

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start with some very encouraging news this week. The Department for Education have just released provisional outcomes for schools Nationally. I am pleased to inform you that for the second year running we have compared very favourably against other schools in the town, with regards to progress of students and attainment in English and mathematics. This goes a long way to confirming that the school is on the right pathway to becoming an Ofsted 'good' school, as indicated from our monitoring visit earlier this year. I would like to say another big thank you to all students, staff and parents for working to ensure everyone has the opportunity to develop and become successful during their years with us.



Although we are hurtling towards a well-earned half term break, there remains several important messages and reminders to be aware of:

As you will be aware, students across the school have been involved in One Chance sessions to raise their awareness of the risks posed by substance abuse. Student participation has been outstanding during the high impact, frank presentations about the different risks posed in our community, how to recognise potential risks, and how to ensure help reaches those who need it. Students have left the sessions continuing to discuss with their peer groups the information raised.

We would like to remind all parents/carers that they are encouraged and most welcome to attend the parent substance misuse presentation on the evening of Tuesday 22nd October, from 6-7:30pm in our Upper Campus Hall.

Alongside the whole school sessions, Year 8 and 9 have been introduced to Unifrog, an online careers platform that we have bought to support and guide students in their career's education. All students will be introduced to the software during the next few weeks.

Finally, we are delighted to remind Year 11 students and their parents/carers that we will be holding our **Into the 6th Evening on Thursday 24th October**, from 6-7:30pm on our Upper Campus. The evening is an opportunity to find out more about the wide range of options available to students at Key Stage 5. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for the Diary Monday 21st October One Chance Parent Meeting - 6pm - 7pm (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'.

Faith L - ANC Sophia M - SAH Gabriel L - RFR Tyler B - HP Leo C - RFR Sophie G - RAW Connor N - PN Michaela W - ML Owen T - TFT Ellie B - JMC Kristian M - ML Eren A - ER Tia S - PN Andrew A - ML Jon T - RC Luke C - ACH Chantelle B - SB Josh C - HR Adam M - PN Freddy C - RFR Shalleena P-L - SGO Alex C - LCA Riley S - RFR Poppy D - BI Aiden T - DLE Kimberleigh E - NHA
 <u>Congratulations to our highest credit achievers this week:</u>



Deavion-Antwon S-S - DFA Aimee W - SC Jude A - DFA Oliver G - JMC Kai R - CS James W - TRT Nancy P - DSM Simba R - SC Rehan S - JME Ardi J - JM Ishe F - SC Shayne L - EB Tyler R - JME Bryine T-B - JME Harry W - JME Ryan M - ANC Sasha W - DD Shanira H - BI Sienna-Anais G - JME Amber D - CS Ryan S - NHA



Mr M Roberts - Head of School





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<u>Word of the Week</u>

'exquisite'

(adjective) Extremely beautiful and delicate.

Sentences containing the word 'exquisite'...

- Her wedding dress was exquisite.
- The room was decorated in **exquisite** taste.

Synonyms

- beautiful
- attractive
- gorgeous
- pretty

Similar words in MFL...



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





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Are you a parent or carer of a student currently in Year 11?

Join us for our annual 'Into the Sixth' evening.

This evening is a chance to find out more about the options

available in Key Stage 5.

INTO THE SIXTH EVENING

Thursday 24 October 2019 6.00pm - 7.30pm

You are invited to attend our 'Into the Sixth Evening' on Thursday, 24 October 6.00pm-7.30pm. The evening is being held on our Upper School Campus.





The evening is a chance to meet our Post 16 team and discover the options available for your progression to Key Stage 5 education.





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This Weeks PE News



THURSDAY - Y10 FOOTBALL - The team extended their winning run today with an excellent 8-1 victory <u>#teambarnwell</u>





WE ARE NOW RECRUITING FOR OUR

U7's to U12's Minis Teams [Boys & GIRLS] U13's to U19's Youth Teams [Boys & GIRLS]

From September we're running activity sessions at Stevenage Town Rugby Club, The Clubhouse, North Rd, Stevenage, Herts SG1 4BB. Training starts at 10.00 until 12.00 every Sunday.



Whether you have played before or not, come along and get involved.







Fancy joining an award winning football club that's just for girls?

Stevenage Starlets Football Club U13 (Y7 or 8) Gold team are looking for 1 or 2 new players this season. They train at the Academy on a Thursday evening. If you are interested please email denise@starletsfc.com





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Let's Celebrate Success!

Disney Dream

This week we have received notification of an amazing individual success for ex-student Nadine who left Barnwell in 2013:



"At Barnwell I chose to take English, German, History and Maths for A Levels.

I ended up using my History A-Level results to get into University to study History with German. During my studies at the University of Hertfordshire my language knowledge helped me to study abroad for a year in Germany. I graduated with a grade of 2:1, which means I can study for a Masters one day if I want to. But for now, I think I've reached my limit of studying!

I'm currently living in Germany working as a foreign language assistant in a secondary school and from November, I'll be working in Walt Disney World in Florida. The job application had 4 stages and took over a year to get through. The first stage was a written section where you had to convince Disney recruitment that you were the best candidate for the job. Over 80% of applicants were then disqualified, based on an A4 page of writing. Without my past English A-Level studies, as well as skills I learnt at University, I'm sure I wouldn't have made it past that stage.

Moral of the story: Don't give up. Get some dreams, and work towards them. A-Levels and school will be over before you know it, but your exam results could affect your entire future".



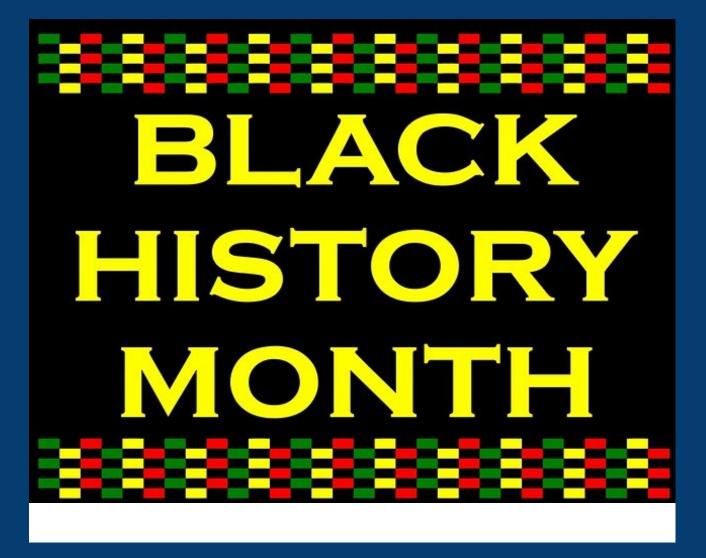
#barnwellpride





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Learning Resource Centre



During the month of October, Barnwell Middle and Upper Libraries will be celebrating black history month.

Student's are encouraged to come and visit their library to see the display, read inspirational quotes and check out

recommended books.

'A winner is a dreamer who never gives up' – Nelson Mandela





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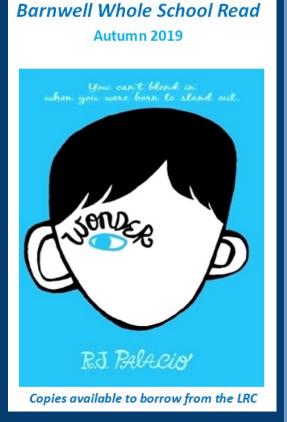
Students across all year groups are enjoying our Autumn Term School Book, 'Wonder'.

A film version of the book with be shown within school before Christmas.

A review from The Telegraph:

"Wonder has been trumpeted as "a book that has made grown men weep" and I admit it put me a little on my guard before reading this debut novel.

Its author R.J Palacio is a New York-based graphic designer - otherwise known as Raquel Jaramillo - who has worked in publishing for years. Her book has been adroitly marketed. In Wonder, heartstrings are well and truly yanked and although I did not weep, I was moved, as most parents should be, by the tale of little August Pullman.



The book succeeds, ultimately, because the hero, known as Auggie, is such a marvelous character. He's smart, funny and courageous. What marks him out is a terrible facial abnormality, caused by a mutant gene, which has resulted in him having 27 operations Early in the book, August says: "I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse." Clues are slowly dropped about his craniofacial abnormality. He is described as having "a mushed-up face" at birth. He eats "like a tortoise" because of surgery to repair a cleft palate that has left a hole in the roof of his mouth. His eyes come down too far, he has cheeks "that looked punched in". What he hates most is his ears, which are "like tiny closed fists". Auggie plaintively asks: "Why do I have to be so ugly, Mommy?"

He's hyper-alert to how people react to his face. Adults are often the most insensitive, talking behind their hands or staring in shock. Even in generous souls he can see hesitation, even if it is "for a millionth of a second".









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Extra Curricular Activities

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	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	Y8&9 Basketball RFR (gym)	Y7 Basketball CHA (gym)	Y9 Football SGO (field)	Rugby CHA & SGO
	HF/KHU (courts)				(field)
		Girls Football CA (field)	Trampolining JEL (upper hall)		



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?	STINELL SCHOO
	Week 1 & 2	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Lab 3	LEGO Robots	THOOLE & UPPE
ł	Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	Lab 1	STEM club	
	Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 1	Eco-schools	
2	Week 1 & 2	Friday	Period 7	Lab 3	Geek club	A state of the sta
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Science Enrichment – Upper Campus

8		When?		Where?	Who?	NELL SCA
Ì	Week 1	Tuesday	Period 7	D14	Y Band	
	Week 1	Thursday	Period 7	D14	X Band	OLE & UT
	Week 1	Everyday	Lunchtime	Homework drop in D14	Anyone	
	Week 2	Wednesday	Period 7	D14	Triple Science	
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BER	Week 1 & 2	Wednesday	Period 7	D17	A level Biology	







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Extra Curricular Activities







CREST

Enter the Big Bang

AWARDS

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

nday Tuesday	y Thu	ursday Friday
DJ Club in MSM2 (i and sixth form)		
Year 9 Accelerate Dance Company (KB) H8 (Invite Only) Year 8 Elevate Dance	Feb) (all fac lall Middle \$	r Production b – July culty staff) School Hall
<u>Company (COP) H</u> (Invite Only)	f) <u>Drama (</u> Iall <u>Invi</u>	ar 9 G&T (EAB) G1 – /ite only
Choir/Vocal Grou (EB) MSM1	rehearsa	omime acting als: Oct-Dec LJ) G1
Upper School Drama Club (JLJ) N		
Summer Productio Feb – July (all faculty staff) Middle School Hal		
Music		All Arts
		Music Dance I commence week beginning 23 rd Septemb

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.



Wednesdays 3pm-4.15pm in Lab 1





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Lunch Pass available – please ask at the science office

LEGO ROBOTS CLUB Tuesday lunch times – 12.45-1.15pm in Lab 3

Years 7-9



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



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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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Fantastic CYBER SECURITY opportunity – HM Government's initiative to find the brightest sparks in the UK!



HM Government's free cyber security programme for ages 13 - 18 is open now

Your students can now join the 50,000 teenagers across the UK who've already played Cyber Discovery.

Sign-up:

Year 9: Wednesday lunch time in N7 Year 10 & 11: Wednesday after school in N7 Cyber Start Access

Must complete first set of challenges by 25th October. So hurry and sign up!

Flight Plan

CyberStart Assess

3rd September – 25th October 2019

Designed to identify those with innate talent and aptitude for cyber security work, CyberStart Assess is an online assessment tool containing a range of short challenges.

CyberStart Game

5th November 2019 – 1st May 2020

Students who excel in CyberStart Assess can move on to take on the role of a security agent to gather information, crack codes, find security flaws and dissect criminals' digital trails.

CyberStart Essentials

16th December 2019 – 1st May 2020

Through interactive labs, videos, exams and quizzes, CyberStart Essentials provides the theoretical knowledge behind advanced security topics.

CyberStart Elite

Summer 2020

Top-performing students will be invited to exciting face-to-face residential camps to meet industry experts and take part in top-class training.

Come to Apps for Good club!

Apps Work together to design and build an app that solves a problem. Back up your idea with market Where: N10 research and consult users. Day: Tuesday Design and create an app Time: 12.30-1.15pm prototype and pitch it. Get you queue jumper for lunch from Mrs Maynard Meet New Friends Starts Tuesday 23rd September





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BREAKFAST CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

The cold weather has arrived and warm bagels are certainly proving popular! There has been a significant increase in attendees on upper this week. This is great to see!!

After half term, middle campus form groups will be engaging with form breakfast.

We encourage all students to attend this FREE provision.

We look forward to seeing students next week at this FREE intervention.

Date for your diary: No Breakfast Club on Monday 4th November 2019

Best Wishes, Magic Breakfast Club Staff

Location: LRC

Time: 8am - 8.25am







Breakfast Available

Bagels Porridge Cheerios, Shreddies Cornflakes Rice Crispies





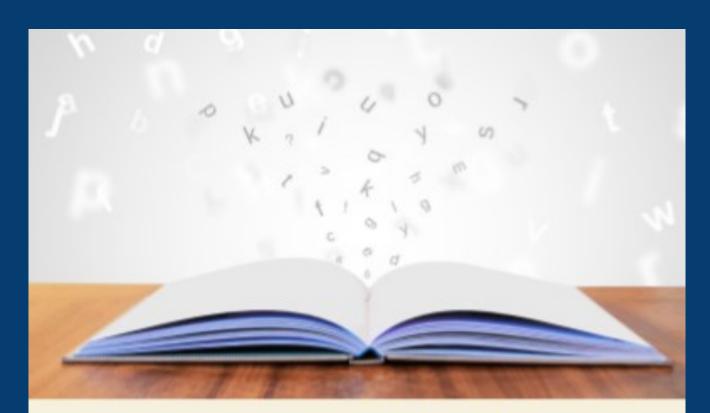
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THINKING ABOUT GOING TO UNI? FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR ROUTE INTO UNI...

If you are a current care leaver aged between **18-25** we would like to invite you to a drop in session:

UOB LUTON CAMPUS 14th November 6-8PM FOOD & DRINK PROVIDED

To confirm your place email access@beds.ac.uk

NEXT Step To Uni





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DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS. BUSINESS & ENGINEERING

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

09:00 - 12:00 (Doors close at 11:45) MBDA Stevenage, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2DA

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.







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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: <u>communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk</u>

Thank you, in advance, for your support.



New ways to live for a **brighter future**

A friendly group where you'll discover the life skills you need to survive on a low income



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

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

GROUP INFORMATION:

Starting Thursday 26th September at <u>Zeo</u> Centre, Bedford Rd, Hitchin

10am - 1pm

Lunch provided.

Call or text :- 07863 085613 if you would like to attend.

Children welcome

Free Course

COURSE DURATION IS 8 WEEKS CRÈCHE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED





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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**





Pop Up School Uniform Shop



WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2019

AT MARRIOTTS SCHOOL

(INVITATION ONLY)

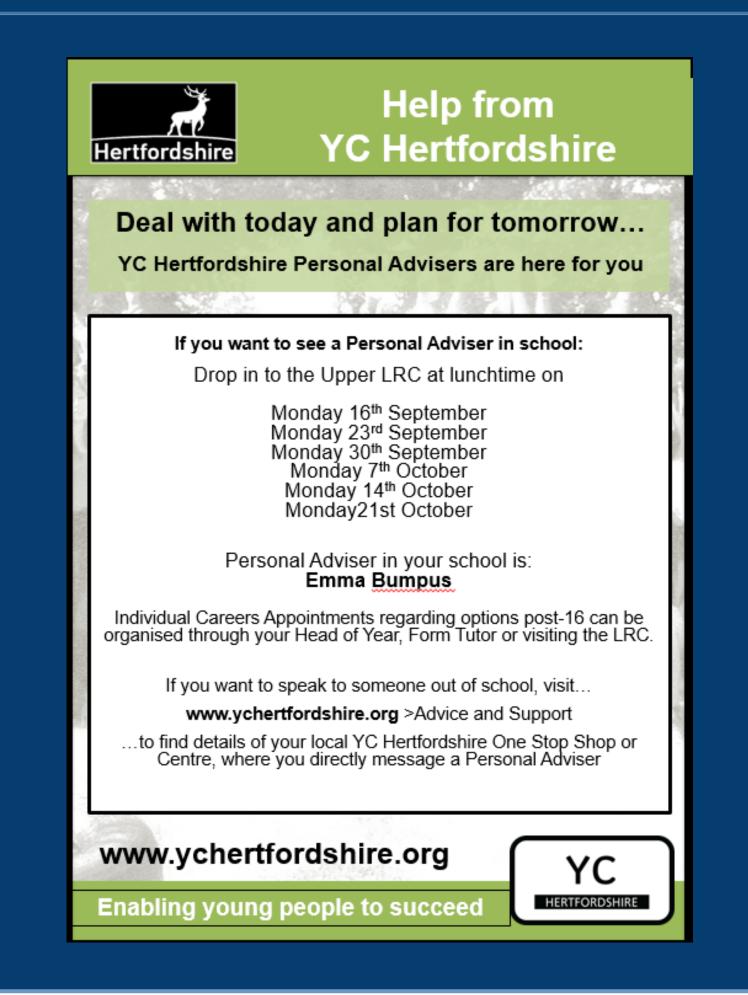
Items available are: uniform from your choice of school, shoes, coats, bags and revision guides

Please make contact with Miss Sayer if you require an invitation - <u>s.sayer@barnwell.herts.sch.uk</u>





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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

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01438 843340 www.ychertfordshire.org yc.stevenage@hertfordshire.gov.uk @SteveangeTeam

Enabling young people to succeed





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

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

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

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Events 2019-20

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

Sign Up Saturdays Saturday 7th September, 10am – 2pm Campus

St Albans Food and Drink Festival Sunday 29th September 12-6pm

Apple Day Saturday 5th October, 10am – 3pm

School Taster Morning Wednesday 16th October, 9am – 12pm Campus

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

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

Interview Evenings Tuesday 26th November, 5pm – 7pm Wednesday 27th November, 5pm – 7pm St Albans & Welwyn Garden City

St Albans City Centre

St Albans Campus

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Find out about child ticketing information for catching the bus to school and recreationally, any council initiatives for children travelling by bus, a handy 'How to catch a bus guide', top tips for bus safety and a network map which shows our bus services in the local area.

Please click the link below to download their leaflet

Arriva Schools Leaflet







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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.







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Show My Homework

Parents should log in weekly to check:

- What homework has been set.
- Students have handed in on time.
- Did homework meet expectation?
- Get reminders / updates from teachers.

Research shows that student progress is more rapid when **parents log in** at least once a week!

Parents can check their login details by emailing d.smith@barnwell.herts.sch.uk

Download the free app to your mobile / device!

Monthly prize draw for parents regularly logging-in.

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Achieving Excellence Together

Barnwell Social Media

If you aren't already, please make sure you follow our social media accounts below for the latest Barnwell news:





@BarnwellSchool @Barnwell_PE @Barnwell6thForm @GOBarnwell @BarnwellY7Adv @Barnwell_Ski





@Barnwell School (Official)





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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



Free school meals