

## Dear Parents/Carers

This year is flying by and it will soon be Christmas! The festive period is a very exciting but very busy time at school.

In the last couple of weeks we have had various trips and visits including a really informative 6th Form Media trip to Three Counties Radio Studios, the latest Stevenage Schools Parliament meeting with the Mayor at the Council Chambers, an excellent STEM activity that saw students from other local schools join us as well as the Year 10 Geography Field Trip visit to Stratford in London, just to name a few!



I'm also pleased to announce that the Middle School work to upgrade and resurface the tennis courts and to build a 3G AstroTurf sports area has now begun. This will provide some outstanding sporting facilities. On a different note, we are really looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents to our Year 7 Parents' Evening next week on Tuesday 3rd December.

I am very proud to announce that I am working collaboratively with all the other secondary schools and the Police Force in Stevenage as well as North Herts College and Stevenage ESC to produce consistently high quality information, advice and guidance for our students related to County Lines, Knife Crime, Domestic Abuse and Drugs Misuse. Our cluster group is currently busy booking outstanding keynote speakers and producing some excellent resources that will be used in all schools across the town in focus weeks. This is a very necessary collaboration to provide our students with the most effective, consistent guidance across some very tough topics.

If we look a little further towards Christmas, we have our Middle School Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19th December. I will send out more information about our Christmas Dinner organisation in the next couple of weeks.

The last day of term is an incredibly busy day. The Middle School will host the annual Staff Pantomime which is always fun and the Upper School hosts their Year 10 and 11 Careers Fair where over 30 local and national employers will be in school for our students to talk to and find out important careers information and guidance in areas of interest.

Please enjoy reading our newsletter to see some of the incredible things that our students are getting involved with.

*Mr Patching - Assistant Head*

### Dates for the Diary

w/c 2nd December - Year 12 & 13 Mock Exams

Tuesday 3rd December - Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th December - Rock Challenge Rehearsals - Middle 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'

Jade M - LPA Kristian M - ML Kai R - CS Sophia M - SAH Chloe A - ML Erin M - LPA Taylor M - DFA  
Eduard A - SGO Shane P - EB Anisa A - DD Owen S - EB Marko B - CS Oliver M - NHA Cameron B - DD  
Archie P - DSM Shahziab B - SGO Georgina Q - KP Josh C - HR Taylor R - SGO Keira C - SAH  
Mckenzie W - RFR Grace C - LCA Eren A - ER William C - GW Stanley M - BI Benjamin D - NHA

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

Charlize H - RAW Hannah S - DD Jack W - PN Deavion-Antwon S-S - DFA Demi W - ANC Molly L - AMW  
Mckenzie W - RFR Connor N - PN Ruby G - CS Lenny B - SC Stevie-Jean F - SAH  
Edilija B - NHA Ama A - SAH Kadie P - NHA Leo W - ANC Edward T - DD Stanley M - BI  
Libbie M - SGO Caleb M - LCA Luke W - NL Madeliene T - DSM Liam R - ANC Ettie Q - ER





## Word of the Week



**'ingenuity'**

(noun)

The quality of being clever, original, and inventive.

### Sentences containing the word 'ingenuity'...

- Creativity, **ingenuity** and flair are the songwriter's real talents.
- We have to admire his **ingenuity** in redesigning the machinery.


### Synonyms

- inventiveness
- originality
- skill
- cunning

Use this word, or the similar words in MFL correctly in your work in any subject this week for a #WOW Credit.

### Similar words in MFL...

 ingenio

 ingéniosité

 die Kreativität

## Pre-Public Exams

### Week Commencing 2nd December

#### Year 13

#### and

#### Year 12 (vocational only)

	<u>Monday 2nd December</u>	<u>Tuesday 3rd December</u>	<u>Wednesday 4th December</u>	<u>Thursday 5th December</u>	<u>Friday 6th December</u>
<b>Periods 1 and 2</b>	Drama (Y13) Sports (Yr13) History (Yr 13)	Maths (Y13) Psychology (Y13)		Science (2) (Yr13)	Media Studies (Yr13) Dance (Yr13)
<b>Periods 3 and 4</b>		Music (Y12&13)	Health & Social Care (Yr13) Art (Yr13)	Biology (2) (Y13)	Dance Period 3 (Yr13)
<b>Periods 5 and 6</b>	Biology (1) (Y13) Science (1) (Y13)	English Lit & Lang (Y13)	Photography (Yr13)	Sport (Yr12) Maths (Yr13)	

#### Year 11

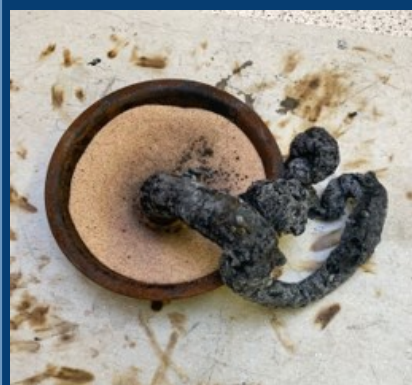
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<b>Periods 3 and 4</b>					
<b>Periods 5 and 6</b>	Health & Social Care (Y11) Option B	Health & Social Care (Y11) Option A			

## STEM News

The Enthuse group are a group of students who are taking part in a variety of STEM activities to support their learning in maths and science, and to allow them to experience ideas, opportunities and careers in this area. Mrs Collier from maths and Mrs Butterfield from science meet regularly with teachers from other schools in the North Herts Teaching Alliance to share good practice and to jointly plan events for our students.

On Friday 15th November the Barnwell group practiced ratios in order to create a recipe for cookies which they then baked, very successfully.

On Wednesday 27th November, we invited Enthuse students from The Priory School in Hitchin and Nobel School to join us for the opportunity to gain a CREST award by taking part in a STEM day.



The students followed a series of activities, with a witchcraft and wizardry theme. They used acids and alkalis to turn 'potion' pink, they charmed snakes from a reaction between sugar and sodium bicarbonate, created invisibility cloaks from oil and glass and holograms from a simple App. Each small group of students then made their own talk about one of the activities they had done and presented this to the group.

Well done to Year 9 Barnwell Students, Liam F, Jaziah R-L, Taylor F-T, Ruby M and Ella K for completing the day and attaining your Discovery CREST award. Certificates will be with you shortly!

Thanks to Mrs Tyler and Mrs Collier for teaching the sessions and to Mrs Goodship for the fantastic provision of practical materials for the sessions and the well-dressed skeleton!

Mrs Butterfield





## CREATIVE & MEDIA

### BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, A Level Media students from Barnwell visited the studios of BBC Three Counties Radio in Dunstable for an interactive 2 hour tour of the building.

We were met in reception and then lead through the newsroom to the conference area. After a brief introduction from our hosts, all of whom had worked their way up from work experience / voluntary work / reception duties to be where they are today, we were shown around the building to get our bearings. This included dropping into the live studios, where Hannah and Evie agreed to an impromptu live radio interview. Luckily, Hannah's mum was listening! After that we were split into smaller groups for various activities. These included a talk and demonstration from an emergent radio presenter who used to be a backing dancer for Little Mix, a presentation of quirky and award-winning radio features from Justin (one of the station's most popular and successful presenters), and a live broadcast news workshop in the studio.



It was an excellent, engaging and inspirational trip which was thoroughly appreciated by all.

Our thanks to the ever trusty school minibus and our drivers for supporting us on an extremely rewarding extended curriculum adventure.

**Mrs Pellen**



## HOGWARTS IN THE SNOW

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, GCSE Media, A Level Media, Art, Design & Photography students from Barnwell visited Warner Brothers Studios in Leavesden. We worked in the new education centre on an interactive movie marketing workshop, winning prizes for tagline knowledge and working on a marketing campaign for a new 90s RomCom based in Stevenage starring Chris Hemsworth and Idris Elba. We also looked at original costumes and artwork from the Harry Potter film franchise, featuring Mason as a live model.

The studio tour continues to go from strength to strength; the new foyer, restaurant, expanded gift shop access, and innovative Gringotts experience were all incredible. It was an added bonus when we realised that our trip date coincided with Hogwarts in the Snow...



As always, this trip was inspirational on so many levels, however, it is the realisation of the sheer scope of career opportunities in this field which really hits home with the students.

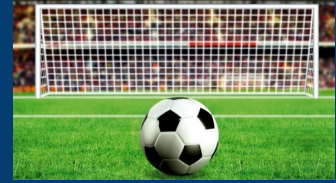
Once again, our sincere thanks to the school minibus drivers for supporting us with such a fantastic excursion.

**Mrs Pellen**





## This Week's PE News



**WEDNESDAY - Y7 BASKETBALL** - A very good performance in their first school basketball match. Unfortunately not to win a closely contested game but 5 different Barnwell points scorers and lots of positives to build on this season. MVP - G.Yuson

**WEDNESDAY - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT** - Max has been selected for the Swim England Diving Team Y Squad. What an amazing personal achievement and thoroughly deserved **#BARNWELLPRIDE**



**WEDNESDAY - YR10 NETBALL** - Amazing achievement for the Year 10 girls. Just missed out on a place in the semi finals. So proud of the work they have put in this year. The training is paying off!

**#commitment #TeamBarnwell**



**THURSDAY - YR10 LEADERSHIP** - Y10 Sports Leaders hard at work officiating the [@stevenageSFT](#) KS1 Balance Festival [#rolemodels](#) [#teambarnwell](#)



**THURSDAY - YR9 NETBALL** - We made Barnwell history!!!!  
We beat HGS 12-3 [#TeamBarnwell](#) [#PRIDE](#)



**THURSDAY - YR7 FUTSAL** - A first match for our Y7 Futsal team saw them victorious against Nobel. On to the next round - some work to be done though as this style of football is a little more challenging than they first thought [#BarnwellPride](#) [#futsal](#)



## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### Tomorrow's Teachers

We are thrilled to be launching the Tomorrow's Teachers Programme within our sixth form this week. A programme to inspire and engage potential or aspiring teachers within our school. It is an opportunity for those students who are interested in teaching to develop a clear sense of what the job involves, what it looks like as a career, and the different things teachers do as part of their working lives.



Over the next 12 weeks, the course will offer the teachers of tomorrow a taster of life working in school. It will help them to better understand what teaching entails and what skills they will develop if they choose to pursue teaching as a career path. In short, it offers our students a chance to take their first steps on the journey from student to teacher.

We currently have 8 students from Years 12 and 13 enrolled onto the programme and 13 members of teaching staff involved in the delivery of the programme which includes:

#### Part 1: Building Enthusiasm

Session 1: What's it like to take charge of your own classroom?

Session 2: What makes a great teacher?

#### Part 2: Becoming a Teacher

Session 3: What do teachers do all day?

Session 4: What are the main differences between primary and secondary school teaching?

#### Part 3: Working with Learners

Session 5: How do teachers make learning happen?

Session 6: What can teachers do to influence their learners?

#### Part 4: Teaching a Lesson

Session 7: What's in a lesson?

Session 8: How do you plan a great lesson?

#### Part 5: Creativity in the Classroom

Session 9: How can you make a lesson memorable?

Session 10: Are there different ways to teach?

#### Part 6: Next Steps

Session 11: What are the routes into teaching?

Session 12: How can you grow your teaching CV?

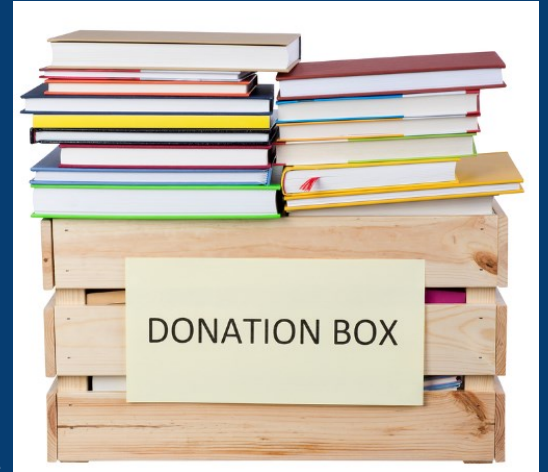
We wish our first cohort the very best of luck with their additional studies and look forward to updating you on their progress in due course.

**Mrs Johnson**



## Support for our School Libraries

This year, we have an increased focus upon improving the literacy skills of all students within the school. As part of our programme, we would like to increase the diversity of books available within the libraries on both our middle and upper campuses. As a school, we have invested heavily in updating the libraries but always welcome additional resources.



Our librarians have produced an Amazon wishlist which, initially, consists of 26 books whereby parents / carers / members of our school community can support our students by purchasing a book from our wishlist which will be automatically delivered to our school libraries.

**The link to the wishlist can be found below:**

**<http://amzn.eu/2dK1JwR>**

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you, in advance, for your support of this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Johnson



## APPRENTICESHIP NEWS

MBDA are holding an Apprenticeship open evening at MBDA on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It will be from 16.30-19.00 on their Stevenage Site.

Applications for all their apprenticeship schemes close January 5<sup>th</sup>, therefore this event is a perfect opportunity for students to talk to some of their current apprentices. As well as a chance for parents and teachers to gain an insight into what our apprenticeship schemes offer.

**Please note - Attendees must take a form of photo ID in order to gain access to the event.**

## DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS. BUSINESS & ENGINEERING

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

**16:30 - 19:00**  
(Doors close at 18:45)

MBDA Stevenage, Six Hills Way,  
Stevenage, SG1 2DA

[www.mbdacareers.co.uk](http://www.mbdacareers.co.uk)

Whether you are a teacher, parent or student our apprenticeship event is the perfect way to find out more about what MBDA has to offer.



Join our LinkedIn Group:  
Engineering UK (Defence)



or follow us on Twitter:  
@MBDAcareers

**You must bring a form of photo ID to gain access to the event, anyone under the age of 15 will not be permitted.**

**PLEASE NOTE: access to the site will not be permitted before 16.30**



**MBDA**

MISSILE SYSTEMS





## Exam Certificates



**GCSE certificates for Summer 2019 can now be collected by Sixth Formers from the Barnwell Exams Office.**

GCSE, A Level and BTEC certificates for students who have now left Barnwell, are now available for collection from Barnwell Upper reception.

If you have older children who left in July, please pass this information on.

**Please could you ensure that ex-students email [v.pettifer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:v.pettifer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk) before coming to the school so we can ensure that your certificates are waiting on reception, otherwise we cannot guarantee collection at that time.**

Please be aware that the Exams Office is only required to keep certificates for 1 year from the date of issue.

The cost of replacing certificates is upwards of £45 per certificate and varies between exam boards, so is therefore in the best interests of ex-students to collect their certificates to keep safe for college, university and job applications.





## 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 18<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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)**

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## Learning Resource Centre

## In December

### ***THE BARNWELL SCHOOL UPPER CAMPUS LRC CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDAR***

***Reveal a book each day and guess your  
teachers favourite book from their baby  
photo***

***Visit the LRC daily in  
December***





## Extra Curricular Activities

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

### Extra-curricular sport and physical activity Autumn term 2019 – Middle Campus



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning (8.00-8.25am)</b>		Just Dance CA (Hall)		Just Dance HF (Hall) Table tennis CHA (Hall)	
<b>Lunch (12.30-1.00pm)</b>	Table Tennis SGO (Hall)	Y7 Basketball CHA (gym)	Volleyball RFR (hall)	Table Tennis RFR (Hall)	Y8&9 Basketball CHA (gym)
<b>After school (3.00-4.00pm)</b>	Y7,8&9 Netball HF/KHU (courts)	Y7 Football SGO (field) Y8&9 Basketball RFR (gym) Girls Football CA (field)	Y8 Football SGO (field) Y7 Basketball CHA (gym) Trampolining JEL (upper hall)	Y9 Football SGO (field)	Rugby CHA & SGO (field)

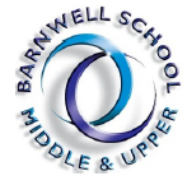


GET ACTIVE  
GET INVOLVED



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

### Extra-curricular sport and physical activity Autumn term 2019 – Upper Campus



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning (8.00-8.25am)</b>					
<b>Lunch (12.30-1.00pm)</b>	Y11 Football CHA (LC)		Y10 Football RC (LC)		
<b>After school (3.00-4.00pm)</b>	Y11 Sports Leaders CHA (D4)	Duke of Edinburgh JEL	Seniors football KNE (field) Y10 Basketball AL (LC) Trampolining JEL (hall)	Y10 Football RC (field) Seniors Basketball AL (LC) Y10 & Seniors Netball JEL (courts)	Y11 BTEC Intervention KNE (LRC) MPA (C4) CTEC Intervention JEL (B1)



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## Extra Curricular Activities

### Science Enrichment – Middle Campus



When?			Where?	What?
Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Lab 3	LEGO Robots
Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	Lab 1	STEM club
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 1	Eco-schools
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 3	Geek club



### Science Enrichment – Upper Campus



When?			Where?	Who?
Week 1	Tuesday	Period 7	D14	Y Band
Week 1	Thursday	Period 7	D14	X Band
Week 1	Everyday	Lunchtime	Homework drop in D14	Anyone
Week 2	Wednesday	Period 7	D14	Triple Science
Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Period 7	D11	Applied Science
Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	D17	A level Biology



## Extra Curricular Activities

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Middle School		DJ Club in MSM2 (EB and sixth form)	Bollywood Dance Club ( <u>SAH</u> ) H8		
<b>Afterschool</b>  <b>Open to all Upper &amp; Middle School students unless indicated</b>  <b>3:15 – 4:30</b>  <b><u>Underlined = Invitation Only</u></b>			<u>Year 9 Accelerate Dance Company (KB) H8 (Invite Only)</u>  <u>Year 8 Elevate Dance Company (COP) H9 (Invite Only)</u>  Choir/Vocal Group (EB) MSM1  Upper School Drama Club (JLJ) M1  Summer Production Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hall	Rock Challenge Sept - Feb (KB/COP/EAB) Middle School Hall  Summer Production Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hall  <u>Year 8&amp;9 G&amp;T Band (EB)</u>  Y7 Pantomime acting rehearsals: Oct-Dec (JLJ) G1	Summer Production Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hall  <u>Year 9 G&amp;T Drama (EAB) G1 – Invite only</u>	
		<b>Drama</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>All Arts</b>	

Clubs will commence week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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





**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



For students in Years 7, 8 and 9

Thursday lunchtimes in H1

Students can bring their packed lunch or see Art Department to get a queue jump pass.

Theme of the fortnight is 'Day of the Dead'.





## Barnwell Cooking Club

Starts November 7<sup>th</sup>

3.05 – 4.30pm (Middle)

If you require an information letter, please see Mr.

Mendelsohn in H5

## Come to Apps for Good club!

- Work together to design and build an app that solves a problem.
- Back up your idea with market research and consult users.
- Design and create an app prototype and pitch it.



Where: N10  
Day: Tuesday  
Time: 12.30-1.15pm  
Get you queue jumper for lunch from Mrs Maynard



Starts Tuesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> September



Meet New Friends





FOR ALL  
YEAR  
GROUPS

**5 – a – side football**

**Where?** – Middle (Y7 pitch)

**When?** – Thursday

**What do I need?**

- Boots
- PE Kit
- Shin Pads

If you do not have the above kit, you will not be allowed to play

**Format?**

Small sided games; team sizes are dependent on numbers.


You can create your own teams prior to the day, if you want

## FLAG FOOTBALL

Every Tuesday  
(Middle Campus)

Come and try something new!  
Branched off American Football, Flag Football is a highly tactical but thoroughly enjoyable team game.

PE Kit and boots are compulsory



All year groups are welcome

Any questions, please see Mr Goodman in the PE Department

Mouth guards will also be required





Lunch pass available

## **Bollywood Dance Club**

**Wednesday Lunchtimes 12.45 - 1.15pm**

**H8 (Dance Studio) with Miss Ahmed**

**All students welcome! 😊**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

The second week of classroom bagels on upper campus have been a real success. Form breakfast on middle campus has also been a real hit with students.

Staff at Barnwell School have prepared and delivered over 1200 bagels to ensure students do not go hungry and fuel their learning. Next week we hope to deliver classroom bagels on middle campus.

During form breakfast, it has given us the opportunity to ask students if they do or do not eat breakfast. The feedback is that approximately **40%** of students **do** have breakfast, **50% do not** have breakfast and 10% state they eat a sugary snack, such as chocolate bar.

Statistically "Students will do better in tests if they eat breakfast"

Research also shows that children who eat breakfast have healthier weights than children who skip breakfast and also perform better on memory tests.

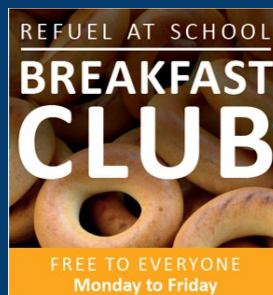
Source: <https://www.health24.com/Diet-and-nutrition/Nutrition-basics/12-interesting-breakfast-facts20120721>

We look forward to meeting more students next week.

Best Wishes,  
Magic Breakfast Club Staff

**Location: LRC**

**Time: 8am - 8.25am**



What **BREAKFAST** is available?

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

**ALLERGY  
ALERT**

If your child has an allergy, can we please ask that your child makes Breakfast staff aware.

Please make contact for ingredient content on specific items.

Thank You





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- Daily, Weekly and 4 Weekly Travel Warrants – Used by organisations who fund travel expenses for students, pupils, volunteers and staff

## Why not Travel with Arriva?

You could save money by travelling by bus with these amazing benefits:

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- Parents/Guardians can set up direct debits on behalf of the student.
- Ticket sent direct to your home or mobile. Convenient monthly payments by direct debit.
- Ongoing direct debit meaning tickets can be used throughout half term, summer holidays and into the next academic year.
- Quick and easy to join.

### How to apply

From the link below it's a simple 2-step process to sign-up to obtain the student ticket:

[arrivabus.co.uk/ss-herts-essex](https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/ss-herts-essex)

### STEP 1:

Order your ticket online by choosing your local travel zone and completing the direct debit application form - you will need your bank account details.

### STEP 2:

Receive your season ticket via your chosen method.

- To receive an m-ticket you must download the Arriva m-ticket app and register your details first.

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## Relationships Matter in Hertfordshire

Campaign December 2019

For more information and advice



### Domestic abuse

If you are experiencing domestic abuse Herts Sunflower can offer support and advice.

[www.hertssunflower.org](http://www.hertssunflower.org)



### Families First Portal

To find other local and national services for you and your family visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst)



April 2018  
Children's Services  
Hertfordshire County Council

Do you and your partner or ex-partner see eye to eye?



Disagreements are normal, but if they are getting in the way of family life support is at hand.



### Better Relationships, Better Parenting

When family life is good, children thrive. By improving your relationship your child might:

- be happier
- have better mental health
- have better relationships with others
- be healthier
- do better at school.

Without blame, work through any issues you're having with your partner or ex-partner for your child's benefit.



### Conflict

Whether you are together or apart, conflict in a relationship is completely normal. What matters is how you deal with conflict.

#### Destructive conflict

- Physical/verbal aggression
- Sulking or silent treatment
- Walking away/withdrawing
- Not overcoming disagreements
- Bearing grudges

#### Constructive conflict

- Staying calm
- Listening and talking openly
- Finding a solution
- Being positive

We all have a natural reaction to conflict and how we deal with it, but we can learn to deal with conflict more effectively.

How you deal with conflict will impact how your child deals with conflict.

For advice on relationships and conflict visit:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentrelationships](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentrelationships)

If you need more in depth support, speak to your local Family Centre or Local School Partnership.



# MUDDY MAYHEM 5K Obstacle Course



**Saturday 29th Feb 2020**

Knebworth Park, Stevenage, SG1 2AX



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

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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## 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](mailto:v.pettifer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)







## 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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Enabling young people to succeed

## 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](mailto: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.

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, multi-colored effect.

THANK  
YOU  
TEACHERS  
AND STAFF



## 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.

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