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Dear Parents/Carers

As a community we have a long history of outstanding pastoral care. We have just held our first Wellbeing Week and are planning a Wellbeing Week each half term (dates for the reminder of the academic year to follow). The Wellbeing Weeks will become embedded into your school culture as we strive to improve the mental health of all our students and staff.



Having time to reflect on what we have achieved, what we would like to plan for the future and how to enjoy being in the moment are important aspects of positive mental health. We are planning to involve the school community including parents and carers in a Wellbeing group to further promote positive mental health.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs Anderson - Assistant Head

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th December - Post 16 Applications Deadline

Wednesday 18th December - Rock Challenge Rehearsals - Middle Campus

Thursday 19th December - Sixth Form Winter Wonderland Trip

Friday 20th December - Last day of term. Classes to be Dismissed from 12pm

Tuesday 7th January - Spring Term Begins

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'.

Lily R - SAH Luca M - HP Ella K - DSM Keira C - SAH Tyler R - JME Liam C - SAH Demi W - ANC Mariah T - SAH Anisa A - DD Jacob P - BI Frankie M - GW Back B - SAH Connor B - JMC Amelia B - RFR George L - CS Marko B - CS Caleb M - LCA Ryan B - LPA Loic B - DLE Kelsea B - JEL Jade H - GW Mitchell B - JME Jaden K - NHA Jack B - DD Sienna M - LCA Lenny B - SC Sophia M - SAH Tyler B - HP

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Ashlee F - SC Thomas J - TRT Leo W - ANC Tae P - DFA James W - TRT Shane P - EB Archie D - BI
Emma G - PPE Sophie B - RC Olivia C - DSM Tylor K - DSM Kuba S - TRT Stacey P - ER
Esther A - GW Deavion-Antwon S-S - DFA Charlize H - RAW Rhianna J - RFR Molly H - PN
Rhys D - DLE Kayden F - CS Adina H - EB Jie J - DFA Raul T - ANC Kamila S - DFA





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Word of the Week



'interpret'

(verb)

Explain the meaning of (information or actions).

Sentences containing the word 'interpret'...

- Different people might interpret events differently.
- Poetry helps us to interpret life.

Synonyms

- understand
- construe
- infer
- deduce

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... intérprete interpréter verstehen





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This Week's PE News



<u>MONDAY</u> – UNDER 12'S & UNDER 14'S GIRLS BASKETBALL - Our girls teams represented Stevenage on Monday at the county finals following their district champs success. No medals, but a huge sense of pride as they competed fiercely against the best teams in Herts #teambarnwell





<u>TUESDAY</u> - ROWING - Another excellent afternoon for <u>#teambarnwell</u> as our rowers competed in the Herts School Games. Bronze, Silver and Gold medals for these boys....









<u>TUESDAY</u> - YR 8 - futsal - It just wasn't to be on Tuesday afternoon for our Y8 Futsal team. A gritty second half saw them so close to pushing for extra-time but @<u>PEJHN</u> managed to hold on for the victory. Great experience and learning for all involved <u>#BarnwellPride</u> <u>#futsal</u>

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IT & Computing

Barnwell Students in the Top 10% for Computational Thinking





In November our Key Stage 3 students took part in the UK Bebras 2019 Computational Thinking Challenge.

The competition is aimed at raising awareness of Computer Science in a fun and rewarding way. The challenge is organized in over 40 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. We do not know how many people have taken part this year but last year it was over 130,000 students nationally.

We are proud of all our students who have performed very well in this competition.

Additionally, we are extremely excited to report that seventeen of our students from Years, 7, 8 and 9, have been invited directly by Hertford College, Oxford University, to take part in the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge, in March 2020.

These invitations are evidence that these students have achieved in the top 10% nationally in Bebras Challenge 2019!

Very well done to:

Year 7

Melisa G

Jaden K

Harry M

Joshua W

Hannah S

Year 8

Leo C

Freddy C

Jenna M

Cilia iv

Liam C

Amelia B

Paige W

William C

Ashleigh H

Year 9

Ardi J

Ayla S

Diya L

Blu A

IT and Computing Faculty





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Thank you to all of our amazing students and staff who have supported Save the Children Christmas

Jumper Day today!

We will update you on the total amount raised for the charity once the final count has been done.











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Let's Celebrate Success!

HUGE Congratulations to Omo A in Year 10 who competed at the World Age Group Competition in Trampolining, Tumbling and DMT 2019 in Tokyo last week!

Omo competed in DMT age group 13-14 male and completed all four passes with very good landings. He passed the qualifier round and made it 8th place world wide in the finals round.



His coaches and Team GBR and his family are all very proud of him for his success.

Well Done Omo! What an achievement!

#PRIDE

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AG2 - Men's Double Mini Final

1 USA HIGGINS Braxton

2 USA PERCIVAL Jayce

3 RUS SUKHOREBROV Egor

4 RUS KHALILOV IIya

5 RUS OGANESIAN Vladimir

6 ESP SANCHEZ Luis

7 USA MACCAGNAN Ryan

8 GBR AKEREMIOKHA Omo
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Barnwell Wellbeing Week

What is Wellbeing?

Well-being is the experience of health, happiness, and prosperity. It includes having good mental health, high life satisfaction, and a sense of meaning or purpose.

This week's Wellbeing Quotes of the Day:

"Be the reason someone realises how simple it is to be kind"

"Listen wholeheartedly to other without judging them"

"Remember: one kind word can change someone's entire day"

"Be the reason someone realises how simple it is to be kind"

"Count your blessings"







Last Day of Term Arrangements



On Friday 20th December classes will be dismissed from 12pm.

School bus pick-up's will be at 12.30pm at the usual place on Hydean Way.

We return to school on Tuesday 7th January.







Either School Xmas dinner or packed lunch only.
 No other hot food available to buy at lunchtime.

Tickets on sale online. Last day to buy tickets Tuesday 17th December







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School Closure Notification System



Hertfordshire County Council operate a Schools Closure Notification System for advising parents should schools have to close for any reason.

This system is operated by Everbridge and parents are able to register with Everbridge to receive emails and/or texts sent by schools.

Once registered parents can sign up for any school in Hertfordshire. To register please copy and paste the following link into your browser:

https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login

This link will direct you to the "Sign Up" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the black strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information should it change at any time.

Parents/carers are urged to sign up for this service as we will be contacting Everbridge as soon as a decision is made to close the school for whatever reason, such as heavy snow. The system will only be used for School Closures or other serious issues and is a supplement to information currently provided via the Herts Direct website and local radio stations.

Our website will also be updated regularly.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type. This means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to your school's closure.

Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at. Once you are signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of each selected school.

If you no longer want to receive messages sent by the school you can remove your registration details from the system by logging on to Everbridge and deleting your record.

Many thanks

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Geography

Year 8

Field Trip



Year 8 Geography Field Trip

- Osmington Bay in Dorset
- Friday 13th Sunday 15th
 March 2020
- Check <u>schoolcomms</u> for details







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Support for our School Libraries - Update

We are absolutely thrilled to be able to inform you that, through the tremendous generosity of staff, parents and members of our community, **101** books have now been purchased for our school libraries.

To the right is a picture of just some of the amazing books received.



Thank you, so much, to everyone who has bought a book to date. If you would like to purchase a book for the school library, the updated link to our Amazon wishlist can be found below:

http://amzn.eu/2dK1JwR

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Johnson









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Learning Resource Centre In December







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Learning Resource Centre continued



Christmas has arrived in the Upper Campus LRC!
Correctly guess the number of books in the Christmas tree to win a prize!









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<u>December</u> Author of the Month:

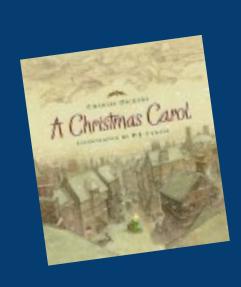


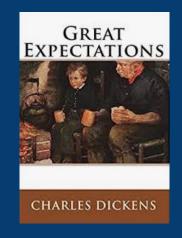
Charles Dickens

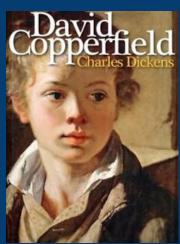
This December the Libraries are celebrating the works of one of the greatest novelists of the Victorian era.

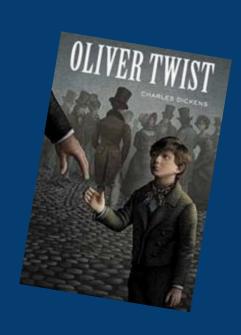
Charles Dickens created some of the world's best-known fictional characters including Oliver Twist and Ebenezer Scrooge.

His famous novel 'A Christmas Carol' was first published on 19th December 1843 and was sold out Christmas Eve. It is still one of the best loved Christmas stories today.













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APPRENTICESHIP NEWS

On Wednesday the 8th of January 2020 apprentices at GSK Stevenage will be holding an open evening for students in years 10-13 to find out about the apprenticeship opportunities offered by GSK.

The evening will be split into two sessions 19:00-20:00 and 20:00-21:00 and will consist of approximately 15-20 minutes of presentations from GSK Hiring managers, Early Talent team members and current GSK apprentices followed by 40 minutes of free time to find out more about our apprenticeship schemes from apprentices at different stands relating to their specific apprenticeships.

There will be stands for their training providers so that students can find out about the specifics of the course that they will be studying during the apprenticeship.

It is a fantastic opportunity for students who might be looking at alternatives to university but who still wish to receive degree level qualifications, as well as students looking for Post-16 opportunities.

For the 2020 season GSK will be offering a number of apprenticeships in the following areas:

- Laboratory Scientist Biology
- Laboratory Scientist Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Pharmaceutical Science
- Finance
- Data Analytics
- Data Science
- Business Supply Chain
- Quality Assurance
- Manufacturing
- Manufacturing Science
- Engineering



GlaxoSmithKline Apprenticeship Open Evening

To be held at GSK Stevenage

Wednesday 8th January 2020

Session 1: 19:00-20:00 Session 2: 20:00-21:00

Years 10-13*

Represented this year:

- Laboratory Scientist Biology
- Laboratory Scientist Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- · Pharmaceutical Science
- Finance
- Data Analytics
- Data Science
- · Business Supply Chain
- Quality
- Manufacturing
- · Manufacturing Science

Register online:

www.survey.gsk.com/ ApprenticeshipOpenEvening2020

*Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian







This event will give you the opportunity to:

- Speak to current apprentices about their experiences.
- Speak to hiring managers and Early Talent team members about the scheme and application process.
- Find out information on the apprenticeships that GSK offers.
- Learn about the training providers and the qualifications completed whilst undertaking a GSK apprenticeship.







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Stevenage Royal Marines Cadets



Stevenage Sea Cadets are now recruiting Royal Marines Cadets!

Boys & Girls aged 13-18 are welcome to join Stevenage Royal Marines Cadets and enjoy a fantastic variety of fun and exciting training. Learn new skills such as Field Craft, Sailing, Shooting and Map reading. These are but a few of the large amount of exciting opportunities available.

If you are interested come along to one of our parade nights and find out more.

We Are Open
Tuesdays and Fridays 1915-2130
Recruitment Evening - Tuesday 7th January 2020 – starts 1930

Please come along to Stevenage Sea Cadets, Fairlands Valley Park, Shephall View, Stevenage

To see what opportunities are available with Royal Marines Cadets for both adults and our younger members and to book a space on the recruitment evening, please email Stevenageseacadets@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you soon







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Stevenage Sea Cadets





Stevenage Sea Cadets is looking for young people aged 10-17 to join us and start a new adventure.

Sea Cadets offer so many life skills which can help improve personal abilities and improve career opportunities in the future.

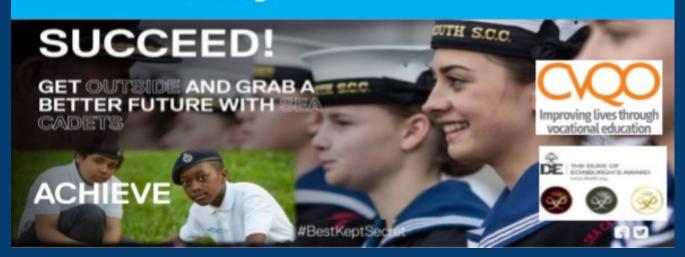
Try out things like sailing and powerboating. Adventure training and shooting, to learning how to play music within the Sea Cadet band

Boys & Girls aged 10 to 18 are welcome to join Stevenage Sea Cadets. The first 4 weeks are free.

Come along on Tuesdays and Friday 1915-2130

Location: Stevenage Sea Cadets – Fairlands Park, Shephall View, Bedwell, Stevenage
See what opportunities are available with Sea Cadets for both adults and our younger members, or to register interest, please email stevenageseacadets@gmail.com

www.sea-cadets.org







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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 18th November Monday 25th November Monday 2nd December Monday 9th December Monday 16th 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 >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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Extra Curricular Activities

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



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



GET ACTIVE
GET INVOLVED



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



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



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Science Enrichment - Middle Campus

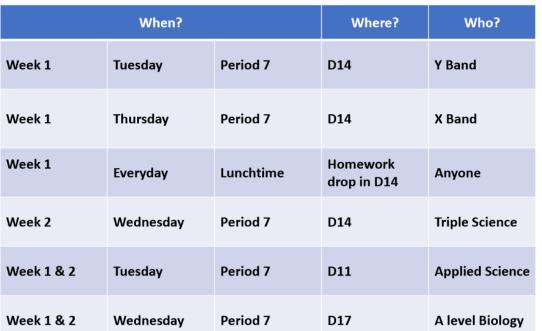
When?			Where?	What?
Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Lab 3	LEGO Robots
Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	Lab 1	STEM club
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 1	Eco-schools
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 3	Geek club





Science Enrichment - Upper Campus















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Extra Curricular Activities







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

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

Drama

Music

Dance

All Arts

Clubs will commence week beginning 23rd 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





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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



11/19/19/1

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'.







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Barnwell Cooking Club

Starts November 7th

3.05 – 4.30pm (Middle)

If you require an information letter, please see **Mr**.

Mendelsohn in H5

Come to Apps for Good club!







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FLAG FOOTBALL



Come and try something new!
Branched off American Football, Flag

Branched off American Football, Flag Football is a highly tactical but thoroughly enjoyable team game.



Any questions, please see Mr Goodman in the PE Department











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Bollywood Dance Club
Wednesday Lunchtimes 12.45 - 1.15pm
H8 (Dance Studio) with Miss Ahmed
All students welcome! ©





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BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the last day of the 4 week innovation programme. Over the past 4 weeks, staff have been delivering classroom bagels on middle and upper campus.

Thousands of bagels have been delivered to hungry students. The aim of this innovation programme was to reduce hunger in the classroom and promote breakfast club at Barnwell School.

We have received very positive feedback from staff and pupils.

Next week is the final week of form breakfast on middle campus. We feel this has been incredibly beneficial for students to understand the importance of eating breakfast.

Form breakfast will start on upper campus in the new year.

Breakfast Club will be open on the last day of term and will return on 7th January 2020.

Merry Christmas from 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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Pastoral Support

Dear parents/carers,



In order to ensure that pastoral queries continued to be followed up quickly and efficiently on the middle campus, we are changing the way in which parents can communicate with the pastoral teams. If you have a query or concerns regarding your child please email middlepastoral@barnwell.herts.sch.uk rather than contacting individual staff.

This account will be monitored closely and your email forwarded to the most appropriate staff member who will be able to respond within 1 working day.

Kind regards
Miss K Hull
KS3 Behaviour Lead







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Arriva provide a range of solutions that are cost effective, flexible and suit the needs of both a regular and occasional users of our services.

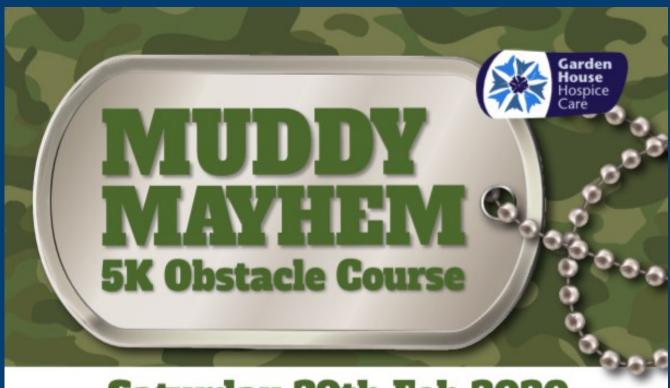
- Academic Term and Term Saver Tickets https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/herts-and-essex/bus-tickets/multi-journey-saver-tickets-in-herts-and-essex/
- Annual Direct Debit Tickets with the flexibility to stop and start payments when circumstances change arrivabus.co.uk/ss-hertsessex
- Daily, Weekly and 4 Weekly Travel Warrants Used by organisations who fund travel expenses for students, pupils, volunteers and staff







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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

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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





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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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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.







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

