

10 October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we finish Week 6 of the longest half-term of the academic year, we are so proud of our students, particularly in regard to attendance, which is very much on the rise at Barnwood Park. Last Friday saw the launch of 'Freddo Friday', which students very much enjoyed as a reward for attending every day last week! This week, students who have been in every day will be given a token to use at our 'swap shop'. Our rewards' culture is continuing to grow, with positive points, shout outs, queue jump vouchers and other rewards on show each and every week. Thanks to Mr Lewis and the pastoral team for organising this, and well done to our students for achieving so many positive points in the last week.

Next week, our Year 11s start their PPEs. They have been an absolutely brilliant year group so far this year, and Mrs Aboud and the rest of us are very proud of them. Although the next couple of weeks will be challenging for them, we will be here to support them and the PPEs are a great opportunity for them to get 'exam ready' for the GCSEs.

Thanks to Mrs Fitzgerald-Johnson for last week's department spotlight on English. This week, we have Ms Patel to tell us all about what is happening in the Humanities:

So far, this term has been a busy one with KS3 students diving into a rich variety of topics across the Humanities subjects. We have been impressed with the hard work, effort and participation students have shown across Geography, History and Religious Studies.

The Year 7's have been sharpening their map reading skills in Geography; Exploring how Britain has changed since Year 0 in History; and have started to examine religious beliefs and the core Christian belief of The Trinity in Religious Studies.

Year 8 geographers have been exploring the causes and consequences of climate change; uncovered Gloucester's layered past in History lessons; and begun to investigate core Islamic beliefs in Religious Studies.

And in Year 9, geographers have traced the Middle East's transformation from early oil-based economies to today's diversification and rapid population growth, examined the campaign for women's suffrage in our country in History lessons as well as studying themes of peace and conflict and how different religions view these issues in Religious Education.

Equally, our KS4 students have been working exceptionally hard, with historians analysing the events and impacts of 1066 and beyond. In Geography Year 10s have completed a study on the Malaysian rainforest while Year 11s have finished their case study of Rio de Janeiro as a newly emerging economy. In Religious Studies, Year 10 students have been examining the Christian ideas around atonement and salvation, whilst Year 11 are about to start their new topic Religion, crime and punishment. Year 11 students are also busy preparing for their upcoming PPEs and we are looking forward to celebrating their progress with them.

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Year 7

100% attendance prize: Greatness Aduroja

Star of the week: Lennie Waugh

Name	Positive Points (previous week)
Maria Don Mathew	9
Eliana Paul-Orji	6
Zachary Dee	6
Sophie Bolt	6
Rosalie Fletcher	6

Year 8

100% attendance prize: Christian Ziga

Star of the week: Maisie Ladbroke

Name	Positive Points (previous week)
William Fennell	8
Charlie Fennell	8
Maisie Ladbroke	7
Georgia Taylor	6
Jake Sell	6

Year 9

100% attendance prize: Aurelia Wint

Star of the week: Madison Payne

Name	Positive Points (previous week)
Oscar Lewis	13
Josh Bird	11
Lily Godwin	11
Alfie Copeland	10
Riley Andrews	10

Year 10

100% attendance prize: Amelie Hothersall

Star of the week: Florence Haile

Name	Positive Points (previous week)
Jasmine Gatier	10
Jayden Ryan-Godwin	10
Chloe-May Waite	9
Aarav Thatikonda	8
Umer Shahzad	7

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Year 11

100% attendance prize: Michael Griffiths

Star of the week: Keeley Preece

Name	Positive Points (previous week)
Kadi Chevannes	8
Emilia Ellis	7
Harry Huntley	7
Stanislaw Kuros	7
Naila Beirne	6

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

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