



Dear Parents/Carers

It seems like a long time since I have written to you but, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to produce the newsletter during the last half term.

However, it is safe to say that school has been rolling on at a relentless pace and half term has come and gone in a flash.



As a school, we achieved a lot during the last half term and had many successes academically and in both sport and the creative arts.

Ms Pellen has been motivating staff, students and the wider community in supporting our artsmark application and we had a great banner production day on the middle campus at the end of January. Over 100 students took part in the UK Mathematics challenge in February and we eagerly await the results. We also held auditions and are well underway with rehearsals for our summer show 'We Will Rock You'.

Year 8 students had an inspirational morning with a guest speaker, Craig Pinkney, exploring County Lines and Gangs. The key messages were reinforced by a series of follow up sessions during PRIDE lessons. Mr Patching is working closely with other schools across the town to provide similar opportunities for more real-life topics to be delivered throughout the year.

Year 11 and 6th form students are currently sitting their second series of mock examinations, which form a vital part of their final GCSE and A Level preparation. We wish students all the best and know their hard work will result in positive outcomes.

Year 9 students are also well underway with their options process. Following a well-attended options evening on the Upper Campus, students are currently having subject specific assemblies and options interviews with key members of staff. The process ends later this term, several weeks after the Year 9 parents' evening on 11th March.

Last half term ended with the Le Touquet trip, another great experience for our Year 7 students. Having spoken to staff and students, I know it was a weekend they will never forget.

Finally, this week we took over 150 students to Hollywood Bowl as a celebration event and next week we welcome over 700 primary school students through our doors for the annual Science and Technology Fair.

As you can see, a lot is packed in and around lessons and social times at Barnwell to ensure students become well rounded citizens by the time they leave in Year 13.

Regards

Mr Roberts - Head of School



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Dates for the Diary

W/C 2nd March - Year 11 Pre-Public Exams continue

Monday 2nd March - Year 13 History Trip to University of Hertfordshire

Tuesday 3rd March - National Reference Tests for selected Year 11's

Wednesday 4th March - We Will Rock You rehearsals - middle campus

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Science and Technology Fair

And

A Level Dance Exam



Celebrating Student Achievement

This week we celebrate the following students, who have the most PRIDE points for demonstrating our school values

'Passionate, Resilient, Innovative, Determined, Empathetic'.

Oliver W - PPE Charlotte G - RFR Rehan S - JME Oewn R - DLE Jake A - RC Mille G - AMW

Callum A - RC Omo A - DLE Albie C - LPA Taryn R - SAH Nashvil C - ER Ryan E - RC Reuben W - SAH

Tyler B - HP Kaya R - DFA Bailey W - AMW Tieran L - RC Scarlett R - ER Ellie-May L - HR

Jessica T - DLE Jessic D - JEL Jacek D - PPE Bobby M - JEL Ollie B - DLE Erinjoy N - SC Lily R - SAH

Shaun O - RC Kaira S - JEL Tamsin P - SC Natalie W - GW Nathan P - JEL Monnet-Maria C - HP

Tiffany P - HR Rebecca M - JLJ

Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:

Mackenzie W - JME Stevie-Jean F - SAH Simba R - SC Reuben W - SAH Elohina L - JLJ Sila M - JM Kaitlin T - SAH Amelia B - RFR Jessica B - RAW Frankie M - GW Kai-Phoenix S - ER Gabriel L - RFR Kelly D - PPE Emma G - PPE Kacey T - DL Madeleine T - DSM Rocco W - SC Ellie-May L - HR Keira P - SC Stanley M - BI Bobby M - JEL Zack P - CS Kai R - CS Matthew B - DFA Keira B - HP Josie E - RC Ama A - SAH Monnet-Marie C - HP Shannon B - DL Angelee K - LPA Jess H - LCA Riley E - KP Jude A - DFA Eduard A - SGO Jamie H - BI Amelia J - JM Ashleigh H - GW Sophie B - RC Mia C - JEL Ellie K - JME





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Word of the Week



'Evaluate'

(Tier 2 word)

To judge or calculate the quality, importance, amount, or value of something.

Use the Word of the Week in context as many times as possible throughout the week and you could receive #WOW positive points every time!

Synonyms

- Assess
- Calculate
- Value
- Judge

Similar words in MFL...



evaluar



évaluer



bewerten





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This Year's PE News



So Far...

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY - Y7 BASKETBALL - Unfortunate to lose by one basket in a game that could've gone either way, but a very pleasing performance from an improving team #teambarnwell #onwardsandupwards

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY-

Y9 BASKETBALL - A good all-round team performance saw the boys to their first WIN of the season against a spirited @TPS Hitchin team, 32-22. MOM goes to Kamsi with 14pts. #teamwork





WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY - Y7 NETBALL - We had two amazing games tonight. One being a win! Well played girls #teambarnwell





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THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY - SWIMMING - He's only gone and WON it! Marko is the District intermediate boys (Year 9&10) 50m Breaststroke Champion! #proud #TeamBarnwell





THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY - SWIMMING - A massive well done to Jade who finished 3rd in her Junior girls 50m Freestyle heat, just missing out on a medal with a 4th place finish overall. #TeamBarnwell

And thank you to Sophie who was our time keeping official at the swimming gala. Very professional.

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WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - Y7 BASKETBALL - Year secured their first WIN of the season in a closely contested match vs @thomasalleynePE coming out on top, 26pts - 36pts. Great improvement in the 3rd & 4th quarters. Player of the match was George.

#TeamBarnwell #defenceisthebestoffence

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - Y10 LEADERSHIP - This group of Y10 #teambarnwell sports leaders were excellent role models for Y7 students while officiating events at today's @stevenageSFT secondary sportshall athletics #barnwellpride





THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - An excellent morning of Sportshall athletics run by <u>@SF TrainingUK</u>. Our students did themselves <u>#proud</u> by showing a strong team spirit. Just missing out on 3rd place this time but plenty to take forward into the Summer term.

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THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY Y10 LEADERSHIP - More Y10
role models from #teambarnwell
who were fantastic officials at this
afternoon's @stevenageSFT small
schools primary sportshall athletics
event. #barnwellpride



THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - Y8/9 BASKETBALL - An exciting Year 8/9 match vs @FearnhillPE this evening. The boys played so well and kept going until the end but just fell short, 23-22! MOTM was Adrian. Plenty to look forward too next season. #TeamBarnwell





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



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					
(8.00-		KS3 Just Dance CA (Hall)		KS3 Just Dance HF (Hall)	
8.25am)					
Lunch					
(12.30-	KS3 Table Tennis SGO	Y7 Basketball CHA (Gym)	KS3 Table Tennis SGO	KS3 Table Tennis RFR (Hall)	Y8&9 Basketball RFR
1.00pm)	(Hall)		(Hall)		(Gym)
		KS3 Volleyball RFR (Hall)			KS3 Table tennis CHA
	KS3 Dodgeball League	(Wk1)	KS3 Volleyball RFR (Gym)		(Hall)
	RFR		(Wk2)		
	(Gym)				
After school					
(3.00-		Y8&9 Basketball RFR (Gym)	Y7 Basketball CHA (gym)		
4.00pm)	Y7,8&9 Netball			KS3 Badminton	KS3 Rugby
	HF/KHU (Courts)	KS3 Girls Football CA (Field)	KS3 Trampolining JEL	SGO (Middle Hall)	CHA (Field)
			(Upper Hall)		



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Extra-Curricular Sport and Physical Activity Spring Term 2020 – Upper Campus



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



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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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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the updates regarding the outbreak and developments of the Coronavirus are changing daily.

Barnwell school has been working with the Government and Public Health England to ensure we are following all guidelines and advice to minimise the risk to our community.

Attached is the latest documentation from www.gov.uk, and if you or your family have recently returned from identified areas, please follow the guidance and inform the school if you feel you should take action for your child.

Regards

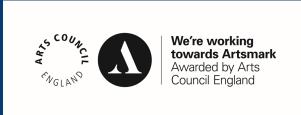
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HERTFORDSHIRE YEAR OF CULTURE

This is Hertfordshire's Year of Culture which aims to showcase the creative and cultural opportunities of the county.

Barnwell has signed up to support the objective to celebrate, share and explore arts, culture and heritage, increasing people's wellbeing and sense of belonging.

Each month will have a different theme: in January it is to 'try something new'. At Barnwell we strive to provide opportunities and ideas for trying something you have never done before! For example, on Monday 20th January, aspiring and current students of the newly introduced GCSE Textiles course will be working with our visiting artist and cultural provider Anji Archer to produce an innovative installation exhibit. On January 31st students from across different key stages will also be taking part in our first ever TV Directing workshop.

Watch this space for regular updates on our Artsmark journey during the Hertfordshire Year of Culture. You might also like to visit hyoc2020.org.uk and explore other activities around the county.











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Let's Celebrate Success!

Kian in Year 8 attends air cadets and with them he has recently partaken in a 2 day first aid course which he gave up his weekend for.

He was presented with a badge for his first aid achievement as well as being awarded a cadet first class badge in a passing out ceremony which laid host to high ranking military personnel as well as the Mayor of Stevenage.



Well done Kian! We are so proud of you!









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Sixth Form Achievements

We always encourage our students to seek ways of developing their skillset to prepare them for the competitive world that they will enter upon leaving Barnwell. Over half term, several of our sixth form students undertook activities to broaden their knowledge in a range of areas.

We are, as always, extremely proud of their achievements.

Jackie Johnson - Head of Sixth Form



Work Experience at Glaxo SmithKline – K. Wilson, Year 12

I spent half term at GSK, Stevenage completing a Medicinal Chemistry placement where I worked with my mentor to create an Amide Coupling Array. I learnt a lot of new chemistry during the week and developed my understanding of the technological advantages of GSK labs. It also gave me an insight into what I will study next year in A2 Chemistry and I feel as though I am already prepared to meet the challenges that this will, inevitably, bring. We were also provided with a 'Career Speed Dating' session where we spoke to members of staff from many different areas of GSK about

what their roles and how they got into GSK. In addition, we were given the opportunity to listen to a talk on Drug Development and a talk from an Oxford professor about studying chemistry. We also attended a variety of workshops, including interview and presentation skills which has really helped me gain confidence with interview techniques and presentations, especially at university. I also found out a lot more about apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and industrial placements, which I had not previously considered, and I will now, definitely, be looking for courses at university that offer industrial placements. At the end of the week, I was presented with the Silver Industrial Cadet award, which, as a nationally recognised award will boost my CV, and I have since researched more opportunities from the Industrial Cadets to help further my understanding and passion of STEM subjects. Overall, my work experience week was very insightful, I learned a lot and I would definitely recommend this programme to anybody interested in science as it is an amazing opportunity that should not be missed.





Congratulations to Beth P and Mia S (Year 12) who both successfully completed the 'Coaching Children 5-12 - The Next Generation' course which was organised by the Herts School Partnership and took place at the Herts Sports Village. Both students are also currently enrolled onto our 'Tomorrow's Teachers' programme, a 12-week course which aims to inspire the next generation of teachers within our school.





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The Own It app comes with a special keyboard. This can be used like any other keyboard, but it also gives you helpful tips and friendly advice as you write!

- Track how you feel and improve your wellbeing.
- Packed full of gifs and emojis to help express yourself!
- Lots of fun quizzes, videos and articles to enjoy.

Best of all, the Own It keyboard and app is personal to you. Everything you type is kept completely private, and never leaves the Own It app on your phone.

https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app





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Learning Resource Centre



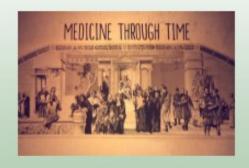
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- Read around the subject
- Have a go at a practice question
- Grab a word search

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Visit the Upper Campus LRC





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Author of the month

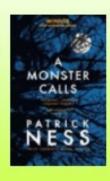
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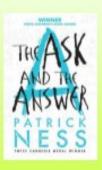














To borrow the books visit the LRC





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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 24th February Monday 2nd March Monday 9th March Monday 16th March Wednesday 25th March Monday 30th March

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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Wednesday 11th March 2020 at the Gordon Craig Theatre, 7pm



Featuring: Warriorz; Footworks; Martins Wood Primary School; Stevenage Music Services; Stevenage Primary Schools

Tickets £5 (no concessions) available from the box office 01438 363200











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BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our weekly Breakfast News Letter.

Breakfast has been as popular as ever on both upper and middle.

Exam season is approaching for year 11 students. We highly encourage students to attend Breakfast Club to eat and use the LRC facilities to revise.

Very kindly, Poplar Sainsburys have donated a huge range of breakfast cereals and condiments.

We would like to thank them for this generous donation.



We would like to remind parents and carers that breakfast intervention is FREE to all students.

We look forward to seeing students there.

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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Extra Curricular Activities



Science Enrichment - Middle Campus

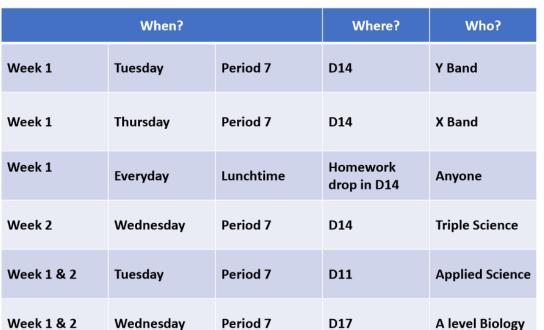
	When?		Where?	What?
Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Lab 3	LEGO Robots
Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	Lab 1	STEM club
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 1	Eco-schools
Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 3	Geek club





Science Enrichment – Upper Campus













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Extra Curricular Activities







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

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Middle		DJ Club in MSM2 (EB and sixth form)	Bollywood Dance Club (<u>SAH</u>) H8		•
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	'		Year 9	Rock Challenge	Summer Production	
Afterso	hool		Accelerate Dance	Sept - Feb	Feb – July	
			Company (KB) H8 (Invite Only)	(KB/COP/EAB) Middle School Hall	(all faculty staff) Middle School Hall	
Open to	n all		(IIIVIC OIII)	Middle School Hall	Wilddic Scrioor Hair	
			Year 8	Summer Production		
Upper & I			Elevate Dance	Feb – July	Year 9 G&T	
School st	udents		Company (COP) H9	(all faculty staff)	Drama (EAB) G1 -	
unless inc	licated		(Invite Only)	Middle School Hall	Invite only	
3:15 – 4:30			Chair Magal Craus	Year 8&9 G&T Band		
3.13	+.50		Choir/Vocal Group (EB) MSM1	<u>(EB)</u>		
			(LD) MOM1	Y7 Pantomime acting		
<u>Underlir</u>			Upper School	rehearsals: Oct-Dec		
<u>Invitation</u>	Only		Drama Club (JLJ) M1	(JLJ) G1		
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			Overses Deadwatics			
			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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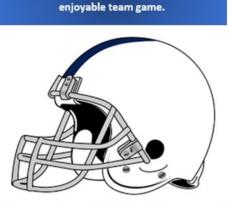


FLAG FOOTBALL



Branched off American Football, Flag Football is a highly tactical but thoroughly

Come and try something new!



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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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





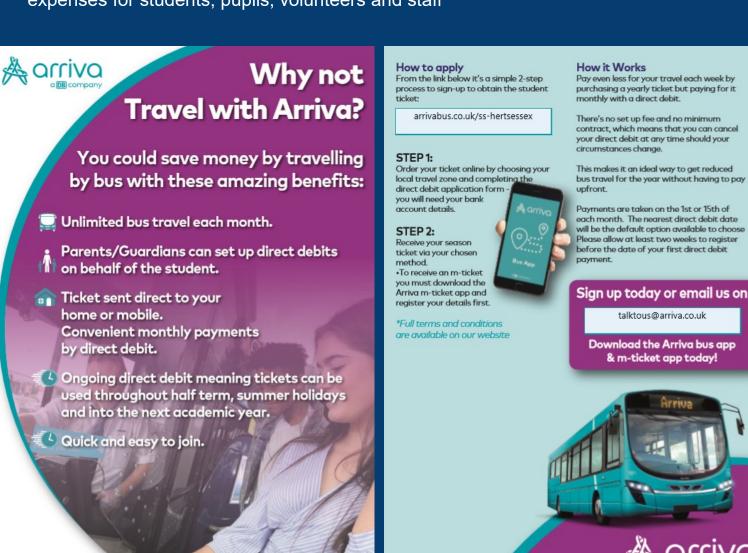


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Arriva provide a range of solutions that are cost effective, flexible and suit the needs of both a regular and occasional users of our services.

- 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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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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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

