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Dear Parents/Carers

Well what an exciting start to term it has been. From the fresh-faced Year 7 students to the returning 6<sup>th</sup> formers, we have had a very settled and productive first few weeks. The highlight for me, so far, has been the whole-school 'Barnwell 60' photograph, which not only looked fantastic but demonstrated what an amazing body of staff and students we have at Barnwell.



On Tuesday, we have our annual Prospective Parents Evening, whereby we open our doors to the local community and showcase the amazing departments we have at Barnwell School. There are over 300 students involved this year acting as ambassadors for the school, working as either parent guides or supporting in subject areas.

I would like to end with a gentle reminder asking parents and carers to please drop off and collect their children in a safe and appropriate location. The safety of yourself and your child is paramount, whilst being mindful and respectful of our neighbours.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Roberts - Head of School

#### **Tuesday 17th September**

12.30pm - Whole school finish

6pm - Prospective Parents Evening (middle campus)

#### Wednesday 18th September

10.30am - Students to arrive. Lessons begin at 10.50am.

Jeans for Genes Day

#### Dates for the Diary



Year 8 HPVI vaccinations



**Thursday 26th September** 

Year 11 Information Evening (upper campus hall)

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'.

Kamila S - DFA Beck B - SAH Ryan G - PN Paige B - JEL Michael W - HR Oliver W-M - DLE
Owen R - DLE Connor N - PN Andrew A - ML Imogen S - DFA Kayleigh-Mai A-T - PN Benjamin W - JEV
Chantelle B - SB Jack P - RAW Charlotte B - TRT Dante S - ML Kiana A - SGO Sean T - JEV
Blake B - TRT Loui W - ACH Bailey B - PN Storm M - JEV Chloe A - ML Jack P - DSM Tyler B - HP

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



Bella O - RAW Grace C - LCA Benjamin D - NHA Ashleigh H - GW Jude A - DFA Bradley C - JEV Alessio T - DL Rehan S - JME Lukas R - JMC Jie J - DFA Melissa G - RAW Logan A - KP Archie D - BI Lily S - EB Deavion-Antwon S-S - DFA Hadley S - RAW Harry L - PN Kathleen S - HP Aimee W - SC Lewis P - JEV







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#### **Word of the Week**



# 'anticipation' (noun)

**Anticipation** is excitement, waiting eagerly for something you know is going to happen.

#### Sentences containing the word 'anticipation'...

- It was the first day of summer holidays. Sarah was excited in **anticipation** of what was to come.
- After Tom got down on one knee and proposed, he waited in **anticipation** of an answer.

#### **Synonyms**

- expectation
- hope
- eagerness
- keenness







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#### **Lets Celebrate Success: Outside Achievements**

#### Congratulations to William L in Year 9!

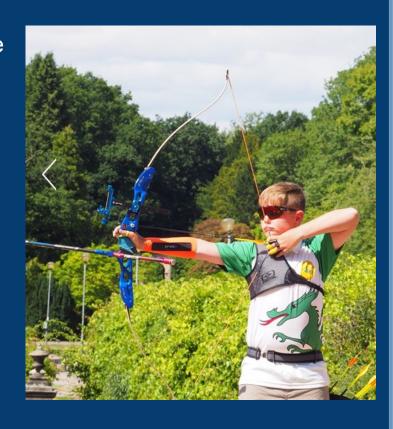
Over the summer, William broke the national UK record at the Short

Metric 3.

In this one shot he gained the Club, County and UK record holder!

A massive well done to William!





We would like to celebrate your child's outside achievements in school.

If you would like your child's outside achievements celebrated and recognised by the school, please email details, with photo's if possible, to v.pettifer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk





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## Rock Challenge 2020! AUDITIONS



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September Middle School Hall 3:15 – 4:15pm

For aspiring dancers, actors & choreographers & performers



We also need a backstage crew! Sign up outside Miss Blackwell's Office on 25/09/19

Stage crew, set designers set construction, prop designers, lighting & sound support, hair/make up, costume...





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# Expressive and Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Activities Timetable 2019 – 2020



Clubs will start during the week commencing 23rd September

Expressive Arts\Arts Extra Curricular Timetable 2019 - 2020.pdf

#### **Identity Dance & Musical Theatre at Barnwell Leisure Centre**











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#### **Sixth Form News:**

#### **Pre-Apprenticeship Programme**

Our first Pre-Apprenticeship Programme cohort commenced their studies today and we welcomed students who previously studied at Barnwell and Nobel Schools.

The day began with a team-building activity and was followed by the creation of a professional CV.







If you are interested in joining this programme, it's not too late - please contact Jackie Johnson, <u>j.johnson@barnwell.herts.sch.uk</u> / 01438 222500 for further details or to arrange a visit.



If you would like to find out about apprenticeships, click the link below to access Apprenticeships parents pack:

**Amazing Apprenticeships Parents Pack** 





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#### Fundraising at Barnwell School

Our school community actively supports the school by raising money to benefit the school environment and enhancing every student's education.

We hope to raise £25,000 through our current fundraising campaign to generate funds to replace our school minibus. To help with this



campaign, we intend to run a rolling calendar of fundraising events to be enjoyed by parents, staff and students.

As a school, we understand that with increasingly busy lifestyles it is not always easy to commit to events and activities, so we have also set up a donation scheme on Schoolcomms for our current fundraising campaign. You can donate by going to the School Bus Donation page by using the **Schoolgateway Link Click Here** 

Details for setting up a schoolgateway account can be found on the Barnwell website <a href="https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/parents-info/communications/">https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/parents-info/communications/</a>

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Schools activities, we are always on the look-out for new and enthusiastic people to join our Parent Partnership. If you are interested in becoming involved or would like to suggest new fundraising ideas please contact us by e-mail: <a href="mailto:communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk">communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk</a>

Thank you, in advance, for your support.









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### Barnwell Turns 60!

'A piece of history'

Barnwell School kicked off it's 60th year celebrations last week with a stunning whole school aerial photo.

The students were amazing and staff organisation made the event seamless.

More 60th anniversary events will be published throughout the year.







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#### **Achieve Project**



Please find attached information regarding the 'Achieve Project' that will be based upon our middle school campus next year.

Could you spare some time to assist young people to learn skills to support them learning to live independently through befriending them and acting as a mentor?

For more information, please contact Michelle (Transitions UK) for further details:

07427 851576

michelle.sharpe@transitionsuk.org

www.transitionsuk.org

Role Description for a Project Support Volunteer.pdf





#### My Teen Brain Workshops

#### For Parents & Carers of Children Aged 11-18 Years

Starts Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

(30<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, and 14<sup>th</sup> October)

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Flyer My Teen Brain September 2019.pdf

Venue: Barnwell Upper School, Barnwell, Stevenage, SG2 9XT

For further information or book onto this free course please contact:

Jane Tyrrell 07808613199 j.tyrrell@barnwell.herts.sch.uk





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#### **Events 2019-20**

#### Autumn Term, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 2pm St Albans & Welwyn Garden City

Campus

St Albans Food and Drink Festival St Albans City Centre

Sunday 29th September 12-6pm

Apple Day
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 3pm St Albans Campus

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School Taster Morning
Wednesday 16th October, 9am – 12pm
St Albans & Welwyn Garden City
Campus

November Open Events

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 2pm St Albans Campus
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm – 8pm Welwyn Garden City Campus

November Twilight Taster Sessions

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4:45pm – 6pm 
St Albans Campus 
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 4:45pm – 6pm 
Welwyn Garden City Campus

Interview Evenings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm – 7pm St Albans Campus
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm – 7pm Welwyn Garden City Campus









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We are delighted to announce that our Statement of Commitment to a 2 year Artsmark journey has received complete acceptance from the Arts Council.

This means that we are working towards Artsmark accreditation in 2021, in order to celebrate, sustain and refine Arts provision and creativity across the curriculum.

We are working with visiting artist Anji Archer (see below), who has visited both campuses this week to review opportunities for an exciting installation project.

If you would like to be involved and support this endeavour, we would welcome any donations of textiles remnants or wallpaper/lining paper which you might be able to provide.

Please email p.pellen@barnwell.herts.sch.uk if you are able to help.







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#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you had an enjoyable break.

Breakfast Club is back up and running. We've had a fantastic and very busy first week at Breakfast Club with our new Year 7 students on middle campus. We have received some wonderful feedback. It's great to hear so many students are enjoying it.

Next week I will be updating you of new activities that will be running alongside breakfast club.

We would like to thank Asda Stevenage for their kind donation of condiments for Breakfast Club.

These condiments are a great help to add extra flavour to the students' Breakfast.

We look forward to seeing students at Breakfast Club on both Middle and Upper Campus.

Best Wishes,
Magic Breakfast Club Staff

**Location: LRC** 

Time: 8am - 8.25am







#### **Breakfast Available**

Bagels
Porridge
Cheerios,
Shreddies
Cornflakes
Rice Crispies



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# New ways to live for a brighter future

A friendly group where you'll discover the life skills you need to survive on a low income



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- Tips to make money go further
- How to lift the pressure to spend
- Feeding healthily on a budget
- Relationships impact on finances | CRÈCHE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

#### **GROUP INFORMATION:**

Starting Thursday 26th September at Zeo Centre, Bedford Rd, Hitchin

10am - 1pm

Lunch provided.

Call or text :- 07863 085613 if you would like to attend.

Children welcome

Free Course

COURSE DURATION IS 8 WEEKS CRÈCHE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED





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# The Young Women's Group



This term-time group provides a safe, social space for young women aged 13-16 to get together, share experiences and have fun. From encouraging health and emotional wellbeing to building communication skills, this project will encourage you to set personal goals and provides support as you work towards them.

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. the impact of social media on body image, online safety, bullying and sex and relationships.

#### Venue:

Bowes Lyon Young People's Centre, St Georges Way, SG1 1XY

When: Wednesdays

Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

For all young women in Stevenage aged 13-16

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

@SteveangeTeam

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Find out about child ticketing information for catching the bus to school and recreationally, any council initiatives for children travelling by bus, a handy 'How to catch a bus guide', top tips for bus safety and a network map which shows our bus services in the local area.

Please click the link below to download their leaflet

Arriva Schools Leaflet







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#### Do you have an old working bike?



We are currently seeking **fully 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









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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.







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#### **Show My Homework**

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Parents should log in weekly to check:

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· What homework has been set.

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· Students have handed in on time.

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- · Did homework meet expectation?
- · Get reminders / updates from teachers.

Research shows that student progress is more rapid when <a href="mailto:parents log in">parents log in</a> at least once a week!

Parents can check their login details by emailing d.smith@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

Download the <u>free app</u> to your mobile / device!

Monthly prize draw for parents regularly logging-in.

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#### **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





@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.





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#### 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**

