

## CONTINUING WITH THE 'NEW NORMAL'

I hope you have had a chance to read my welcome back letter, if not please do read it [here](#). We held our [Virtual Open Evening](#) on Monday and the website has been visited by well over 2000 individuals. As we are used to a full auditorium it was heart-warming to 'see' so many families.

We are trying to keep life as normal as possible in school. We now have assemblies which are streamed into student form rooms instead of bringing everyone together. We continue to ensure our students live by our values of "*I want to learn*" and "*do the right thing*". Next week the students will learn about individuals who display those values. One of them is Ruth Bader Ginsburg who sadly died this month. She reached the pinnacle of her career by being in post as the Supreme Court Justice. Her desire to learn, despite the challenges she faced is inspirational. In fact, she was one of only nine women in a class of 500 and she was made to explain how she could justify taking the spot from a qualified man, she was rejected by 12 law firms and she was demoted from a position because she was pregnant. Regardless of these setbacks, her strength to stand up for equality for all has meant she has impacted lasting change, both in the US and more widely. She is famous for calmness and kindness and said:

*"So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune."*

With all the challenges we face, let's all be a little more RBG, to inspire our children to take these challenges as a learning experience and to make the most of their time in school.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & SUPPORT

We are running a reduced clubs provision this half term and hope to expand it as the weeks go by. All clubs will be after school and will be restricted to Year Groups as result of Covid-19 regulations. Here are the details of the clubs and support available and what you need to do to get involved:

### Year 11 After School Clubs and Support

#### Year 11 Homework Club: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Every week in Rooms 234/235, starting next week. Students may turn up voluntarily to work on homework for any subject but may also be required to attend if they are behind in a particular subject.

#### Year 11 D&T Catch-up Club: Monday & Thursday

After school in Room 217 starting the w/b 28th September. This club is open to all students studying D&T, including Product Design and Graphics. Attendance is voluntary, but some students may be required to attend to ensure they are up-to-date.

#### Year 11 MFL Clubs

Year 11 French: Mondays from 3:15pm to 4pm in Room 333 starting Monday, 5th October.

Year 11 Spanish: Tuesdays 3:15pm to 4pm in Room 334 starting Tuesday, 6th October.

Year 11 German: Tuesdays 3:15pm to 4pm in Room 335 starting Tuesday, 6th October.

#### Year 11 Maths Homework Club / Hegarty: Thursdays

In Room 416 starting Thursday 8th October. Students may use the club to have access to computers and resources to complete Maths homework. Anyone a week behind on the Hegarty tasks will be collected on the day to complete the work as explained in the letter sent out by the Maths Faculty on 22nd September.

### Year 7 Clubs

**Year 7 Sports:** A pilot club will start later this half term on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm in the sports hall. We will offer the students the opportunity to take part in badminton, athletics and dance/fitness. The club will be fairly recreational as there are no league competitions at the moment and our main aim is to provide an environment where students can safely exercise and have fun. We are going to be able to offer this club to a maximum of 45 students. If the club is oversubscribed, we will have to alternate the students taking part each week. The club will run up to half term and hopefully after half term too. Further information will be given out in PE lessons. Please email [chammond@eastbarnetschool.com](mailto:chammond@eastbarnetschool.com) with your child's name and form if you would like them to take part.

**Year 7 Creative Writing:** Wednesdays in Room 425 starting on Wednesday, 7th October. The club will be a fun and creative place to explore all aspects of writing fiction. Hosted by EBS Writer in Residence, Caroline Green, a Sunday Times and USA Today bestselling author, who has written many books for both adults and young people under different names with more to be released soon.

Please email the front office on [enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com](mailto:enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com) by 2nd October if you wish your son/daughter to attend.

E. Richman, Assistant Headteacher, Enrichment

## LIBRARY ACCESS

Students can access EBooks and AudioBooks online via the Skooler Library App. Click [here](#) for instructions. EBooks can be accessed [here](#). Students may be awarded Kudos points for books read or listened to by submitting a review to [this email address](#), so please use this virtual library to enhance your reading for pleasure.

Mrs Shah, EBS Library

## LOOKING AFTER A CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

If you have some concerns over your child's mental health, click [here](#) for a great NHS resource.

## A REMINDER ABOUT LUNCH

At lunchtime, students are reminded to **eat first** then go outside. Students cannot go outside, then decide to go back inside to eat.