

## WELCOME BACK!

There is no greater honour than to be entrusted with the lives and futures of the young people in our care. Seeing our new Year 7s being waved off by their parents and carers this week, reminded me of the great trust that is bestowed upon us. I want to let all parents know that we will always look after your children, we will always be their advocates and we will always do our best to ensure that they can achieve their potential. This week, the buzz and excitement in school has been palpable. Our staff were eagerly awaiting the return of our wonderful students; all the planning over the summer with risk assessments and changing guidance, has all been worth it to see our students return. They are the reason we come to work, they are our motivation and our inspiration and we are simply delighted that they back with us. There are lots of changes and our 'new normal' requires the students to abide by our school mottos of "*do the right thing*" and "*I want to learn*". They are never more apt and we know that our students will not let us down.

## Exam Results

Usually in this, the first addition of EBS News, we would publish the grades of our highest achieving students. This year due to the circumstances, we have decided that it would not be appropriate to do so. This does not undermine how proud we are of our students for all that they have achieved and the hard work that they have put in over the last 5 - 7 years. We are delighted to announce that, despite the difficulties presented, 100% of students wanting to go to University have secured a place either this year or next, some students are off to Cambridge to study Medicine and English Literature and a vast selection of students are attending Russell Group Universities. From March onwards, our Year 11 students faced a highly unusual and challenging period in their lives. We had moved from exam room seating plans and revision sessions to online lessons and A Level/College preparation. However, we were not surprised that the students rose to the challenge although most of them felt cheated that they had not had that "exam experience" which they felt was a rite of passage. We are pleased to announce that all our students have secured a place in our Sixth Form or at College and can now look forward to the next stage of their education. The tenacity and resilience our students showed during this unyielding and stressful time is something that they should be proud of, we certainly are.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

## NEW MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN

Public Health England has launched a new Mental Health Campaign. The past few months have been hard on everyone, including children and young people. But there are lots of things we can do to support them at this time. Better Health - Every Mind Matters will help you find what's right for your children - whether it's listening to them talk about the challenges they're facing or helping them develop skills to cope with their emotions. Watch the PR film [here](#).

The new website will help parents and carers to spot signs that their children are struggling with their mental wellbeing, understand how to support them with managing their emotions and deal with unhelpful thoughts. It provides tips and advice to help parents and carers support children and young people when coping with stressors including starting new schools or colleges and building relationships with friends again. Click [here](#).

## VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

We are having a Virtual Open Evening this year, which is very exciting! If you know any parents that would have been coming to see us on Monday 21st September, all details will be on our website next week!

## MUSIC TUITION THIS TERM

Until our Music Instructors are back in school, information on online lessons can be accessed via [BEAT](#) (Barnet Education Arts Trust).

## PTFA NEWS

The PTFA will be doing things a little differently this year and will be holding a virtual meeting on Thursday 1st October 2020 at 7:30pm. They would especially like to welcome new Year 7 parents and carers. If you would like to join the meeting (from the comfort of your own home), please email [ptfa@eastbarnetschool.com](mailto:ptfa@eastbarnetschool.com) with your email address and an invitation will be sent to you. The PTFA are looking forward to meeting you!

## SIXTH FORM CAFÉ REFURBISHMENT!

A refurb of the Sixth Form Café was planned over the Easter holidays last year, but due to lockdown it was delayed until the summer. The refurb was designed and fitted by some of our own EBS Support Staff and we think it looks great - what do you think?

