

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, on Tuesday we had our fantastic open evening. This event is an opportunity to showcase our great school to members of the local community looking to make that very important decision about which school their Year 6 child would like to attend.

After a very busy night, we have yet again been overwhelmed with the positive comments about the school, in particular the warmth shown by our students and staff. Many visitors left stating how it is without question the school of choice for them and their children.



Over 400 Barnwell students helped on the evening and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of them for being such great ambassadors for the school. We are very proud of our students and know they are our best advocates, but it is always lovely to hear so many positive comments from guests on such evenings.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, governors and parent partnership members for their support throughout the evening.

As we move into the 4th week of term, could I please ask that you to continue to ensure your child is 'school ready' each morning and that despite the few teething problems you continue to check Show my Homework each night.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Roberts - Head of School

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 26th September

Year 11 Information Evening (upper campus hall)

Friday 4th October

Year 7 Adventure Weekend



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'

Jade M - LPA Diya L - CS Oewn R - DLE Max A - KP Louie T - DL Joseph M - JEL Riley W - JME
 Matilda S - DL Chantelle B - SB Katelyn L - KP Rory B - BI Alex P - PN Paige B - JEL Rebecca S - SB
 Emily B - TRT Marshall K - PPE Cameron B - DD Reem A-H - ML Jack B - DD Connor N - PN
 Ellie B - ANC Kaya R - DFA Ines C - PPE Kyle S - JEL Archie D - BI Reece W - AMW Chloe E - GW

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Shanira H - BI Rehan S - JME Kai R - CS Bayleigh W - ER Nancy P - DSM
 Charlie R - KP Taylor K - RAW Keane S - SGO Ryan S - NHA Ryan M - ANC
 McKenzie W - RFR Lewis H - EB Jude A - DFA Lenny B - SC Jaden K - NHA
 Simba R - SC Max U - EB Lily S - EB Sania M - EB Aimee W - SC Jessica N - CS





Word of the Week



'antithesis'

(noun)

A person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else.

Sentences containing the word 'antithesis'...

- Slavery is the **antithesis** of freedom.
- Research is the **antithesis** of randomness.

Synonyms

- opposite
- contrast
- reverse
- contrary

Similar words in MFL...



antítesis



L'antithèse (f)



das Gegenteil

Rock Challenge 2020! **AUDITIONS**



Wednesday 25th 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...

Prospective Parents Evening

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A huge well done and thank you to all involved!

For Parents & Carers of Children Aged 11-18 Years

Starts Monday 23rd September 2019

(30th September, 7th October, and 14th 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

or Lisa Lowe 07808613202 l.lowe@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

School Clubs

Eco-Schools Meeting



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Who is this meeting for?

Any member of the school community who would like to contribute to improving our environment.

What will be discussed?

Roles and responsibilities within the group, possible projects for this academic year, requirements for attaining the silver and gold awards from Eco-Schools.

When and where?

3.15pm-4.15pm in Lab 1 on Friday 27th September 2019

What do I have to do?

You could let Mrs. Butterfield know you are going to attend, but even if you do not, you can just turn up, listen and see if you would like to be more involved.

What sorts of things have Eco-Schools done before?

The School has already been awarded its Bronze accreditation and should have enough evidence to be awarded Silver very soon, so we could be working towards our Gold and Green awards. We have run school campaigns to reduce water wastage, and the use of single-use plastics, we have given assemblies about food wastage, made publicity videos and have entered the Big Bang competition for the last two years, winning £700 for the School.

Barnwell School

MIDDLE & UPPER

Achieving Excellence Together



Lunch Pass available – please ask at the science office

Years 7-9



LEGO ROBOTS CLUB

Tuesday lunch times – 12.45-1.15pm in Lab 3



If you are good at building Lego or simple programming tasks, come and try this club.

We enter competitions where Lego robots have to be able to perform different challenges under timed conditions.

See Mr. Lund or Mrs. Butterfield for details

STEM Club is changing.....

....Just as fun and challenging, but with more choice and plenty of opportunities for reward.

All year groups welcome, 7-13

CREST award opportunities – run your own investigation, as an individual, or part of a team at **Bronze, Silver or Gold** Level and gain recognition for your work.



Enter the Big Bang Competition with your project, for more opportunities to win.



Wednesdays 3pm-4.15pm in Lab 1

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 **School-gateway Link Click Here**

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

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: communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Learning Resource Centre

Author of the Month

Author of the Month: September 2019

Roald Dahl



**A spy, ace fighter pilot, chocolate historian and
a medical inventor!**



Learning Resource Centre The Mystery Book!

The Mystery Book

Tired of your usual book genre?

**Visit your library to
unwrap a mystery
book!**

horror
coming-of-age
comedy
drama
adventure
crime
biography
romance
action
thriller
historical
suspense
fantasy

New Reads for Autumn

THE WALK
TO REACH THE CLOUDS

KILLERT
ROBERT MUCHAMORE

THE POET X
ELLEN OBARA

New Reads – Autumn 2019
Visit the LRC to borrow these and other books

DEAR EVAN HANSEN
SHELBY CLIPSHAM

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
HOLLY JACKSON

Michael Morpurgo
The Sandman and the Tin Cans

HANIF KUREISHI
THE BUDDHA OF SUBURBIA

MYTH RAIDERS
MEDUSA'S CURSE

Ring of Roses
MARY HOOPER

Firecrackers
ZORO WEI

TWO CAN KEEP A SECRET
KAREN W. McMANUS



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 16th September
Monday 23rd September
Monday 30th September
Monday 7th October
Monday 14th October
Monday 21st October

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

Enabling young people to succeed





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

COMMERICAL STREET
U15 & U18

BARNWELL LEISURE CENTRE, SG2 9SW
FIRST VISIT FREE

U15 MONDAY 6-6.50PM
U15 WEDNESDAY 5-5.50PM
U18 MONDAY 6-6.50PM



TO BOOK: WWW.IDENTITYDANCE.CO.UK 07905352366 INFO@IDENTITYDANCE.CO.UK

COMMERICAL STREET
ADULTS

BARNWELL LEISURE CENTRE, SG2 9SW
FIRST VISIT FREE - WEDNESDAY 7-8PM



TO BOOK: WWW.IDENTITYDANCE.CO.UK 07905352366 INFO@IDENTITYDANCE.CO.UK

MUSICAL THEATRE

SINGING * DANCING * ACTING

BARNWELL LEISURE CENTRE
FIRST VISIT FREE - TUESDAY 5.30-6.20PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.IDENTITYDANCE.CO.UK

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting Breakfast Club. We have seen a fantastic number of attendee's.

This week we have purchased games for students to enjoy at Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club can be used to not only eat breakfast, but also to complete homework or to read a book in the library.

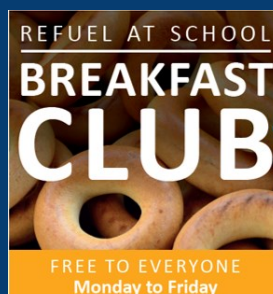
We are appealing for Student Breakfast monitors to help out. If this is of interest to your child, can they please make contact with Miss Sayer.

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

Best Wishes,
Magic Breakfast Club Staff

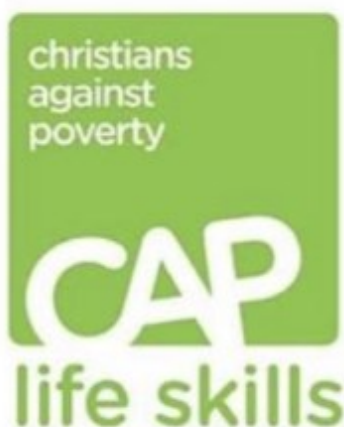
Location: LRC

Time: 8am - 8.25am



Breakfast Available

Bagels
Porridge
Cheerios,
Shreddies
Cornflakes
Rice Crispies



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



Come to these free, lovely, relaxed sessions where you will learn:

- Tips to make money go further
- How to lift the pressure to spend
- Feeding healthily on a budget
- Relationships impact on finances

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



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



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yc.stevenage@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 @Steveange Team



Enabling young people to succeed

Let's Celebrate Success!

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



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

[Amazing Apprenticeships Parents Pack](#)

St Albans Sleepout

#SAsleepout



REGISTER TODAY

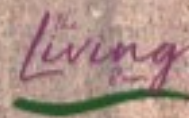
Friday 6th December 2019 9pm-7am
Oaklands College, St Albans



'One of the best experiences...really thought-provoking and a fantastic way to raise awareness and funds for homeless people' Lizzy Bell, Sleepout participant

Join us with family, friends or colleagues
For more information and to register
www.stalbanssleepout.org.uk

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Centre 33 Registered Charity 1146438
Emmaus Registered Charity 1073808
Herts Young Homeless Registered Charity 1069498
Open Door Registered Charity 1028528
The Living Room Registered Charity 1175541



Events 2019-20

Autumn Term, Monday 9th September – Monday 16th December

Sign Up Saturdays

Saturday 7th September, 10am – 2pm
Campus

St Albans & Welwyn Garden City

St Albans Food and Drink Festival

Sunday 29th September 12-6pm

St Albans City Centre

Apple Day

Saturday 5th October, 10am – 3pm

St Albans Campus

School Taster Morning

Wednesday 16th October, 9am – 12pm
Campus

St Albans & Welwyn Garden City

November Open Events

Saturday 9th November, 10am – 2pm
Tuesday 12th November, 5pm – 8pm

**St Albans Campus
Welwyn Garden City Campus**

November Twilight Taster Sessions

Wednesday 20th November, 4:45pm – 6pm
Thursday 21st November, 4:45pm – 6pm

**St Albans Campus
Welwyn Garden City Campus**

Interview Evenings

Tuesday 26th November, 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 27th November, 5pm – 7pm

**St Albans Campus
Welwyn Garden City Campus**



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hop on the

bus **to school!**

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



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



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



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)

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](#)