

Dear Parents/Carers



The first half of the summer term is always a busy time in school. Final preparations and Grade Booster activities are in full swing for years 11 and 13, and we encourage all to make full use of the many opportunities to support students and maximise their achievements. Year 9 have been working hard towards KS3 assessments, whilst many students across the school have been throwing themselves into sporting success and rehearsals for upcoming performances.

We continue to leave no stone unturned. Families and students are reminded they have access to a range of online sources such as GCSE Pod, whilst many other supporting resources are listed on Show My Homework. In fact, our use of SMHW has been noted as a strength, with 94% of students logging in during the Spring Term, and above average rates of parental engagement as measured by parents logging in when compared to schools nationally.

Parents are encouraged to log in with their own account; if you need an update of your details, please contact me at School.

Mr Smith - Senior Leader

Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May

Year 8&9 Girls HPV2 Injection

Friday 10th May

Year 7 Harry Potter Trip

Tuesday 21st May

Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 24th May

Paris Rewards Trip

And

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'.

Bayleigh W - ER Keane S - RPA Mckenzie W - JH Harvey R - HF Leo W - ANC Marko B - FWH
Joseph E - GW Erinjoy N - SC Eloise B - JH Katie P - ER Logan A - KP Ishe F - SC Raul T - ANC
Esther S - GW Archie D - BI Rocco W - SC Rares T - BI Kai R - FWH Lexi M - HF Daniel G - RPA
Parris M - DSM

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Tyler B - KP Jade M - EPO Piotr Z - FWH Katie P - ND Joanne S -L - SC Leo C - JH
Owen D - SAH Esther S - GW Kamila S - HF Holly K - JH Gabriel A-F - EB
George F - SC Kian P - GW Joshua M - NHA Ruby G - FWH Tia S - IC Ross G - EB
Jamie H - SAH Mckenzie W - JH Lilli-Rose C-H ER





benevolent
(adjective)
Well-meaning, kindly



Antonyms

- Un-kind
- Tight fisted
- mean

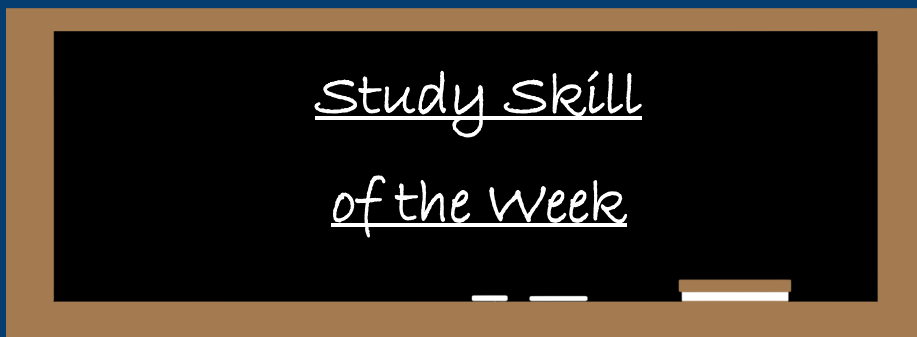
Synonyms

- kind
- Good natured
- considerate

Sentences containing the adjective 'benevolent'

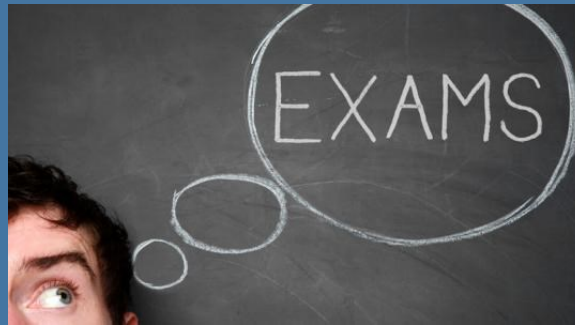
The **benevolent** gentleman left a further sum of £5000 to be divided among the poor.

The **benevolent** teacher gave up much of her free time to help her students.



Time management



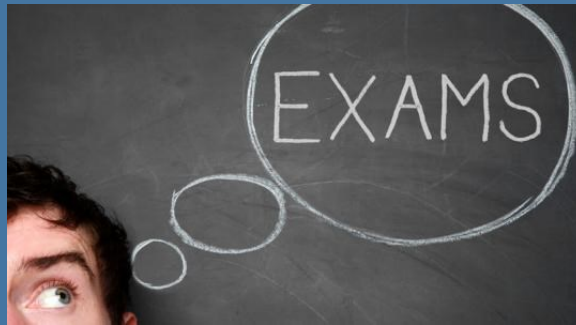


Next Weeks Exams

Tuesday 7th May to Friday 10th May:

Day	Start Time	Length	Exam	Year	Location
Tue 07 May	08:40	03:00	Music Technology in Context	11 & 13	Middle Campus, Music Room
Wed 08 May	All day	1 of 3	Art - 3D Design	13	Upper Campus, Art Room
Thurs 09 May		2 of 3			
Fri 10 May		3 of 3			

Good Luck to all Students taking their Exams this Summer!



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.

Diana Anti-bullying Training

This week, some of our students attended a Diana Anti-bullying training session for ambassadors, funded by Facebook.

Anti-Bullying Ambassador training empowers students and staff to change the attitudes, behaviours and cultures of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations both on and offline.



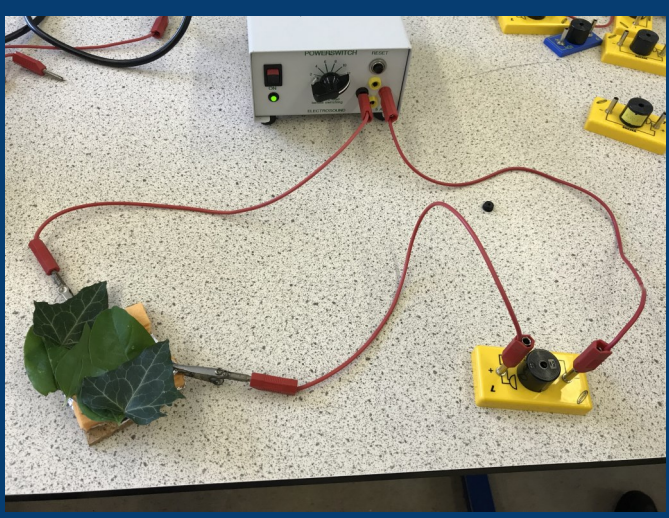
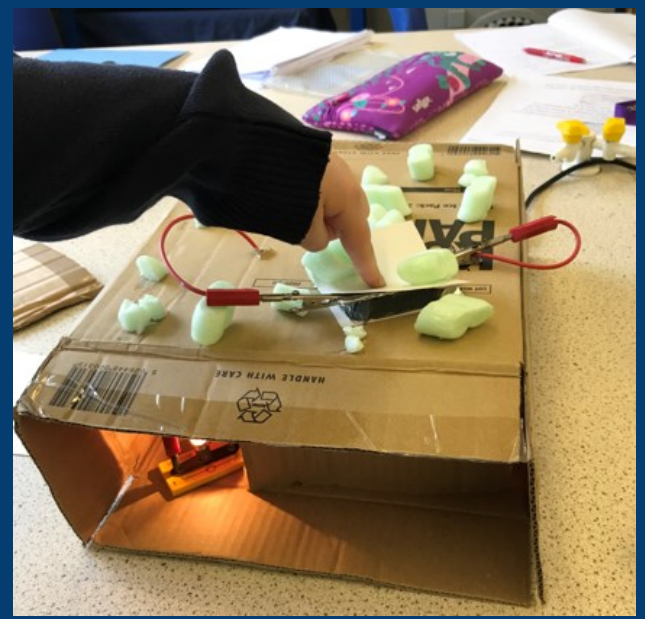
If you would like to find out more, click the link below:
<https://diana-award.org.uk/anti-bullying/>

STEM Club

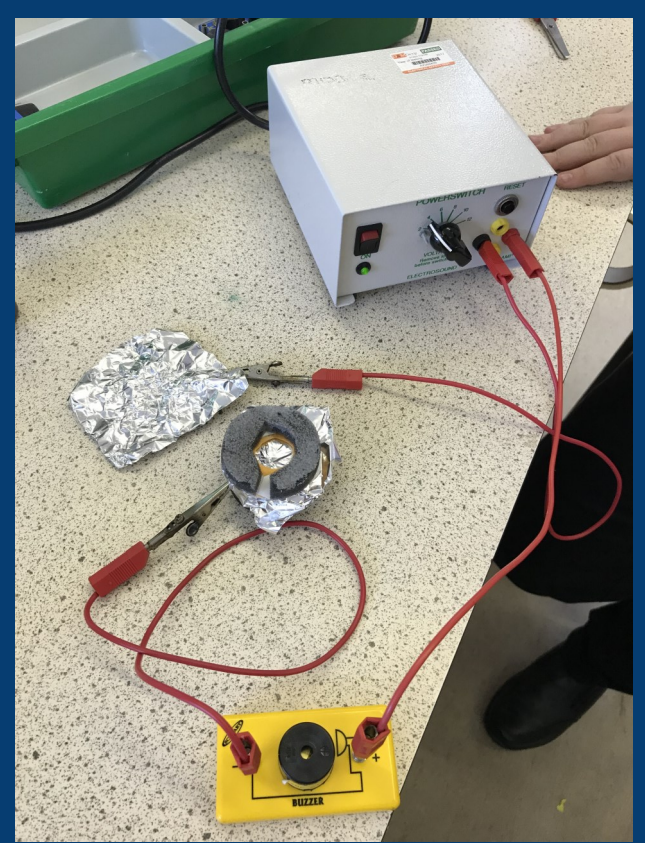
This week we have been looking at 'surviving a zombie apocalypse' and our challenge was how we would stay safe using pressure plates.

We made pressure plates and connected them to lightbulbs and buzzers so that you know when the zombies are coming!

Shown here by Branwen of Year 8!



Pressure pad for zombies, made by Marko in Year 8



And another by Callum-Mac of Year 8

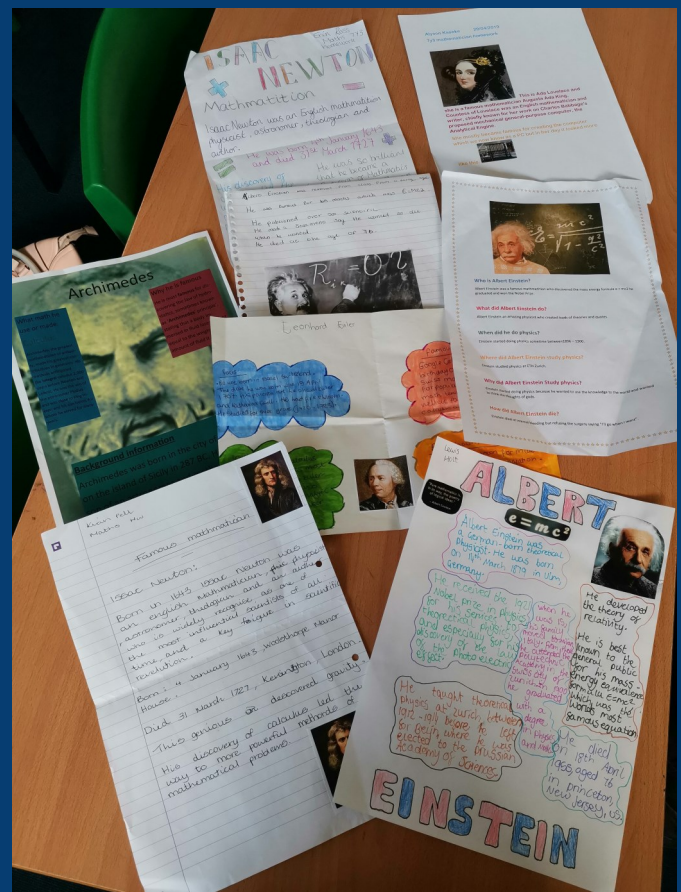
Maths

Where did MATHS come from??

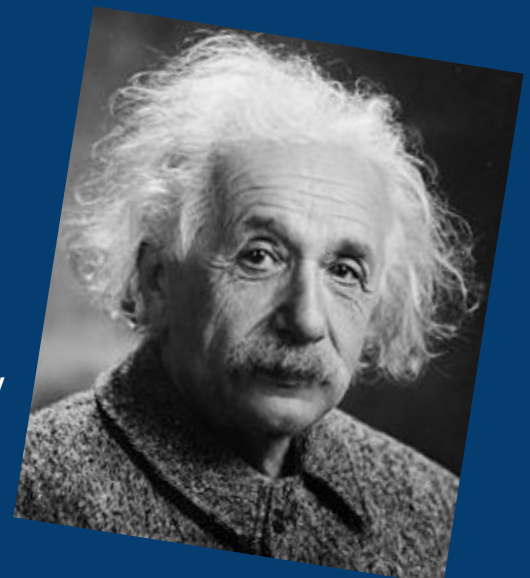
Year 7 had a task to create a fun, colourful, informational poster, about a famous mathematician.

They had to include Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? about their chosen person.

Well done Year 7!



Ada Lovelace
And
Albert Einstein were
just two of the
Mathematicians chosen by
students.



School Trip to Sorrento

During the Easter Break, Mr Mendelsohn, Mrs Latta and Miss Blackwell, took 19 students to Sorrento, Italy for an amazing food and cultural experience. After an early start, the first stop was high into the mountains for a Mozzarella demonstration.

This was followed by a lunch of meats and bread, with a traditional lemon cake, whilst soaking up the breath-taking views over the Bay of Naples. As the voyage continued, the students visited a traditional family restaurant and cookery school and made Gnocchi, Pizza and Struffoli, and of course tasted their culinary delights afterwards.



Pompeii was a highlight of the trip, with the views of Mount Vesuvius looking over this once inhabited Roman city, that was completely destroyed by the volcano. With a visit to the beach, and free time in the cobbled streets of Sorrento, where the intense citrus smell of Lemons infused you on every corner, it was soon time to go home. The students were amazing, and a credit to the school, who really seized the opportunity to educate themselves, both culturally, and culinary, with experiences that will last a lifetime. *“Meraviglioso”*



Jay Peak Ski Trip – Easter 2019



Bright and early on Sunday 7th April, thirty-one students and four staff met at Stevenage football club at 4.30am, ready for the most unbelievable week at Jay Peak Resort in Vermont, USA. After a long day of travelling we arrived at the resort and we were greeted with the most incredible snow conditions. The faces of the kids when we drove into the resort and they saw the enormity and steepness of the resort was priceless! After getting settled in the rooms, having dinner and sorting our ski's and boots out, we all went to bed, hugely excited for the week ahead and particularly for our first day of skiing. This trip had been a very long time in the making and we were finally there!

The majority of the group had never skied before but with the help of our brilliant ski instructors, all groups made their way off the beginner's slopes in super quick time and started progressing up the mountain. It was so great to see the determination and resilience throughout the week, especially in the first couple of days. We all got very wet on day one, but spirits stayed high and as the week



progressed and the weather improved, we were able to move further up the mountain as the upper mountain lifts started spinning.



The freezing fog of the first couple of days cleared to leave the most stunning blue skies and perfect skiing conditions. It was exhilarating to be able to get everyone up on the cable car, right to the summit of the mountain to see the sights and to have our group photo right on the snow-covered rocks right at the top of the mountain.

Jay Peak Ski Trip – Easter 2019 - continued

Each time we travel to Jay Peak (and we have now been back 5 times!) our students never fail to amaze me with their positive attitudes and empathetic natures whilst having the most amazing time, but at the same time



supporting others in their group. It is these special moments which inspire me the most and justify the immense value of these trips. This trip is about so much more than just skiing!

The other staff members on the trip (Mr Roberts, Miss Hull and Miss Roffe) and I were so proud of our students throughout the whole week. We received a huge number of compliments from so many people including the air stewardesses, various staff at the resort, our ski instructors, lots of members of the public at the outlet mall and airports and also teachers from other schools in the resort. It was a real pleasure for us to take them away and I am so happy that they all had such an amazing time.



Jay Peak Ski Trip – Easter 2019 - continued

Highlights of the trip for me were the huge snowball fight, the blue skies and perfect ski conditions on the Thursday, listening to the excited buzz of our kids as they came back in from skiing at lunch each day, busily telling everyone what amazing things they had experienced that morning, the trip up in the cable car with the whole of our group (and a couple of unfortunate locals) singing along to Mr Brightside at the top of our voices as we ascended up to the summit!



The clip and climb was great fun as well as the stunning onsite water park. The surf machine and the outside jacuzzi were particularly favourite hangouts. Lunch at the 'Miso Hungry' noodle shack as well as making and eating smores around the fire pit were just fab little moments in time. There were of course some stunning crashes into pretty much anything and everything that moved, and a few into things that didn't move! The terrain parks and the tree runs of ¼ Moon, ½ Moon, Full Moon and Bushwhacker were particularly memorable!



Jay Peak Ski Trip – Easter 2019 - continued



I could go on for ever talking about all the memorable parts of the trip but in closing I would just like to publicly thank the staff on the trip for giving up valuable holiday time with their own families to make this trip happen. You are all amazing people. Secondly to the families for paying what is a lot of money to allow the kids to experience this unforgettable week. Thirdly and most importantly, huge thanks to our fantastic students who were inspiring and enthusiastic each and every step of the way. They collectively made the trip a real pleasure and privilege for me to lead.

I am pleased to say that I am getting very close to sorting our deal for our 2021 trip back to Jay Peak, so I will be getting this information out to everyone as soon as I have finalized all the details. Please do take a look back at our Twitter account [@Barnwell_Ski](https://twitter.com/Barnwell_Ski) to see all the exciting things we got up to.

Martyn Patching – Trip Leader

BREAKFAST CLUB

We're delighted to again see a busy week at Breakfast Club!

Parents, you do not need to pre-book your child's space. Students are able to just turn up and enjoy bagel's and or cereal.

On upper campus, we have been trialing **Form Breakfast** which has a hit! We hope to see more upper campus students attending this fantastic provision especially during the exam period!

Location: LRC

Time: 8am - 8.25am

Breakfast Monitor

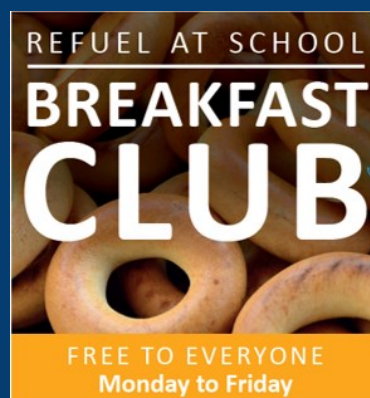
If your child would like to become a breakfast monitor, we are looking to recruit student helpers to give us ideas and support the Club.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Magic Breakfast Club Staff

What food's available?

Bagels, Cheerios, Shreddies, Cornflakes, Rice Crispies





Help from YC Hertfordshire

Deal with today and plan for tomorrow...

YC Hertfordshire Personal Advisers are here for you

If you want to see a Personal Adviser in school:

Drop in to the Upper LRC at lunchtime on

Monday 29th April
Friday 3rd May
Friday 10th May
Monday 13th May
Friday 17th May
Monday 20th May
Friday 24th May

Personal Adviser in your school is:
Emma Bumpus

Individual Careers Appointments regarding options post-16 can be organised through your Head of Year, Form Tutor or visiting the LRC.

If you want to speak to someone out of school, visit...

www.ychertfordshire.org >Advice and Support

...to find details of your local YC Hertfordshire One Stop Shop or Centre, where you directly message a Personal Adviser


www.ychertfordshire.org

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Projects in the Community



Stevenage Young Men's Project

This group provides a safe, social space for young men aged 11-14 to get together, share experiences and have fun.


From encouraging health and wellbeing to building communication skills, this project will encourage you to set personal goals and provides support as you work towards them. There'll be team games, table tennis and a bit of pool too!

Have an opinion? Join the conversation! Have your say about the things that matter to you and build confidence as you take part in discussions about current concerns e.g. online safety, bullying, sex & relationships.

When: Mondays


Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

For all young men in Stevenage aged 11 to 14.
Get in touch if you'd like to join us.

01438 843340
www.ychertfordshire.org
yc.stevenage@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 @StevenageTeam



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Stevenage Young Men's Project

The YC Hertfordshire Young Men's Project is designed to support referrals for young men (aged 11 – 14) who may be at risk of criminal exploitation. The aims are to explore how the group members would recognise exploitation and explore tools to tackle it if they were ever exposed to it.

The group will also offer a safe, social and confidential space to get together, share experiences and have fun.

From reducing risky behaviour and encouraging better decision making skills, the project will include building resilience to peer pressure and criminal exploitation as well as covering topics including managing anger, expressing emotions positively, healthy relationships and keeping safe. We aim to create an environment that will allow young people to reflect on their feelings, whilst encouraging developmental reflection.


Venue: Bowes Lyon Young People's Centre, St. George's Way, Stevenage, SG1 1XY


When: Mondays

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm, term-time only.

To make a referral or if you have any questions please contact:

yc.stevenage@hertfordshire.gov.uk

01438 843340
www.ychertfordshire.org
 @StevenageTeam



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If the above project is of interest to you or your child, please contact Miss Sayer to discuss further
s.sayer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

New Book Club for Middle and Upper School!

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running!

Go to

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/barnwell>
to browse the latest books and order online.

For **every £1** you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in **Scholastic Rewards**.

Please place and pay for your order online with Scholastic by May 17th, 2019.

Orders will be delivered to Barnwell and distributed to students 5-7 working days after the deadline.

Happy reading!



Learning Resource Centre

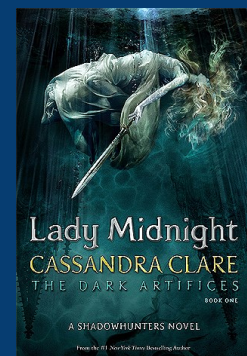
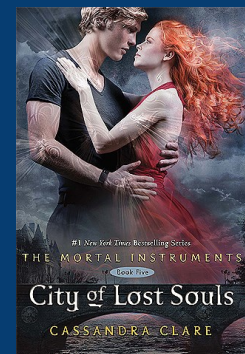
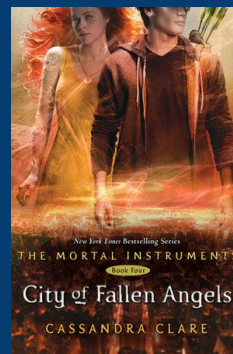
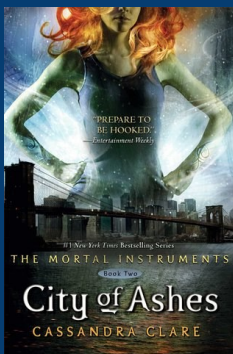
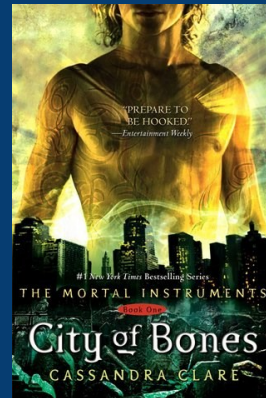
Author of the Month - May 2019

Visit the LRC to borrow books

by

Cassandra

Clare



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.



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.

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.

WEIGHT CONTROL
Regular exercise helps us remain fit and control our weight.

Rehearsal Schedules

For



Please click on the links below:

[Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule](#)

And

[Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule](#)



Barnwell School Community Gardening Day

RESCHEDULED DATE DUE TO POOR WEATHER FORECAST!

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



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](#)



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-like effect.

THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF



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.

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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

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.

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](#)