

BEATING THE JANUARY BLUES!

We are avoiding the January blues here at EBS, by offering the children the 'January twos'. They have the opportunity of receiving 2 for 1 House Points this month to celebrate their positive attitudes and their commitment to doing the right thing. We have seen some lovely acts of kindness including returning a £10 note to the front office, handing in lost phones and travel cards. Our students have also helped new students to feel welcome and supported by showing them round and offering them a seat at lunch so they are not by themselves. This has been coupled with a real focus on learning, the Year 13s undertook their mock exams in an incredibly professional manner and they should be commended for their hard work. The students continue to reap the benefits of this hard work with students receiving offers from Oxford University last week.

Thank you to all parents who responded to our survey. We are grateful for the positive feedback but also the areas for development. 94% of you told us that students are well behaved, the same number said their child was happy and felt safe at school. You told us: "East Barnet is an excellent school. Thank you for all you do." "We moved our daughter in Year 7 from another local school and we are continually impressed with how responsive EBS is and how caring it appears to be, moreover our daughter is now her very happy self again! Thank you!" "The teachers are great, friendly, nice, dedicated and polite. I'm very impressed with East Barnet School. Thank you for educating my child and the future generation." "EBS has been a huge support for my child, very happy with EBS." "Thank you, we are very satisfied with our school work and staff. We will highly recommend our school to other parents." From your feedback, some of the areas we are looking to develop are: communication, understanding your child's progress and learning, and the provision of extra curricular activities. We will feedback over the coming weeks with the next steps. We are still being affected by Covid with staff absence affecting the ability to run all extra-curricular clubs, but we will make some changes to ensure the children's experience is improved.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

THE WEARING OF MASKS AT EBS

You may be aware that the Prime Minister announced that face coverings will no longer be required in secondary schools. However we still have a number of staff and students off with Covid and to minimise disruption to learning we will keep the expectation to wear a mask at EBS until half term when we will review. Please ensure your child has a mask each day and thank you for your support in helping to keep our community safe.



CAN YOU BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

We are inviting applications from parents or carers from any social, religious or ethnic background who would be willing to play a key role in our school, sharing their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. Our Governing Body would benefit particularly from new Governors with experience in the areas of **Business/Financial Strategy, Law, Premises and Facilities Management, Special Education Needs and Higher Education**. Information on the role can be found [here](#). **Closes 3pm on 28th January 2022.**



YEAR 9 PARENTS & FAMILIES - GCSE OPTIONS

Please be aware that we have started our faculty presentation to students during assemblies every Tuesday morning. This is the start of the Y9 Options process and we will have a Y9 Options Evening (live or virtual – still to be decided) on Thurs 24th March. The updated Options Booklet will be available shortly and more information and further careers advice and resources can be found on the Careers SharePoint via Skooler (click on 'EBS Careers' under External Apps).

STOP IDLING OUTSIDE SCHOOL!



We are receiving weekly complaints about cars idling outside school in the morning and the afternoon. It is terrible for the environment, terrible for the students and terrible for the neighbours. Students should be walking to school where possible. If you are driving your child to and from school, please turn off your engine and be considerate of the EBS community and our neighbours.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Congratulations to all our amazing students who have responded so well since our new lates system was introduced last term. The vast majority of our students come to school every single day, on time, ready to learn. This shows their impressive commitment to our values of "*I want to learn*" and "*Do the right thing*". All those fabulous students were entered into our raffle for a chance to win a £10 voucher. Congratulations to the following, keep up the great work:



Yr 7: Ana Baho, Maya Muntean, Olivia Cook, Emily Traynor.

Yr 8: Nuriya Mahony, Florence Oakes, Lucas Costa, Hamdi Vrioni.

Yr 9: Daniella Anyatiou, Natasha Kerby, Josh Small, Sara Kadiu.

Yr 10: Taylan Flynn Mathews, Maria Popova, Ana Martins Prando and Jack Elichaooff.

Yr 11: Todd Levy, Andie Diamandie, Michael Georgiou, Sean Swatowski.

Sixth Form: Linda Grajcevcic, Oscar Colman Garcia.

To be in with a chance, you must be on time every day - every minute matters!!

JACK PETCHEY NOMINATIONS



Jack Petchey awards are given to students in recognition of hard work and determination. Nominations can be made by staff and fellow students. If you know a student that has: helped others over and above expectations; been a good role model/mentor; shown bravery; overcome a personal challenge; volunteered; tried really hard or broken through a personal barrier then please nominate, either by filling in a paper form (available for students from the Jack Petchey notice board on 3rd floor music) or completing the form [here](#).

CHANGE OF DATES

We have had to change the dates of our Sister Act performance, the new dates are: Tuesday 29th March, Wednesday 30th March and Thursday 31st March. See you there!



LOVE SINGING? GET INVOLVED!

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HAVE AN OPINION? GET INVOLVED!

For ages
11-18

BE THE CHANGE

Do you want to make a difference? This is your chance to have a say

BECOME A CANDIDATE

to be the voice of the young people of Barnet for

UK Youth Parliament

or

Youth Ambassador for Barnet

Candidate manifestos must be submitted @
www.barnetukyp.co.uk by 30 January 2022

Elections will take place from
7 February 2022 to 6 March 2022

For more information contact
Rebecca Morris on email: ukyp@barnet.gov.uk

Candidate Information evening Location TBC

And voting will begin online from
7 February 2022 visit www.barnetukyp.co.uk



CAREERS UPDATE

National Apprenticeship week is fast approaching - remember to look out for [#NAW2022](https://twitter.com/NAW2022) across social media. The theme is "Build the Future". We hope to schedule a few activities but in the meantime, have a look at the links below. These information sessions have no obligation to sign up for an apprenticeship but take a look - apprenticeships are rapidly evolving to match the changing labour market.

- Deloitte is a leading global provider of consulting, audit and assurance, financial advisory, etc, apply [here](#).
- Worldwide consulting company, Accenture, offer earn and learn programmes for girls interested in consulting [here](#).
- Sign up [here](#) for British Airways apprenticeships.
- Fantastic free information sessions about apprenticeships with Rolls Royce, Standard Chartered bank, Astra Zeneca, Law with Mayers and more can be found [here](#).
- [Virtual School Leavers Fair](#) - opportunity for Years 10+.
- [Sopra Steria](#) digital transformation 15+ virtual work experience
- General information about apprenticeships [here](#) and [here](#).
- [BT Apprenticeships](#) available now for applicants.
- Fantastic arts mentoring opportunity for care-experienced young people [here](#).
- For GCSE options, post 16 and 18, please use [Startprofile Careers](#). Login using school email and password (request a new password on that link). Problems? [Email careers](#).
- Please can all Year 10 students make sure they've signed up with an employer for work experience.

Questions or queries, [email Ms Swift](#) for help.

As we undertake our Student Voice consultation process in EBS this week, Barnet UK Youth Parliament are looking for young people to apply for the UK Youth Parliament and Youth Ambassador for Barnet Positions. This is a great opportunity for young people to have a say and make a difference in matters that affect them, especially after the challenging two years that we have encountered. If you have an interest in making your views known, representing and improving chances and opportunities for young people, then apply to 'Be the Change.' Speak to Ms Bailey, Student Leadership Coordinator if you need more information. The closing date is Sunday 30th January, and for further information and the application visit www.barnetukyp.co.uk

PTFA NOTICES

amazon.co.uk
Gift Card



£20

A huge thank you to everyone that took the time to fill in our PTFA Questionnaire! We had an amazing number of responses and some really positive feedback. The original

ideas that were also submitted by parents, carers and teachers alike means we have a lot of inspiration moving forward. It has been a long time since we have had a PTFA event, but following your feedback, we are in the very early stages of planning something that will be bigger and better than ever, so watch this space!

As promised, we held a prize draw this week for a winner of our £20 Amazon voucher. Each entrant was allocated a number, and the winning number was 73 - a huge congratulations to Mrs Blond Thurlow who is our lucky winner! Enjoy!



COVID-19 SELF-ISOLATION & TESTING FOR UNDER 18.5 YEARS AT EAST BARNET SCHOOL



HIGH TEMPERATURE
Feel hot to touch on your chest or back



CONTINUOUS COUGH
New cough for an hour+ or 3+ episodes in 24 hours



CHANGE SMELL/TASTE
Not able to smell/taste or a difference in smell/taste



COLD & SNEEZING
Particularly in those that are vaccinated



IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Take an LFD, self-isolate, **do not attend school.**
Negative = book a PCR
Positive = book a PCR



IF SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE HAS SYMPTOMS

Student attends EBS and LFD tests **every day for 7 days.** If positive at any point self-isolation begins.



IF CHILD IS CONTACTED BY TRACK & TRACE

Follow the NHS guidance that is given at the time and **inform the school** of the relevant advice.



IF CHILD HAS POSITIVE LFD AFTER 10 DAYS

Return to EBS if well, stop daily LFDs. If student is still unwell seek medical advice - stay home.

SELF-ISOLATION	DAYS	ENDING SELF-ISOLATION EARLY USING LFD TESTS
Self-isolation starts*	0	Self-isolation starts*
Self-isolate	1 - 4	Self-isolate
Self-isolate	5	Self-isolate
		↓ Take an LFD test
		↓ LFD test is NEGATIVE LFD test is POSITIVE LFD test is POSITIVE
		↓ Continue to self-isolate Continue to self-isolate Continue to self-isolate
Self-isolate	6	Self-isolate
		↓ LFD 24 hrs after last one LFD 24 hrs after last one LFD 24 hrs after last one
		↓ LFD test is NEGATIVE LFD test is NEGATIVE LFD test is POSITIVE
		↓ Self-isolation ends ** Continue to self-isolate Continue to self-isolate
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		↓ Self-isolation ends **
		RETURN TO SCHOOL
		↓ LFD 24 hrs after last one
		↓ LFD test is NEGATIVE
		↓ Self-isolation ends **
		RETURN TO SCHOOL

FURTHER EXPLANATION

* Day symptoms started or positive LFD if no symptoms.

** You can stop self-isolating if you do not still have symptoms.

*** If day 5 and 6 tests are taken **before 8am** on the relevant days, students can return to EBS on day 6.

TO END ISOLATION BEFORE 10 DAYS, YOU MUST HAVE 2 NEGATIVE LFD RESULTS.

DO NOT ATTEND EBS IF YOU ARE AWAITING TEST RESULTS. DO NOT ATTEND EBS IF YOU ARE UNWELL. REPORT ALL ABSENCES BY 8:30AM.

STUDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO TEST WITH LFD KITS EVERY 3 - 4 DAYS
K I T S A R E A V A I L A B L E I N T H E F R O N T O F F I C E