



A message from Mr Albon, Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,



This term has felt more like a 'return to normality' and it has been fantastic to welcome your children back to school and see them thrive and grow in confidence. Our students have continued to show great resilience and adaptability in focussing on learning and this has allowed staff to continue to deliver quality teaching. In order to further support this, I would ask that you keep emphasising the importance of their responsible behaviour and following the COVID guidelines. Please continue to complete the twice weekly lateral flow tests and report on the school database, so that this can continue and improve.

The issues regarding supply of school uniform have now been addressed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their patience. Please do continue to support us in maintaining both the uniform and behaviour standards.

Clubs have now started and are proving to be very popular. Opportunities are available at lunch times and after school, in specific year groups and in many subject areas. A list of clubs can be found on our website. <https://www.barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk/about-us/extra-curricular/>

New Staff

- Miss Searle – Geography Teacher
- Miss Hutchinson – Maths Teacher
- Mr Holliday – English Teacher
- Mr Lewis – Maths Teacher
- Miss Saunders – Dance Teacher
- Miss Lee – Business Manager
- Miss Turner – TA
- Miss Wlodarska - TA
- Mr Fowler – IT Assistant

Open Days

This year, we again had to make changes to the usual format of our Open Days and tours took place over 2 days and 1 evening. Thanks must go to our brilliant students who literally stepped up and showed round over 700 visitors. Staff opened their classrooms to prospective parents and put on some interesting and informative displays of our varied curriculum throughout the evening. We are again expecting to be heavily oversubscribed next year and much of the credit for that must go to our current students and dedicated staff.

Barnwood's Got Talent

Auditions for this year's Barnwood's Got Talent took place last week. By the time you receive this letter, we will have held our first in-house final for 2 years.

Congratulations to our winners: Y9 Boys Dance



Look out for more photos and videos coming soon on our website and social media pages.

Results 2021

It was another strange year with regards to exams and the stresses and changes with centre assessed grades (CAGs) and the disruption from the pandemic. We were again very happy with the results as students got what they deserved and can move on positively with their futures. This continues our strong performance and we wish our ex-Y11 students all the best as they move on to the next stage of their lives and we look forward to hearing about all the great things they will achieve in the future. Please remember how important the mock exams are as these could still be used in the determining of final grades, should the COVID disruption continue.

Parental Support Checklist

We would also like to highlight the checklist opposite which is designed to promote areas of good practice that parents and carers can use to help in their child's development and improve working relationships with school. It highlights areas that can be targeted to aid their education. How does this relate to you?

I thank you again for your continued support.
Kind regards

Mr Albon
Headteacher

| Parental Support Strategy | In Place | Target for Improvement |
|---|----------|------------------------|
| A quiet place to study | | |
| Speak positively about school and all subjects and not put parent's own educational experiences onto students | | |
| Ask children about their day and learning | | |
| Read with child at least once a week (in KS3) | | |
| Check homework with child on Satchel One, planners and evidence in books | | |
| Ensure children do at least 1 hour of homework a night (or reading) before phones, TV, computers or socialising | | |
| Checking revision notes and monitoring action/asking questions | | |
| Contact teachers with positives and areas for development via email and not waiting for parent's evenings or reports. | | |
| Encourage children to attend extra-curricular clubs | | |
| Encourage children to attend homework club after school | | |
| Encourage children to attend intervention session by subjects, especially in KS4 | | |
| Complete all school questionnaires to improve communication and areas we can develop for your child's education | | |
| Watch the evening news to help an understanding of the wider world | | |
| Discuss COVID guidelines and school rules to ensure the safety of others and themselves | | |
| Ensure parents/carers have downloaded Satchel One and have checked their youngsters can use Teams | | |
| Encourage children to watch the news to broaden their knowledge of world affairs | | |

School Lottery

Thank you for the increased support for our School Lottery since my letter earlier in the term. The Outdoor Table Tennis Tables will be installed over the course of the next few weeks and thanks to the generosity of Velaron Limited, we have been able to order an additional Outdoor Table Tennis Table and were very appreciative of the donation of table tennis bats and balls that I know students (and staff!) are looking forward to using. The Peace Garden is also receiving some TLC this term and we look forward to seeing the results of all the hard work that is going into the garden in the Spring.

The Student Parliament, alongside our Head Students and House Captains, will be developing their ideas for how we can further use the funds raised from the lottery to enhance the school environment for students to enjoy. If you would like more details of our school lottery and how to sign up, please visit YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play and search for Barnwood Park School.

Mrs Rayfield
Deputy Headteacher



Student Parliament and House Charities

Student Parliament representatives have now been elected for all form groups. Congratulations to those students who have been elected by their peers to represent their views and work on projects with the Head Students and House Captains. Our Houses have each selected a charity to support for the year and they are:

Jenner House: NSPCC



Attenborough House: Cancer Research UK



Parks House: Sue Ryder – Leckhampton Hospice



This year, the Year 11 students felt strongly that we should also have a whole school charity. Therefore, we will also be supporting **Winston's Wish**.



Along with the House and whole school charities, we will also be supporting Children In Need; Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day and Comic/Sports Relief. Across the year, if every student and member of staff brought in £1 for each non-school uniform day, we could raise over £6400! Students are asked to bring in £1 for the privilege of attending school in their own clothes, although we would ask that clothing choices are sensible and suitable for a school environment, with no fancy dress. If students have PE on Friday, they must bring in their normal school PE kit for their lesson.

Homework and Detentions

Please note that all notifications for homework and detentions are issued through Satchelone only. Please ensure that you and your child have both downloaded the Satchelone app, which is free of charge. Any problems, please contact your child's form tutor.

Attendance

Did you know that as little as 5 days off school per year can result in a student dropping one GCSE grade in each subject? Think carefully about your child's future. In this competitive world, one grade higher could make all of the difference to your child realising their ambitions.

Don't underestimate the **importance of 100% attendance**. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning and therefore future prospects:

98% attendance means **4 school days missed**
95% attendance means **10 school days missed**
90% attendance means **19 school days missed**
80% attendance means **38 school days missed**

How can you maximise your child's attendance?

Think of this: **Would you take a day off work if you had this condition?** If not, send your child to school. Building resilience in preparation for life after school is a process that cannot be started too soon.

Many children improve rapidly as the day progresses; **bring them in a little late and** let us know if they are feeling under the weather. We can keep an eye on them **and it's better than missing a whole day**.

Common Conditions you should bring your child into school with:

Hayfever
Colds
Headaches
Tiredness
Sore throat
Period Pains; provision can be made in school for a heat pack and frequent toilet breaks if you let your Head of Year or Attendance Officer know.

If you need to send your child in with medication, these must be stored in Student Reception with our First Aid Team.

If your child has an injury, as long as you let our Reception team or Attendance Officer know, then we can try to accommodate your child either in lessons (with a lift pass if necessary) or in Student Support.

You should avoid sending your child to school if they have any of the following:

Vomiting and Diarrhoea – you should wait for 24hrs after the last bout before sending your child into school, this could mean sending your child into school part-way through the day;

High Temperature and or a Continuous Cough – if your child has a high temperature or a continuous cough, they should not attend school and you should arrange a PCR test for them.

Infectious or Contagious illnesses (such as Chicken Pox or Measles) – please seek medical advice before sending your child into school.

Remember – we will always call you if your child becomes ill or their health deteriorates.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that, where possible, you should try to make medical appointments outside of the school day.

We thank you for your continued support with this matter. It is really appreciated.

Attendance Rewards

100% attendance is recognised and rewarded throughout the school year with: certificates and attendance badges; prize draws for vouchers; film Fridays; non-uniform days and pizza lunches.



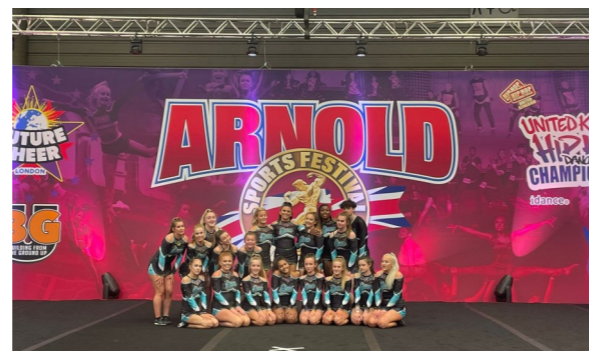
Reminder to Parents/Carers



Please remember to check your child's lunch money balance and top up on SCOPAY each evening if required.

Cheerleading Success

It is great to see an ex-Y11 student, Charli Clibbon, continuing to do great things with her cheerleading, performing at the NEC in Birmingham. It's the world's largest sports festival.



Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 14th December

You will need to pre book if you would like a Christmas lunch (there will cold alternatives at the hut). Please order your lunch via Scopay by Wednesday 8th December. It will cost £3 per person and you will receive a ticket after payment. Those who have free school meals will still be required to book a lunch and get a ticket but no payment will be required, however you will need to indicate that you are entitled to free school meals.

Main- Turkey served with a medley of vegetables, sprouts, roast potatoes with stuffing and a slice of our giant pig in a blanket.

Vegetarian- Vegetable festive slice, served with roast potatoes, stuffing and vegetables.

Pudding- Mincemeat crumble with custard or chocolate crunch and chocolate custard.



What's been going on in school?

Drama Clubs

Drama clubs relaunched this term. Don't miss 'A Christmas Carol' with a cast from Year 7 to 11. This version of Dickens famous tale of the mean and miserable Scrooge has a Barnwood Park Arts Department twist on it. Elvis Presley makes a very special guest appearance ... so don't miss it (15th December)!

National Schools Drama Film Festival

A Midsummer Nights Dream and Macbeth are currently being filmed at after school club with students from Year 7 to 11. This is an entirely new way of working for the Drama Department and the students are learning camera skills, location planning and the most challenging new skill, editing. We have adapted the language of Shakespeare but also kept in lots of the original Shakespearean verse. I think we have some future Spielberg's in the school and I hope this is the beginning of film making as a permanent extra-curricular opportunity.



What's been going on in school?

Textiles Club

Starts on **Tuesday 2nd November** in DT3 from 3.15pm-4pm. Lots of fun, creative and exciting projects to explore!

Sign up sheet outside DT3.



Peace Garden Gardening Team

We have a Peace Garden Gardening team made up of the following Year 7 Students: **Davisha H, Zofia B, Cody H, Joshua W and Aleksandra K.**

We are doing some tidying up of the existing plants and have previously done some planting of new bedding plants. This is being supported by the funds raised from the school lottery.



Maths Students of the Term

Year 7

Luke Swarbrick
Betsy Jones
Evie Hitchings
Chloe Sadler
Faith Morris
Bethany Tyler

Year 8

Sam Ward
Ailidh McKenna
Ellena Gaulton
Manha Islam
Ellie-Mae Abbott
Amber Isaacs

Year 9

Husna Umaji
Corryn Hockley
Gedhi Galma
Ramtin Eivary
Zac Harley
Dequan Hilton

Year 10

Yasmin Bouchireb
George James
Charlotte Dalby
Aasyah Grant

Year 11

Ammarah Afzal
Freya McGaugie
Ruqayyah Nabi
Julia Przytula



The Cheltenham Literature Festival

On Friday 15th October, Miss Williams and Mrs Scanlan took our Carnegie book group members (all from Y9 and Y11) to the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

We were able to see events run by Dean Atta (author of *The Black Flamingo*) and a jointly run event by Sally Nicholls and Alex Wheatle. Themes ranged from discovering oneself/identity to racism and other prejudices.



National Poetry Day Competition

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National Poetry Day took place on Thursday 7th October. In celebration of this, we ran a competition for students to write a poem on this year's theme of 'Choice'. We received a staggering 80 entries, so it made the decision of choosing a winner really difficult. Congratulations to all who entered - the standard of poetry was high and there were some really interesting and emotive entries, as well as light-hearted interpretations of the theme. Five students (Archie, George and Yasmine from Y7, Sakina from Y8 and Anya from Y11) received certificates of commendation for their super poems, but please see below our winners (all from Y7). Well done again to everyone - your poems were amazing:



Luke



Avabelle



Niamh

Sports Stars



Year 7

Cody Howell
Louis Speck
Baden Clarke
Declan Allan
Leo Birch
Liam Dunn
Damien Dawkins
Jacob Hovey
Harvey McKinley
Freya Taitt
Makayka Jones
Zante Simpson-Oakes
Caitlin Wood
Ciara Lowe

Year 8

Flynn Freckleton
Oyenyi Alabi
Ben Fletcher
Spencer Godding
Lexi Welsh
Laila Brown
Ruby Evans
Freya Boucher
Isabelle Lake-Kelly
Chloe-Mae Wood

Year 9

Ellie-Mae Lewis
Gemma Dee
Kayla Smith
Luqman Ali
Dan Jones
Dequan Hylton
Ramtin Eivary
Taine Speck
Max Potter
Charlie Whittard
Aadil Uddin

Year 11

Kacey Flinter
Olivia Kilby

Year 10

Dan Wall
Sophie Poole
Jess Owen
Shaye Dennis
Riley Roberts
Lucie Sheppard

Amelia Evans
Cerys Meyrick
George James
Jessica Clarke
Adam Chagdali
Darasimi Alabi



Sports Results

Results:

Both Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby teams won their first friendly of the season against Churchdown school.

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the expedition section of the current Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award:

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 | Group 5 |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Jasmine Busson | Hollie Cummins | Carter Wintle | Lucie Sheppard | Ammarah Afzal |
| Jess Clarke | Kimberley Davis | Joshua Blagden | Cerys Meyrick | Rumaysa Ahmed |
| Charlotte Dalby | Will Howells | Lennon Rose | Scarlett Price | Lily Ford |
| Megan Radford | Kasheefa Olokowo | Callum Sheppard | Jess Owen | Liberty Grey |
| | Sophie Poole | James Chandler | Sophia Jetha | Habiba Uddin |
| | | Alfie Hannan | Victoria Kala | Megan Weaving |
| | | | Hristina Stoyanova | Inaaya Zarqa |
| Group 6 | Group 7 | | | |
| Robyn Franklin | Brooke Godding | | | |
| Lily Hargreaves | Savannah Grey | | | |
| Ruth Jeffery | Kimberly Muzambi | | | |
| Bethany Jones | Libby Pockett | | | |
| | Ruby Tarling | | | |



We are going to be recruiting Bronze participants from Year 9 for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award - letters and information about the award will be shared in assembly.

What's been going on in school?

European Day of Languages



On 30th September we celebrated European Day of Languages in the MFL Department. Students were taught Italian and given an insight into Italian culture. However, Italian was not our only European language on display. Students in all years were asked to "Hunt the Hello". Students had one day to hunt down a European "hello" adorned by teachers all around the school. We must congratulate all the students that participated in the competition, their enthusiasm was exemplary. Also, we must congratulate the staff for taking on their "Hello" with great gusto and greeting students all day in another language. Thank you and well done.

"Hunt the Hello"

Congratulations to all the participants:

- Betsy Jones
- Lucy Harrison
- Milly Bilton
- Maja Sablik
- Poppy Hackling
- Khole Jones
- Freya McGaugie
- Luke Willcox
- Eva Kelsey
- Lincoln Baldwin-Webb
- Jevon Foster
- Tianah Lewis
- Asma Abo
- Evelyn Smith
- Atshya Theiventhirarasa

Winners:



Year 7
Millie Bilton
Lucy Harrison
Betsy Jones

Year 11
Eva Kelsey

Year 8
Maja Sablik

Year 9
Lincoln Baldwin-Webb

Food Department

We now have a compost bin in the Food Department so we can convert all the fruit and vegetable peelings into compost for the pots in the Peace Garden. This is also hugely reducing our waste going into landfill and working toward the UN Sustainability Goals.



Chefs of the Term



Year 7: Atshya Theiventhirarasa

Year 10: Kasheefa Olokowo

Year 8: Leona Tethington-Richards

Year 11: Mayaf Mohammed

Year 9: Tia Hebbs



Links with Little People Day Nursery

As part of the Child Development Level 2 Award, students are required to interview an Early Years Practitioner. Sophie Smith from Little People Day Nursery visited the lesson so that the students could ask her their pre prepared questions covering subjects on daily routines, policies and managing children's behaviour. Sophie's interview will be written up by the students and will be used as part of their Unit 1 - B2 assignment.



Students of the Term

Year 7

Cody Howell

Epitomising the Barnwood Park values and work ethic.



Year 8

Isabelle Lake-Kelly

Isabelle has been working incredibly hard in form time, she sets a good example for the other students by staying on task and consistently works to challenge her understanding. She extends this by continuing to assist those around her, which has been incredible to witness.

Year 9

Anas-Rio Jaouhar

For his excellent effort in lessons and his growing attainment. Anas is a pleasure to teach and a role model Barnwood Park student.

Year 10

Lisa Hoyes

She is always interested in her own learning and listens attentively.

Year 11

Anya Redding

For a consistently positive attitude to all aspects of school life, getting involved in extra curricular clubs and competitions. Also for pushing herself to do her best in every subject.

Well Done!

A massive thank you to all those who helped out with Open Evening on the 30th September. It was lovely to see our students leading tours and helping in departments in the evening. The enthusiasm and kind nature really stood out to me.

It's been great to see so many of you taking part in extracurricular clubs, including Rugby, Football, Netball, Dance, Glee, homework, reading and Drama. I am also very excited to see how our Year 9 Boys Rugby Team do in their first EDF Cup Match on the 21st October.

Mr Mason—Head of Year 9



Special Mention

Congratulations to Hollie Cummins – she has just completed in excess of 100 hours volunteering for a local charity – The Spring Centre.

Their main aim is to improve the quality of life for the child or young person as well as their family group.

They understand that children and young people who have special needs and disabilities face an incredible amount of challenges during their lives – they also understand that their families may face many challenges as well, whether that be coming to terms with the child's condition, needing specialist help for the first time, or just needing someone to talk to who really understands.

Their services provide opportunities for children and young people and their families to access a tailored programme of activities aimed at improving and enriching quality of life for them all.

Should you require their support or be able to offer some of your time to help, then please contact them on:

info@springcentre.org or 01452 725935.



Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Free
School
Meals



Are you entitled?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals, the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal>

Sports Fixture List

| Day | Date | Year group | Sport | School | Venue | Staff | Minibus | Boys or Girls |
|-------|--------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------|----------|---------|---------------|
| Wed | 3-Nov | Year 10A&B | Netball | Holmleigh | A | SO & RA | Y | Girls |
| Mon | 8-Nov | Year 7 | Rugby | 7Vale | H | MMA & KB | N | Boys |
| Tues | 9-Nov | Year 8 | Rugby | 7Vale | H | MMA & KB | N | Boys |
| | | Year 7 & 8 | Netball | Henley Bank | A | RA/SO | Y | Girls |
| Wed | 10-Nov | Year 9 | Rugby | 7Vale | A | MMA & KB | Y | Boys |
| Thurs | 11-Nov | Yr 10 & 11 | Netball | 7Vale | A | RA | Y | Girls |
| | | Yr 9 A&B | Netball | GA | H | SO | N | Girls |
| Mon | 15-Nov | Year 7 | Rugby | Glos Ac | A | MMA & KB | Y | Boys |
| Tues | 16-Nov | Year 8 | Rugby | Glos Ac | A | MMA & KB | Y | Boys |
| Wed | 17-Nov | Year 9 | Rugby | Glos Ac | A | MMA & KB | Y | Boys |
| | | Year 9 & 10 | Football | Holmleigh | H | RA | N | Girls |
| Thurs | 18-Nov | Year 10 | Rugby | Glos Ac | A | MMA & KB | Y | Boys |
| | | Yr 10 & 11 | Netball | 7Vale | H | SO & RA | N | Girls |
| Tues | 23-Nov | Year 7 | Rugby | Henley Bank | A | MMA | Y | Boys |
| | | Year 7 & 8 | Netball | Henley Bank | H | RA/SO | Y | Girls |
| Wed | 24-Nov | Year 8 A&B | Netball | Holmleigh | H | SO & RA | N | Girls |
| | | Year 8 | Rugby | Henley Bank | A | MMA | Y | Boys |
| Thurs | 25-Nov | Year 9 | Netball | 7Vale | H | SO & RA | N | Girls |
| | | Year 9 | Rugby | Henley Bank | A | MMA | Y | Boys |
| Fri | 26-Nov | D of E | | | | | | |
| Tues | 30-Nov | Year 8 | Netball | 7Vale | H | SO | N | Girls |
| | | Year 7 A&B | Netball | GA | A | RA | Y | Girls |
| Thurs | 2-Dec | Year 9 | Netball | 7Vale | A | SO & RA | N | Girls |
| Fri | 3-Dec | D of E | | | | | | |
| Tues | 5-Dec | Year 7 | Netball | Homleigh Park | H | RA | N | Girls |
| | | Year 8 A&B | Netball | GA | H | SO | N | Girls |
| Thurs | 7-Dec | Year 9 B | Netball | GA | A | RA | Y | Girls |
| | | Year 9 & 10 | Netball | Henley Bank | H | SO | Y | Girls |
| Fri | 8-Dec | D of E | | | | | | |
| Thurs | 12-Dec | Year 9 & 10 | Netball | Henley Bank | A | SO | Y | Girls |
| Fri | 13-Dec | D of E | | | | | | |

Please see PE staff for further details.

Important Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 2nd November**—Chosen Hill Information Assembly (Year 11)
- **Monday 8th— Friday 12th November**—Flu Jabs (Whole school)
- **Thursday 11th November**—Parents Evening (Year 9)
- **Tuesday 16th November**—Cirencester College Information Assembly (Year 11)
- **Friday 19th November**—Careers/Post-16 Fayre (Years 9, 10 & 11)
- **Friday 19th November**—Non-Uniform Day Children in Need
- **Thursday 25th November**—SGS Taster Day (Year 11)
- **Tuesday 30th November**—Kholer Mira Showers Information Assembly (Year 11)
- **Tuesday 14th December**—Christmas Lunch
- **Wednesday 15th December**—Christmas Concert TBC
- **Friday 17th December**—Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 17th December**—12:30 finish

