

TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY

I recently read an article highlighting the 'strong relationship between arts and cultural engagement and educational attainment'. The piece described seeing 'an improvement in literacy when young people take part in drama and library activities, and better performance in maths and languages when they take part in structured music activities'. We endeavour to ensure that pupils do not just develop academically but develop a much broader set of skills. Be it performing in a concert or play, learning from our Writer in Residence, conversing with the Mayor or learning how to network from employers like Arriva and IBM. We are proud of the multitude of extra-curricular activities we offer here at East Barnet School; my only reflection is do we make the most of every opportunity? Opportunities can come to us unexpectedly. We can often be consumed by distractions that we may miss the opportunity that falls across our path. Our attitude when an opportunity presents itself determines whether we will benefit. As the days get colder and darker, it is easy for life to just pass us by.

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." - Winston Churchill

L. Swaine, Headteacher

THE WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF BARNET VISITS EAST BARNET SCHOOL!



On Monday the 29th of October, the Worshipful Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet visited East Barnet School. He met with members of the Student Council and invited members of the school community to join him at the London New Years Day Parade, to represent the Borough and celebrate the theme "London welcomes the world". If you are interested, he is looking for pairs to represent nations of the world, in traditional dress and carrying a "bunting" style flag. Please contact the Mayor at mayor@barnet.gov.uk if you or your child is interested.

AUTUMN ACOUSTIC CONCERT ROCKS!

On Thursday 18th October the Music Department put on our annual Autumn Acoustic concert. It was a hugely enjoyable evening and full credit must be given to all our fantastic musicians who got up on stage and sang/played their hearts out. It was so inspiring watching such talented people and the support of friends and family helped to make the evening a real success. Thank you to all those involved, particularly the PTA for supplying refreshments and Mr Parsons for taking tickets on the door.



RECRUITING NOW!

We are currently recruiting. If you would like to join our team, please click [here](#) to see all details on the school website.



BEST ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK!

Year 7: 7D with 98.67%	Year 10: 10C with 96.67%
Year 8: 8A with 96.33%	Year 11: 11H with 99.18%
Year 9: 9E with 96.67%	

Well done to each of these forms - keep it up! Remember:

'Every school day counts'.

YEAR 7 EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB FAIR



We have 21 clubs to offer our students in Year 7 including, debating, chess, robotics, drama, rhythm and blues, reading, trampolining and dance and all for free. All we ask is for a commitment to attend and excitement to take part. Students will have brought home a timetable of all these exciting opportunities with their pledge to attend their preferred club. We can't wait to see you all engaging in learning beyond the curriculum.

C. Hammond

PTA NOTICES

It is nearly time for the PTA Pub Quiz! Join us on Friday 9th November at 7:30pm - we can't wait to see you there!

EAST BARNET SCHOOL PTA

PUB QUIZ

QUIZ MASTER: SEAN SWEENEY

FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

START TIME: 7.30PM

TICKETS £7.50*

This is a ticketless event. Your name will be on a checklist at the door.

*All proceeds go to the School.

You can enter teams of 8, alternatively, we can make up teams on the night. Bring your own food.

BOOKING

Reserve your place now!
Email us your details to:
pta@eastbarnetschool.com

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THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE & LICENSED PAY BAR

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For more information: eastbarnetschool.com/pta

A ROYAL WEDDING TO REMEMBER!

On 12th September, EBS student Poppy, was fortunate enough to attend the wedding of Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank. The full story with more pictures can be found on the EBS website, but below are a few snippets from Poppy's report:

I recently had the privilege to go to the royal wedding at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. We were in the front row which meant we could see almost everything and have an opportunity to be interviewed by the press. When the celebrity guests started arriving it was about 9:00am, and we had a really good view of everyone going in. When the bride came, she looked so beautiful in her dress! I really enjoyed my trip and I was very lucky to witness such an historic occasion.



LUNCH ACCOUNT DAILY SPEND REMINDER

As the school now makes provision for students to buy food and drinks at Breakfast Club, break and lunch, some students are finding that they are reaching their daily spend limit before lunchtime (currently set at £6 limit per day). Parents wishing to change this limit should email: finance@eastbarnetschool.com. Please ensure your child is aware that the mealtime supervisors are unable to override the limit at the till.

Thank you for using ParentPay – a fantastic 96% of you are now using this method of managing your child's lunch account. When making payments please ensure that student accounts are topped up before 10am at the latest in order for the payment to show on the account in time for your child to purchase food. Thank you.

Finance Department

EAST BARNET SCHOOL PTA

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are looking to change to a Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) which will allow a wider group to support our activities and to be nominated as officials. To comply with our constitution we need to allow a 21 day consultation period. With this in mind we are going to start this process from today and reschedule our AGM for Tuesday 4th December at 7pm. At the meeting we will review the proposed change and also plan to elect officials for the next 12 months.

Our current Chair & Vice Chair are stepping down from their roles and the role of PTA Secretary is also vacant. We are seeking nominations for these positions by end of November. These roles entail only a few hours of your time each month, to find out more, please e-mail pta@eastbarnetschool.com.

MINUTES: To view the Minutes of the last PTA meeting held on 26th September, please go to the PTA pages on the school website by clicking [here](#).

CAN YOU HELP? The PTA is an important link to school life and chance to support all the students at EBS and there are many ways that parents and carers can help. Please contact us to learn more and find us how you can support your child's time at EBS, email: pta@eastbarnetschool.com