

Dear Parents/Carers

This week exams concluded, seeing the end of all internal and external exams for this year. We would like to say a massive “well done” to all our Barnwell students for the way they have conducted themselves during exam season.



Today we had our annual fun run and it was great to see our students on the middle campus raising money for charity. It was lovely to see students from some local primary school in attendance too. We hope the students are not too worn out for the weekend!

This week we also had one of the remaining 8 holocaust survivors come in school to deliver an assembly for our year 9 students and it was lovely to hear from her about how impressed she was with the engagement from them.

Hopefully we are finally set for some June sunshine! Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Townsend - Deputy Head*



## Dates for the Diary

**26th/27th/28th June**

Summer Show

**1st July**

Year 10 GCSE Dance exam

**2nd July**

Year 9 Transition Day, Upper Campus

**3rd July**

Year 13 A Level Drama

**5th July**

Year 9 Transition Day, Upper Campus

**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’.

Lukas R - PN Imogen S - HF Mante S - ND Ebony G - ASA Liam G - RPA Sky L - JH Rocco W - SC  
 Kady R - EB Marko B - FWH - Tyler B - KP Libby B - AM Beth P - TN Sam C - AM Heather S - SC  
 Paige C - DL Ben P - SC Monnet-Marie C - FWH Katie P - ND Dani C - EB Simba R - SC  
 Lille-Rose D - KP Owen T - JEL Ishe F - SC Shaun O - ANC Stacie F - PN Zack P - FWH Eren A - ER

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

Leo W - ANC Kai R - FWH Logan A - KP Archie D - BI Katie P - ER Harvey R - HF  
 Ayla S - ER Keane S - RPA Alessio T - SOC George H - LB Phoebe P - JM  
 Ishe F - SC Deni B - JME Keane M - KP Grace H - DD Kashaf I - SOC Aiden W - DS  
 Timmy J - ANC Matas K - NHA Ruby K - DD





**belligerent**  
(adjective)  
hostile and aggressive.



**Sentences containing the adjective 'belligerent'...**

- You make more friends being nice than you do by being **belligerent**.
- My brother was always **belligerent** and ready to fight.

**Synonyms**

- Hostile
- Aggressive
- Confrontational
- Argumentative

**Similar words in MFL...**

-  agresivo/a
-  belligérant (e)
-  streitlustig



Study Skill  
of the Week

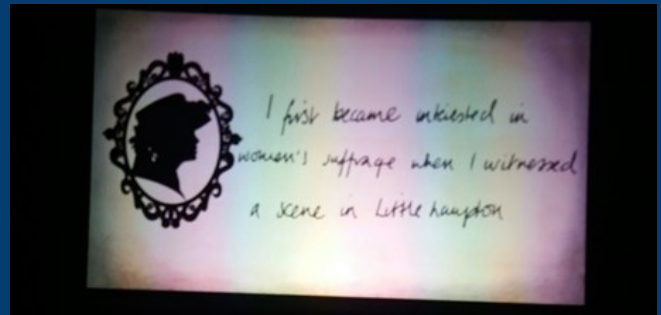


*Starting the Lesson Right*



## Creative & Media Club

Films produced by Barnwell's Creative & Media Club students were included in a local Arts exhibition last weekend. It was a pleasure and a privilege to share our work at this intriguing venue and we were very pleased and proud to be part of such an inspiring event.



# CHICAGO

Remember to book your seats ASAP!  
Tickets are selling fast!

**Barnwell School  
presents**

# CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

**26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

**Barnwell Middle School Hall**

To book tickets: [www.trybooking.co.uk/KSZ](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/KSZ)

**Adults £6**

**Children £3**

**VIP tables available**

# CHICAGO

## Rehearsal Schedules

For



Please click on the links below:

## Actors & Singers Rehearsal Schedule

And



## Chicago Dancers Rehearsal Schedule



**New Reads  
Summer 2019**  
Visit the LRC to borrow these  
and other summer reads

Book covers featured include: *Open Road Summer* by Emery Lord, *The Chaos of Now* by Erin Lange, *Fing* by David Williams, *My Mum Tracy Beaker* by Jacqueline Wilson, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris, *Things We See Without You* by Peter Boghossian, *Floored* by Lisa Thompson, *Fantastic Beasts: Original Screenplay* by J.K. Rowling, *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas, *The Ice Monster* by David Williams, *Open Bellairs Mystery* by John Bellairs, and *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

## Holocaust Educational Workshops and Meeting Survivor Ruth Barnett

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Barnwell Middle School was host to the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET), which ran workshops across the school day for a number of year 9 students on the key aspect of 'Holocaust liberation'. Along with these HET workshops, Barnwell was also privileged to have welcomed Mrs Ruth Barnett, a Holocaust survivor originally from Germany, whose father was Jewish and her mother a Christian. But, despite her father not being a practicing Jewish man, both Ruth and her brother were classed as Jewish and thus in danger of Nazi persecution. Ruth was able to leave Germany and was brought to England aged four, with her seven-year-old brother, on the Kindertransport in 1939. Her parents were forced to stay behind; they fortunately were able to be reunited as a family in 1949.

Opportunities to meet survivors of such great human atrocities such as the Holocaust are incredibly rare, as the years continue to pass, and we sadly say goodbye to more and more brave souls. At the age of 84, Ruth continues to volunteer her time through HET to visit schools and share her experiences of what life was like for her growing up in Nazi occupied Germany. Students and staff were in awe of Ruth as she recounted the story of the day her father and young brother managed to evade capture when the Gestapo raided their home, and of the way in which she spoke of her aggressors, choosing not to speak of vengeance nor with anger. Instead Ruth focused on the good in her life and of her gratitude to Britain for having provided her a second home; a home that she returned to soon after 1949 because it was a home she felt safest in, and away from the terrifying memories Germany still held for her.



The year 9 students involved in both the workshops and the assembly with Ruth Barnett were brilliant and a credit to the school; they showed great appreciation for the experience and were positive about the learning they gained from it. For those fortunate few, whom Ruth had joined in the last workshop of the day, thoroughly enjoyed being able to engage freely with Ruth and her Daughter, Ms Tania Barnett who had also

joined us to share her experiences of being raised by a survivor of one of History's worst atrocities.

## Holocaust Educational Workshops - Continued

The HET educators and Harry were both very impressed with the maturity and the thoughtfulness of our students' ideas, the dialogue during group discussions and their questions during Ruth's Q&A. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were so supportive of our efforts to help engage our students with sensitive events in the teaching of history.



### Feedback from our guest speaker:

"A big thank you for a wonderful time in your school yesterday that Tania and I enjoyed so much. It is such a friendly school with a lovely atmosphere of respect for individuals and learning, and such a lot of interesting information on the walls wherever you go. Year 9 were a delight to talk with as they were so eager to engage..."

Thank you also for the chance to meet and chat with some of your colleagues and more intimately with a few students [in the last workshop]. And thanks for the flowers your students presented and for arranging everything so smoothly.

Warmest regards

Ruth and Tania"





## 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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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](http://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](http://www.ychertfordshire.org)

Enabling young people to succeed





## BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a little quieter now the Year 11's have finished their exams. We wish them well on their next chapter. Thank You to the Year 11's that have enjoyed engaging with Breakfast Club.

You will be missed.

We were visited this week by our Magic Breakfast Coordinator who enjoyed meeting students at Breakfast Club on Middle campus. She will be visiting again before the end of term.

We are looking to create an outside Breakfast unit. We are on the search for an old horse box or catering cabin to develop. If you happen to have either or that are no longer of use and would like to bring back to life, please get in touch.

**We look forward to seeing students at Breakfast Club again next week.**

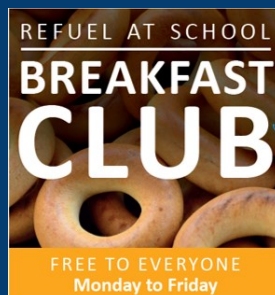
*Breakfast Club Staff*

**Location: LRC**

**Time: 8am - 8.25am**

**Food Available:**

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



## Barnwell Turns 60!



Calling all ex-students:

As we prepare to celebrate Barnwell School's  
60th birthday,  
we'd like anyone with old Barnwell photographs to share  
them with us.

Please email contributions to:

[communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)



## Advance Warning:

### May Bank Holiday 2020

## Has Been Changed for VE Day Anniversary

Advance warning the May Day Bank Holiday will be moved to a Friday next year to fall on the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

The day will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May in 2020, the same day in 1945 that victory was secured in Europe in the Second World War.



SHEPHALL FETE, Shephall Green

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY From 1pm – 4pm

A great afternoon out, lots of sideshows and stalls for all the Family at reasonable prices!

## Do you have an old working bike?



We are currently seeking old working bikes that are suitable for young people over the height of 4ft 10.

If you have a functioning bike that you would like to donate, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Miss Sayer – [s.sayer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.sayer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)



## 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.**



## PE NEWS

On Thursday Year 8 took part in the Norths Herts Calypso Cricket tournament!

The rain had a day off and our year 8 boys finally saw some action!  
#teambarnwell #catcheswinmatches



Earlier in the month, 16 of our Sports Leaders Level 2 students did us and themselves proud at a @StevenageSFT primary athletics event.

#teambarnwell #barnwellpride



## 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:

## Extra Curricular Sports Timetable Summer 2019

### 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.

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**Please click on the links below:**

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**And**

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## 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 rows: 'THANK' (top row, orange, yellow, green, blue, green), 'YOU' (second row, red, purple, blue), 'TEACHERS' (third row, purple, orange, blue, pink, green, orange), and 'AND STAFF' (bottom row, yellow, red, green, blue, pink, purple).

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](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)

## 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](#)**