

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you and your families had a wonderful break. My Christmas was particularly magical seeing my 2 year-old marvel in the delights of the season, brought me a deeper level of joy I had not anticipated. With the onset of the new year, we have some new and exciting initiatives to engage the young people in their learning: the January Blues are being replaced by the January Twos where double House Points are being awarded; we are having a renewed focus on Sparks, our Numeracy Strategy with Year 7 and 8; and we are developing our Literacy Strategy. Coming out of the pandemic, nationally, we can see a reduction in the reading age of young people. Their ability to read at the expected level has been thwarted by disruption to their learning. To combat this, this term, all teachers will be explicitly teaching new vocabulary and in Form Time they will set additional reading homework. Please support your child by ensuring they read regularly at home. I, too, was reading over the holidays and one piece really struck a chord with me.

“The use of Smartphones is catastrophic to the well-being of young people. It is not an exaggeration to describe this generation as being on the brink of the worst mental health crisis in decades. And the problems aren't limited to mental health. All that time on screen degrades attention and concentration skill, making it harder to focus fully on any task. This is not a small thing. Attention is central to every learning task. The problem with mobile phones is that young people using them switch every few seconds. Better put, they practice switching tasks every few seconds, so they become accustomed to states of half attention, more expectant of new stimulus every few seconds. When a sentence or a problem requires slow, focused analysis, their minds are already glancing round for something new and more entertaining.”

(Building School Culture Reconnect for Meaning, Purpose and Belonging. Lemov, et al)

With this in mind, I ask that you share this information with your child, and support them to have less screen time, read more and be able to practice engaging in states of 'full attention'. While it is important for young people, I think it is a message for us all. Happy New Year.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

YEAR 7 HUMANITIES HERALDRY COMPETITION WINNERS

We are delighted to announce the winner of the Year 7 Humanities Heraldry Competition. All entries were submitted to The Charterhouse, London and after careful deliberation have awarded first prize to Archie D. for his 'Semper affirmativa' coat of arms. This year's clear winner had artistic design and skill, was really impressive, but most importantly, told a story. Tom, the Deputy Master of The Charterhouse said: "I really like how there is a clear story in the quarters - the reference to London, the message of international friendship with the flags and handshake - and some excellent drawing and colouring in! Coats of arms should tell a clear story of personal connections, which this one does very successfully." The quality of the entries was so strong that they have also awarded second to Hannah H. saying, "We loved the bold colours and the bears, to make it look like a traditional coat of arms, were very well done." Special commendation is also given to Lois E. for striking artwork and Salina O. whose design was carefully thought about. Archie received a large Talbot soft toy with a smaller Talbot given to Hannah. Our special commendation winners received bookmarks, pens, pencils, and key rings. The Talbot is The Charterhouse mascot, which is a place connected to many historical events and characters of England. The building began as a Carthusian priory, founded on the site of a Black Death burial ground in 1371 however since its dissolution by Henry VIII in 1537 it was rebuilt to become one of the greatest courtyard houses of the Tudor period. Queen Elizabeth I stayed at The Charterhouse the week before her coronation and Thomas Sutton, 'the wealthiest commoner in England', purchased the site in 1611, establishing a school and almshouse for the old, which remains in occupation today. The school has since relocated to Surrey, but not before some of the schoolboys created the offside rule which still features in modern day football. If you would like more information about visiting The Charterhouse please click [here](#).



GET YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Do you want to contribute and influence change for young people and/or for future generations? These two opportunities would provide platforms to do this, at the same time as building your confidence, skills and experience. If you are interested in either or want to have a chat about them speak to Ms Bailey - Student Leadership Co-ordinator.



Building a sustainable borough for all to enjoy now, and for generations to come.

BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Barnet has declared a climate emergency. What more can we do together to make Barnet more sustainable, now and in the future? Barnet is inviting young people between the age of 11-17 years old from across the borough to submit an expression of interest to participate in this exciting event. It will then recruit 20 young people to take part and attend local assemblies between Feb-May 2023. There is also a further opportunity for five young people to support the co-design, planning and delivery of the assembly - all of which will feed into the borough wide Barnet Citizen Assembly. If you are interested in applying, take a look at the [Invitation to Participate - Barnet Young People's Assembly](#) for information on what participation in the assembly involves (including dates and the process) and complete the [Application Form](#). The deadline for applications is Sunday, 15th January 2023. Not only will selected participants make a difference to Barnet for now and years to come, but they will also receive vouchers of around £200 to compensate them for their time. You can speak to Ms Bailey/Student Leadership Coordinator or Mr Robson/We only have one World Club (Tuesday 3.30pm, Room 432) about your application. Remember, the deadline for applications is Sunday, 15th January 2023!

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

The NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) is aiming to recruit a diverse group of 15 young people, aged 13-16 years to be on its Young People's Board For Change. These young people will share their views, and place children and young people at the heart of steering, advising and influencing the work of the NSPCC. They will be the voices for others and share views and ideas with decision makers. Take a look [here](#) for more information, including current members experiences, what the role involves and the application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 23rd January, and interviews will be held in February and March 2023.

Good Luck! Ms Bailey/Student Leadership Co-ordinator

NOVEMBER FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all that took part in the November events for raising money. The link to donate £1 for attending the charity volleyball match staff vs students which took place on Friday 9th of December 2022, is now available on ParentPay. The link will be available to donate until Friday 13th of January 2023. All money raised will be donated to Movember.

ARE YOU READY?

MCAS COMMUNICATION IS THE WAY FORWARD:

As per our previous notices, as it is now January, the My Child at School (MCAS) app, will now be the main way we contact you, that includes same day detentions. If you are having any problems with the app, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. Your child may miss out on important notices and opportunities if you do not use this app. Thank you!

SOMETHING EXCITING IS COMING...

You may have heard that EBS is looking to run T-Levels very soon. These new qualifications are a great opportunity for students to get real hands-on experience within their chosen area. Do you work for a company, or own a company that would like a free, enthusiastic, idea-fuelled, willing to learn student for 45 days? Different to work experience, students studying T-Levels are passionate about the start of their chosen career, and are looking for mentors to help them find their way in their chosen industry. If you would like some more info, please view our webpage [here](#).

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED PERCY!



EAST BARNET SCHOOL 2023 SPRING TERM CLUB TIMETABLE

MON

CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
Yr 11 GCSE French Club	331	VB/CD
NEW! Yr 7 & 9 Trampoline	Sports Hall	JDL
NEW! Year 8 & 10 Lunch Club	320	EH
Yr 7-11 Netball Club	MUGAS	HP
NEW! All Years Table Tennis	Dance Studio	GSC
Sparx Maths Club (until 4.15)	432	CDJ
Creative Writing Club (3.30-4.30pm)	342	CGre ANO
Pride Club (3.30-4.30pm)	335	JW
Yr 11 Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm)	234/235	HWR/JN
GCSE D&T Club (3.30-5.00pm)	217/228	CR/TS
Choir (3.30-4.30pm)	TBC	RG

LUNCH

AFTER

TUE

CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
NEW! GCSE Trampoline	Sports Hall	BP
NEW! Yr 8 & 10 Table Tennis	Dance Studio	HP
NEW! Year 8 & 10 Lunch Club	342	EH
Yr 7 Drama Club	101	KM
Yr 11 GCSE Spanish Club	TBC	YB
Yr 11 GCSE French Club	TBC	VB/CD
Yr 7-13 Girls Football	Astro	LB & AB
We Only Have One World Club (3.30-4.30pm)	432	SSR
Yr 7-9 D&T Club (3.30-4.30pm)	226/228	AL
Yr 11 Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm)	235	HWR/JN
KS4 & 6th Form Digital Art Club	234	RF/HA

LUNCH

AFTER

WED

CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
Yr 9 Sports Leaders	Sports Hall	VP/JDL
NEW! Yr 8 & 10 Trampoline	Sports Hall	BP
Yr 7 & Yr 9 Chess Club	249	VB
NEW! Yr 10 Community Languages	108	PK
Yr 11 GCSE D&T Club	217/228	CR
Yr 11 & Senior Basketball	Sports Hall	6th Form Leaders

LUNCH

THUR

CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
NEW! Badminton Club	Sports Hall	AK
Yr 8 & 10 Basketball	Sports Hall	HWR/GSC
Warhammer Club (Yr 7,9,11)	335	AM
Yr 8 & 10 Murder Mystery Club	345	AH
KS4 & 6th Volleyball Club (3.25-5pm)	Sports Hall	CS
NEW! All Years Rugby Club	Astro	AB
Sport Science Coursework & GCSE PE Revision	432	JDL
KS4 GCSE Food & Nutrition Revision	200	JB
Yr 7 Homework Club (3.30-4.00pm)	109	ABr
Yr 11 Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm)	234/235	HWR/JN
Yr 11 GCSE Art Club (3.30-4.30pm)	320/322	MC/JW/HA
All Yrs EBS Design Team (3.30-4.30pm)	219	LS
Orchestra (3.30-4.45pm)	TBC	RG

LUNCH

AFTER

FRI

CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
Yr 7 & 9 Basketball	Sports Hall	JDL
Year 7 & 9 Dance Club	Dance Studio	Sixth Form Leaders
Year 7,9,11 Manga Club	Library	TBC
Yr 7 & 9 Murder Mystery Club	346	Sixth Form Leaders

LUNCH

NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL

Want to start your own club? Get your ideas together and speak to Mr Michael about a time and a place!