

## A TIME TO BE PROUD

Last week was a particularly proud week for me as Headteacher, as I could visibly see our values "*I want to learn*" and "*Do the right thing*" being lived through our students. We had confirmation of Oxbridge offers and the results came in from the November GCSE exams with some exceptional results. The Year 11s had an information afternoon following their mocks and you could feel the drive and determination in the room, with students identifying their own areas for development and sourcing ways to improve. In addition to this, I was told of a heart-warming story where two students stopped to help an elderly man who had fallen and was calling for help. Lots of adults walked past, but our students called an ambulance, stayed with him and reassured him until the ambulance arrived. Not only do our students achieve great grades, they become wonderful people too!

This week in the news I saw an amazing story about a teacher in Cardiff. He helped every student in his class achieve an A\* (click [here](#) to see the article). This is quite the achievement, but what impressed me most was the self belief he instilled in the young people. With the right amount of self belief, the right conditions for learning and a sprinkling of kindness anything is possible. How can you help the young people in your care to believe in themselves?

L. Swaine, Headteacher

## PTFA UPDATE

The PTFA at East Barnet School is an invaluable source of funding and helps to develop the community feel that we are all so proud of. Central to this are all the volunteers who give their time to help. I want to take the time to personally thank all the parents who have supported us, your time and commitment is greatly appreciated. One person in particular deserves a particular mention. Stuart Gates has supported the PTFA for over seven years and has held the positions of Secretary and Chair. Stuart's infallible and motivated attitude has seen us open a new 'snack shack', enabled the school to buy a new minibus and a new IT server to be installed to name but a few. He has also organised quizzes, BBQs and winter festivals, all of which bring the community together. His commitment to the school has been immeasurable, even continuing to remain as Chair after his son left school.

The time has come for a new Chair to take over and we are delighted to welcome Bobby Daruwalla who will take over as Chair Designate in the next half term. We look forward to Bobby developing on the great work Stuart leaves behind.

We are keen to recruit new volunteers and would be most grateful if you would be able to join the team. Please see the PTFA website [here](#) for ways to be involved.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

## EBS WEST END CABARET DVD



DVDs of the fabulous EBS West End Cabaret are available to purchase from the EBS Shop for £10. Stocks are low, so get your orders in!

Orders can be placed online via the EBS Shop by clicking [here](#).

## THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

At East Barnet School we are passionate about protecting the environment, particularly around the school, not just for the students and staff, but also for the local residents. With this in mind, can we please ask parents not to park outside the school with their engines idling and can all members of the EBS community refrain from dropping litter in the streets - there are plenty of bins around! Thank you.



**NUTS:** Please remember we are a nut free building - some staff and students have severe allergies!

## TICKETS ARE PM SALE AND SELLING FAST!

### EAST BARNET SCHOOL PRESENTS

# BUGSY MALONE

WORDS AND MUSIC  
BY PAUL WILLIAMS

PLAY BY  
ALAN PARKER

**February 6th & 7th @ 7:30pm**  
**February 8th @ 2:30pm**  
**Tickets £9 (adult) & £5 (concessions)**  
**On sale at**  
**www.eastbarnetschool.com**

By arrangement with Faber Music Ltd on behalf of Warner Chappell Music Ltd

**Click [here](#) to buy your tickets before they sell out!**

## EXAMS 2020 CONTINGENCY DAY - 24 JUNE 2020

This will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are unable to take an exam when planned. We all hope there won't be such disruption and that the contingency day won't be needed, but students should be available throughout the exam period, including on that day, in case their planned timetable is disrupted. Timetables for 2020 will be distributed before February half term.

## BREAKFAST CLUB SUCCESS



Breakfast club is a relaxing space where students can meet up with friends and prepare for the day. It has been a great success and is getting more and more popular. A Year 7 student said: "Mr Fry and Mrs Chapman not only give us breakfast but have time to talk to us and we feel ready for the day". Students from Year 7 - Year 13 are welcome from 8am to attend Breakfast Club and buy breakfast favourites such as cheese toasties, porridge and hot chocolate.

## LIBRARY NOTICES

Access to our brand new Library Catalogue called Accessit and Encyclopaedia Britannica Online is available via library skooler page from home. Both are excellent research tools. Britannica Online is funded by the PTFA and recommended as a great starting point for research and project work. Please encourage your child to use these for homework. Should they require further help please send them to Library and the Librarians will demonstrate how to access.

Please encourage your child to check their school email address for any communication from the Library regarding any books that are loaned out and need to be reminded to return to the School Library.

Library books are loaned out for 3 weeks after which they need to be returned/renewed. Punctuality will save us sending reminders or bills. Should a bill be necessary to be sent home, then payment for the replacement book has to be done via ParentPay.

## 2020 SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES

The Barnet Positive Activities Holiday Project is back for the first half term of 2020! They will be running a range of activities from Website Design, Arts & Crafts, Squash, Radio Production and Creative Writing just to name a few. For more information please click [here](#).

**PUT FRIDAY 13TH MARCH IN YOUR DIARIES! FROM 7:30PM, THE PTFA QUIZ NIGHT WILL RETURN WITH A NEW THEME - ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY! EMAIL [PTFA@EASTBARNETSCHOOL.COM](mailto:PTFA@EASTBARNETSCHOOL.COM)!**

## BEST ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK!

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| Year 7: 7D with 99.63% | ● Year 10: 10H with 99.35% |
| Year 8: 8F with 98.62% | ● Year 11: 11F with 98.75% |
| Year 9: 9B with 99.33% | ●                          |

Well done to each of these forms - keep it up! Remember:  
**'Every school day counts'.**

Congratulations to Keller this week who have three top forms! Don't forget to pick up your tokens from your Head of House.

## DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

On Tuesday 21st January, Year 7 Drama Club put on a fantastic thirty minute production of Macbeth for family, friends and staff. They have been working hard on this production since October and put great commitment into learning their lines - in the original Shakespeare - and combat choreography. On the day, they gave great performances and supported each other through the occasional slight hiccup. Every student involved should be congratulated on their achievement, I am so proud of you all and I hope you all had fun!

Special thanks to our Year 9 student leaders, Rhianna Lewis and Anna Volstad for their assistance with direction, character work and backstage on the day!

S.B. Lockwood, Student Drama Teacher

## BARNET RESILLIANCE PROGRAMME



This year, East Barnet School is taking part in Barnet's Resilient Schools Programme which aims to promote whole school awareness of wellbeing, mental health and resilience (or 'the ability to bounce back when experiencing difficulties') by offering training and workshops for students, staff and parents.

As part of the programme, we are taking part in some evaluation research being undertaken in 2020 and it would be great if parents and students take part. Your involvement and contribution is invaluable to the success of the programme.

There is more information in a letter that can be seen on our website by clicking [here](#), and the questionnaire for parents/carers can be accessed [here](#). The deadline is the 21st February 2020.

## ATTENDANCE NOTICE

At East Barnet School we believe that Education is a vital life chance for all children. Regular and punctual attendance helps to ensure that children are happy in school and achieving their full potential. Those who miss school regularly miss valuable pieces of learning and may find it difficult to catch up.

## CLUBS/TRIPS/TRIPLE E - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We are reviewing our provision of clubs, trips and the nature of Triple E School lessons. Please could you complete the following short survey by Friday 7th February by clicking [here](#). It will only take a few minutes and we really value your input.



## DO THE RIGHT THING!

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| ● Congratulations to all the Do the Right Thing winners!                        | ●  |
| <b>13th January 2020</b>  | <b>20th January 2020</b>                 |
| Yr 7: Nicholas Hill   | Yr 7: Ethan Cicopalus                    |
| Yr 8: Jack Church   | Yr 8: Terri-Ann Lai                      |
| Yr 9: Lucy Sampson  | Yr 9: Alexander Spyrou                   |
| Yr 10: Alexandros Papavasiliou  | Yr 10: Sophia Zavrou Blackstock          |
| Yr 11: Katelyn Banyard  | Yr 11: Megan Bennett                     |
| Sixth Form: Emily Gentle, Jhanelle Henry, Berhan Karaaziz, and Helaina Mousicos | Sixth Form: Dylan Beanlands and Joe Pool |