



01 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We are delighted that your son/daughter has been offered a place at Barnwell School. They will be joining a vibrant and progressive school where we put the individual needs of all our students first.

It has certainly been a challenging time for all students, but in particular Year 6 who have had what can only be described as a disrupted educational experience. We are really pleased that the end to this disruption is in sight. We are looking forward to working with you and their Primary School to ensure that we can provide a smooth transition with plenty of opportunities to get to know you before September.

You will be joining Barnwell at a very exciting time, despite the challenging circumstances surrounding examinations last year, our Year 11 and 13 students achieved some of the school's best results, with many outstanding individual outcomes. All students progressed onto their chosen destination and this was as a result of the students' hard work, the commitment of our staff and our positive relationships with parents/carers. At Barnwell we talk of 'Team Barnwell'; everyone pulls together for the good of every child. Our motto is 'Achieving Excellence Together'.

Despite the restrictions this year, we have continued to guarantee students have received high quality education and we have maintained our strong ethos of ensuring students feel safe and cared for, even when studying at home.

It has been a difficult year for many due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however thanks to our excellent relationship with our feeder Primary Schools, we will be able to provide a full transition programme to our new Year 7 students.

We apologise if your contact details are incorrect, this information has been supplied to us by County Admissions Team. To ensure that we have the correct information we have enclosed a student details form to be completed and returned to Mrs. C Lee at your earliest convenience.

We will increasingly be in contact with you over the next term. Firstly, following the Easter break you will receive our welcome pack, this will contain lots of information designed to make Jack's transition to secondary school as smooth as possible. If you have any queries or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us at [starting@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:starting@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

If you would like to discuss any aspect of life at Barnwell before accepting your place, please contact the school on [communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk) and we will be delighted to set up an online meeting with a member of our senior team.

As all schools, we will be continuing to keep up to date with the latest Government guidance regarding COVID-19 and will be planning our annual transition events accordingly. It is hoped that by July we will be able to physically invite students and parents/carers into the school for our New Intake Evening and New Intake Day. If this is not possible, we will replace the events with virtual alternatives.

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## **New Intake Evening**

This is an opportunity to come into school to meet our team, talk to the Head of College and find out more about the school and expectations for Year 7.

## **New Intake Day**

Our new students will spend the day in school attending lessons and finding their way around the campus. More details will follow nearer the time.

Mr Reavell, Head of Transition, along with our Heads of College will be visiting (physically or virtually) all our new students in their primary schools towards the end of the Spring Term. During these visits, our team will get to know your children, provide vital information and answer any questions your child may have about moving to secondary school. We will also ask the students to give the names of three friends, which will be used to help place them in their form and learning groups.

Barnwell School's website, Facebook page and Twitter feed are good places to keep up to date with transition information, school events and news.

If you have yet to do so, please access your online admissions account via [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) and accept your place as soon as possible. The deadline for this is Monday, 15 March 2021. Failure to do so could lead to a student losing their place at Barnwell School.

The County Admissions Team can also be contacted via its customer service centre on 0300 123 4043 or via email at [hertsdirect@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:hertsdirect@hertscc.gov.uk)

Finally, on behalf of 'Team Barnwell' we are all looking forward to working with you to ensure that you experience a smooth and happy transition to our school.

Yours sincerely



Mr. A Fitzpatrick  
Executive Headteacher



Mr. M Roberts  
Head of School

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