

REMOTE LEARNING

I hope you are all well and staying safe. We would like to congratulate all of the students on their work at the beginning of our third period of virtual learning. They have worked so hard to engage with live lessons, shown courage at unmuting and answering questions and we have been very impressed by their engagement across the whole day. A huge thank you goes out to all of you as parents and carers for working with us as we navigate and tweak our remote learning offer and for your tremendous efforts to help your sons and daughters to stay strong and stay on top of their studies. For those parents with students in examination years we will be running two webinars next week to share all of the information we know so far and how Centre Assessed Grades may look this year. If you are available a link will be sent out via TEAMS to your sons and daughters early next week. Further details of dates and times can be found below:

- Year 11 Centre Assessed Grades webinar: Wed, 27th January from 5pm with Mr Hunt, Mr Langley & Mrs Norton.
- Year 13 Centre Assessed Grades webinar: Thurs, 28th January from 5pm with Mr Hunt, Mrs Carnegie-Gomez & Mr Pitts.

C. Hunt, Acting Headteacher

A BEAUTIFUL STUDENT POEM

Friendship

To my future friend:

In life we meet a lot of people.
Some stay, some don't.
Some become friends along the way.

**But when did we choose them?
Did life already plan it out for us?
What is the meaning of friendship?**

For me, a friend is someone who will care about me, about my wellbeing. Someone who will be by my side through thick and thin and accept all my flaws.

It is someone who won't betray me, someone who will understand me and someone I can rely on anywhere anytime. A friend is someone who I can talk to through my eyes.

Words aren't needed.

Silences are not awkward.

A friend is family.

It's someone you choose to be a part of your life. A person who you can run to if you ever have any trouble.

It's who no matter the distance or time spent apart, they'll always have your back and be there for you.

I don't think I've found that friend yet.

But I have faith and hope. So, I will still wait for you, my friend, wherever you are.

I hope we meet soon. Until then, I'll be counting the days.

Yours faithfully,
Your future friend.

Keiana Murdoch, 10H

BARNET COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There is currently consultation to reduce the PAN (Published Admission Number) for Queenswell Junior School. Please click on this link ([Queenswell Junior School, N20 - 2022/23 admission arrangements consultation | Engage Barnet](#)) for further information. Consultation ends on 31 January 2021.

PTFA NOTICE

The PTFA Annual General Meeting is rescheduled to take place on Thursday 25th February 2021. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please email ptfa@eastbarnetschool.com.



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IMPORTANT NOTICES

DfE Consultation Surveys for Parents - Have Your Say!

- Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A Level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 - [click here](#).
- Alternative arrangements for the award of VTQs and other general qualifications in 2021 - [click here](#).

Covid Mass Testing Volunteers

Following our request for volunteers to support with the mass testing, a big thank you to all those who have responded so far. We will be sending out a pack by the end of the week with further information. If you haven't expressed an interest in volunteering but may be interested and would like to receive a pack with further information, please let us know by emailing: enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com.



CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES & KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOUR!

The Government are launching a rapid Covid-19 weekly testing initiative for students and staff, so...

...we are looking for parent/carer volunteers who could help us carry out the testing. Can you help?

If you are interested in volunteering, and to receive an information pack, please email us. Thank you!

Remote Learning Timetable

We sent out a message this week about some changes to our remote learning timetable. In case you missed it, you can catch up with all the information [here](#).

Your Views Matter

To all those parents and carers sending us lovely tweets, emails, calls, etc appreciating our work during the pandemic - thank you!

If you would like to share your views with Ofsted, you can do so via their [Parent View portal](#).

We are also on Google, please [click here](#) if you would like to share a fab review!

CAREERS NOTICES

To all Year 11, 12 & 13 Parents and Students:

- National Apprenticeship Week 2021 will be between 8th and 14th February. There will be virtual events and workshops available, so look out on social media for **#NAW21**. UCAS workshops are available for booking by [clicking here](#).
- With Covid 19 restrictions, Year 11, 12 and 13 students might want to consider virtual work experience opportunities. Interesting information for parents and students about how to boost your CV/personal statement by [clicking here](#).

For Parents and Carers of all Years:

Routes into Healthcare: Parents Engagement Webinar:

Learn about the routes into healthcare careers: Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Midwifery, AHP, Apprenticeships. These are live Q&A session webinars delivered via Zoom.

Dates and Times:

- 25th Jan 2021: 10:30am - 12:00pm
- 26th Jan 2021: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- 8th Feb 2021: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- 9th Feb 2021: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 829 7999 3510 | Passcode: HHParent

The NHS was recently our Career of the Month! To find out more about careers in the NHS, please click the banner below:



EBS CAREERS OF THE MONTH

THIS MONTH IS THE NHS - CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!



HELPFUL ADVICE

Ever received a text message that you weren't quite sure about? Maybe it said there was a problem with a payment or your monthly bill, or asked you to "verify" your personal or financial details? You can report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to Action Fraud on 7726. This will enable your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action.

CASTING OPPORTUNITY

Isabella Odoffin Casting are looking for black African girls aged 10 - 12 for a speaking part in a BBC film that will be shooting in Glasgow April - May 2021 - no previous acting experience is required. This casting agent has worked on many great projects, which you can see [here](#). If your child would like to give this opportunity a go, please email Joanna Sturrock on assistantiocasting@gmail.com for 'self-tape' audition instructions. Please ensure you include the name of your child and East Barnet School within the email title.

BARNET FREE SPRING ACTIVITIES:

For more information about free activities offered by Barnet Council, please click [here](#).

LIBRARY NOTICES

Reading for pleasure is important and at EBS we have provided access to an E-platform, please [click here](#). Some tips to help home learning have been provided to us by the TRUST framework, check it out [here](#). Mrs Shah from the Library has put together a Sway document to highlight the benefits of reading, especially at the moment. You can access the document by clicking [here](#).

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Whilst we appreciate that many of our students are coping really well with the current lockdown, we know that it isn't always easy to talk about mental health. [Click here](#) to access a leaflet offering simple advice to parents and carers about how to encourage young people to keep talking about their feelings.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 7S



Streetz Ahead is a registered charity founded in 1995. Their mission is to inspire young people to express themselves and to build their confidence

through the power of dance and performance in a creative, inclusive and supportive environment. In 2018, Streetz Ahead piloted Dance Giants, an initiative to reach young people with a programme of dance and mentoring. In 2019 Streetz Ahead was awarded by The Mayor of London to run the project for 3 years. The CAF resilience fund has now funded Streetz Ahead to run 'Dance Connect' – this project will support 120 young people between the ages of 8-11 with dance & 1-2-1 mentoring support. If you would like to be involved, please [click here](#) to fill out the online registration form by Friday 22nd January.

Dance Connect offers:

- Access to dance classes on Zoom every Tuesday 5 – 7pm.
- A mentor will contact you to set up a weekly time on Zoom and spend 30 minutes listening, discussing and working through self-confidence, social guides, organisation, responsibilities, considerations, reflections and coping mechanisms.
- A wellbeing journal posted to your child. Please make sure you add your home address when filling out your online form.
- Please can you ensure the following:
 - It would be helpful that the child is set up in the same space each week
 - A private space that is not interrupted by pets/siblings/family members.
 - It would be also helpful that the child had some paper, a pen, pencil, felt tips and the wellbeing journal with them each week.
 - The sessions will take place online either through Zoom, Facetime or WhatsApp – depending on what is preferred.

For more information please visit www.streetzahead.org or call Elizabeth Lahav on 07940 513 311 or email info@streetzahead.org