolidation lessons or further work at home.

Clubs

Modern Foreign Languages

Wednesday's 12.35 in L1 on Middle Campus



MFL club- a place to learn and enjoy European culture. Games, quizzes, food and theme days. Come to MFL club and experience languages in a fun way!



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

Barnwell Litter Pick

Year 7 & 8 ambassadors went out picking up litter on local woodlands the week before Easter.

Council employees Lisa and Sue, and local resident Robert provided equipment and advice and the students collected many bags of litter.

We also reported some fly tip areas to be cleared up by the council.

A great afternoons work!

Mrs Butterfield



School Trips

**A little sneak-peak of the Italy Food trip to Sorrento and the USA Ski Trip!
Full reports will be in next week's newsletter!**



Learning Resource Centre



*New Reads
May 2019*

Books are available to borrow from the LRC for up to 3 weeks. After this please see your librarian to renew or return.

The central graphic features a light green background with a decorative border of pink butterflies and red tulips. The text 'New Reads May 2019' is written in a pink, cursive font. Below the text, a row of book covers is displayed. The books shown are: 'Prisoner of Ice and Snow', 'The Polka Dot Shop', 'The Secret Sun King', 'The Secret of the Garden', 'The State of Grace', 'Stargazing for Beginners', 'Beware That Girl', 'George', and 'They Saw Too Much'.

New for Summer: Extra Curricular Sports on Middle Campus

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.

Timetable available on the link below:

Middle Campus Extra Curricular Sports

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.

ATTENTION
Being physically active increases our ability to pay attention.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

Barnwell School Community Gardening Day

RESCHEDULED DATE DUE TO POOR WEATHER FORECAST!

New date: Saturday 18th May 10am-3pm



The site team have been working very hard over the Easter Break to prepare the allotment for the redevelopment of this area. I would particularly like to thank Mr Groom and Mr Johnson for their hard work and efforts.

We very much hope that on the 18th May the weather will be dry to ensure a safe and productive work space.

If you're a parent, member of the community, student, staff member and 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](#)





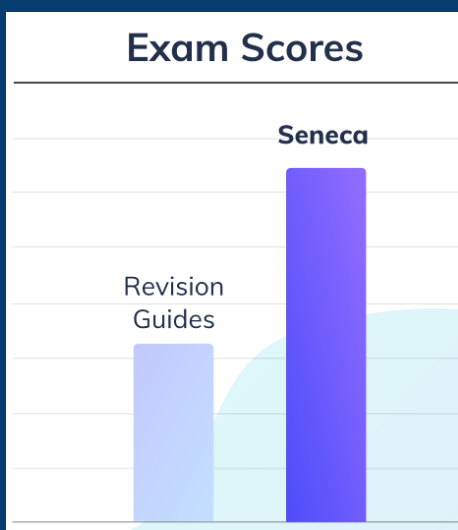
The Fastest Growing Homework & Revision Platform in the UK

All students and teachers now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun.

Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content.

Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams.

The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster.



Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents.

You can sign up via [senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com)



Apprenticeships

iSales currently have 9 vacancies for apprenticeships in and around Hertfordshire:

Apprentice Sales Executive (Stevenage) - £12.5K + commission up to £25K

Technical Sales Apprentice (Hitchin) - £14 – 18K + commission

Technical Sales Apprentice (Potters Bar) - £12.5K + 15% commission

If you would like more information please contact:

Kate Carter

Head of Apprenticeship Training at iSales Academy

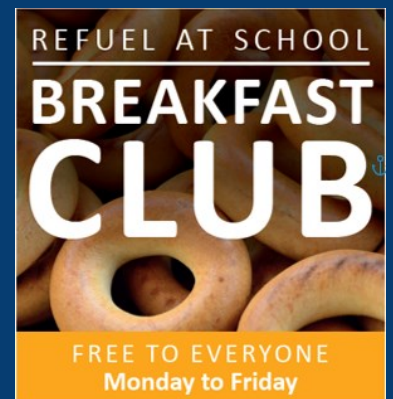
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Free Breakfast!

Monday to Friday from 8am - 8.25am

What food is available?

Bagels, Cheerios, Shreddies, Cornflakes, Rice Crispies



Rehearsal Schedules

For



Please click on the links below:

[Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule](#)

And

[Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule](#)



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.

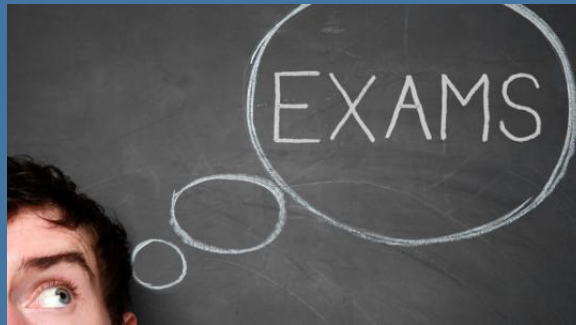
The Barnwell Staff Thank You scheme will run throughout the year and will be available to access via newsletters and our new school website.

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.



THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF



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

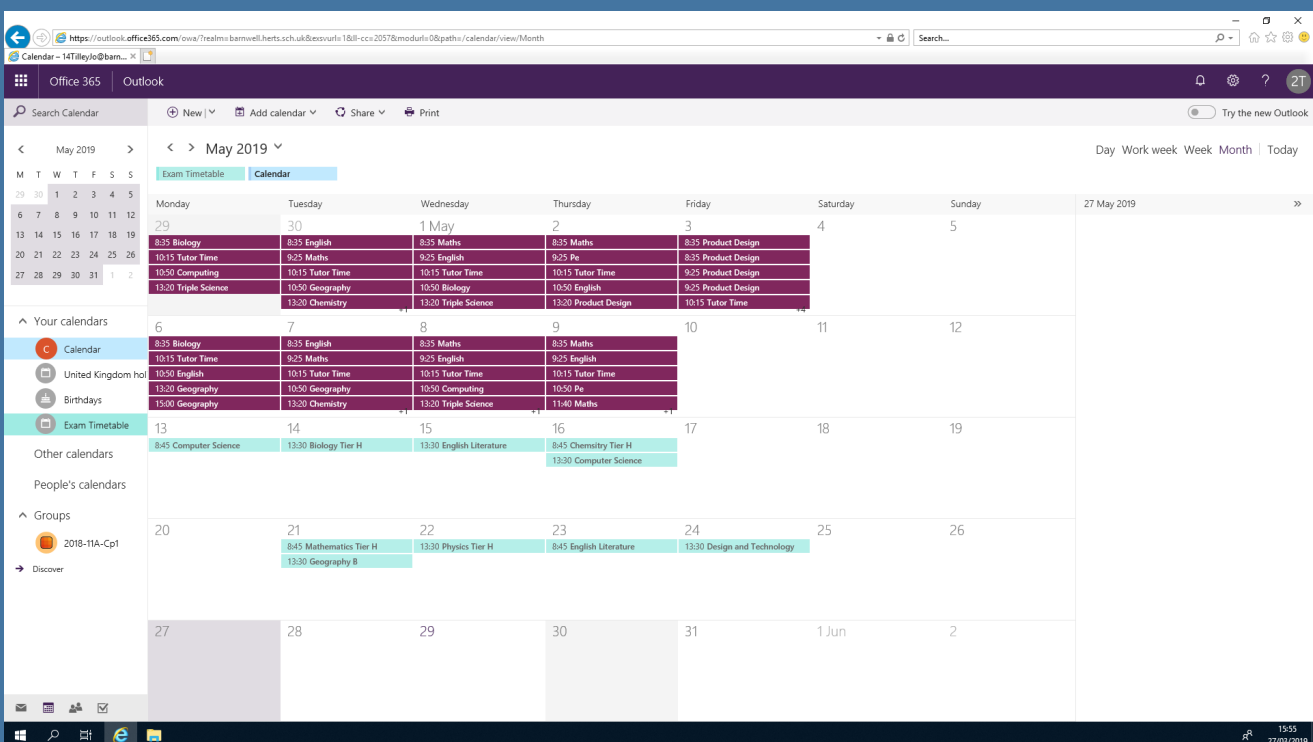
Students now have an "Exam Calendar" as well as the Calendar for their timetable in the O365 Outlook App.

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.

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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

M I D D L E & U P P E R

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, 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/>

