

## BEST OF BRITISH

Despite the strike days and Bank Holidays, we have had a wonderful few weeks in school. A Year 9 initiative with a visit from an organisation called Solutions Not Sides, who aim to tackle Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and polarisation around the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the UK, was a particular highlight. We had the opportunity to speak with a Palestinian and Israeli as we live-streamed directly to Israel, and it was amazing to be able to learn more about the different perspectives. Further up the school, some of our Sixth Form students were interviewed by Tara Welsh, a former student, who is now a

BBC London journalist and presenter, and were given the opportunity to share their views on Covid and the teacher strikes. Tara also invited another group of students to the BBC to visit the studios which was a fantastic experience for all. If you are following us on Twitter, you will also have seen that, Dan Freedman, a popular children's author, visited EBS to speak to our Year 7s; the students were so engaged, that over 100 pupils had questions for him. As if that wasn't enough, we also learnt that some of our students were short-listed for a Civic Award for the work that they do with 'My Say Matters'; we are so proud to hear of our students' successes.

This week also marks the run-up to the King's Coronation. Not many of us will remember the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, so for a lot of the world this will be an opportunity to see the pomp and circumstance that the UK are famous for. If any of our families are going to Central London to celebrate, we hope you have a great time, and send us in some pictures! Within school we put on our Best of British menu in the Kitchen, which was amazing. We hope you have a great Bank Holiday weekend!

L. Swaine, Headteacher



## DAN FREEDMAN VISIT



Dan Freedman visited EBS to deliver a motivational assembly on his experiences as Managing Editor at the Football Association, as an author, the power of reading and writing, and developing resilience. He was really impressed with our Year 7s engagement and questions

and offered prizes (a signed football and £5 in cash) for their questions and winner, Lily Vahabzadeh, chose the signed football, Lily explained: "I think it [event] was very well organised and very informative as well as being fun. I learned about perseverance and how we should never give up on our dreams". Nicolas, a keen football fan, shared, "Dan was very friendly with us and wasn't rushing things and I think it helped a lot of people; he was open, not shy about sharing his feelings". Ayla: "I watched the 'Jamie Johnson' series on TV and I loved it so much! I am now going to read his book 'Unstoppable'".

## BRAINS, FLIES, ROBOTS AND US

On 26th April, our guest speaker to KS4 and 5 assembly was Dr Martina Wicklein from University College London. Her presentation entitled "Brains, flies, robots and us" included a video of her earlier research on neuron activity in the brain of a fly in flight, and she posed questions and gave brief explanations about various aspects of how our brains function, as well as neuroscience. In period one, she offered a Q&A to Year 12 and 13 and gave engaging and fascinating explanations to a range of interesting student questions,



and at break time she responded to questions those in Year 10 and 11. Without a doubt, some Sixth Form students could have continued quizzing her for another hour!

## VISIT TO THE BBC



Last Thursday, six Sixth Formers visited the BBC Studios in Central London. We went on a fabulous, guided tour lead by former student, Tara Welsh who is now a journalist/broadcaster at the BBC! It was extremely exciting when we were taken into the gallery to watch the live behind the scenes of the piece on East Barnet School!

A. Lambi, Year 12 Student

## APRIL'S JACK PETCHEY WINNER

### Millie O'Donovan, 13B

Millie took on the responsibility to choreographing the whole school show with a level of professionalism that I would never have expected from a student. She ran the dance auditions process, seeing more than 90 students, and managing the selection process with care and fairness. Millie designed all of the dance sequences in the show from scratch and taught them to the cast diligently from September, to the final performances in early March. She managed a range of different abilities and personalities brilliantly – and the final results were incredible! Despite being a student herself, the cast treated her with respect and authority (in a way that I can only dream of!) – a testament to the way in which they valued the work she was doing. She is an absolute diamond. Nominated by Mr Messios.

## WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION RESULTS ARE IN!



The My Say Matters strategy has been created to ensure that young people are considered in the decision-making at Barnet Council. Whilst those who work at the council are diverse; different ages, genders, races, and more, young people are not fully represented. People under the age of 18 have such a small say in politics, so it is important that the council ensure they remember the effects their decisions make on young people. Hence the My Say Matters strategy lays down three priorities - to listen to young people, work with young people, and finally, act on what young people have shared. It offers guidance on how this can happen supported by the 'Lundy Model'. Full information about the strategy, including the strategy itself, can be found [here](#). Overall, those of us involved with My Say Matters have achieved the knowledge to improve how young people in Barnet express our views. We didn't do it for just ourselves, but for everyone. As written in our acceptance speech:

"Those of us involved with My Say Matters did it because we believed it was the right thing to do. There is no doubt about the fact that young people have a much lesser say in the democratic process than our adult counterparts, yet our views are just as important. Decisions that often affect us the most, with our long futures still ahead of us. Young people are not able to vote, not able to stand for election, and we often find our views are not respected too. We set out to change that. We were given the opportunity to use our voices to share how we would like to be listened to, how to show that we are being listened to, and the result of that is the My Say Matters Strategy. One that sets out best practise for giving young people their right to a say. One produced by young people, for young people. It is the young people currently stood before you that took that opportunity with bright ideas, confidence, and commitment."



Our biggest achievement has been successfully producing and marketing a strategy that has changed this. Those of us involved with My Say Matters were lucky enough to be nominated for a 'Barnet Young Citizens of the Year' Award and to attend the ceremony, including two students from East Barnet School, Samuel Board and Trystan Hueber. We were selected for a certificate of recognition for our work towards the young community in Barnet. This award was presented by The Worshipful The Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet. It has been a privilege for me to be able to be involved in such a strategy, and to then be given a civic award for it, and it has meant so much to see the impact the strategy is already making to young people across Barnet.

Samuel Board, Year 12 Student

## EBS VALUES PERSONIFIED

### THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:



ARE YOU WORKING HARD?

### THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:



ARE YOU MOTIVATED?

A new rewards system was launched in February recognising students displaying our school values of *"I want to learn"* and *"Do the right thing"*. Each month there is a focus on one of the behaviours that underpin our values. February's focus was Hard Work and March was the month of Motivation. Throughout April staff have been recognising students demonstrating Integrity, which has fitted in nicely with our focus on uniform, encouraging students to do the right thing at all times. Students have been awarded individual House Points for demonstrating our values. Where they have gone above and beyond in a focus month they are presented with a pin badge in assembly and 20 bonus House Points. The students to the right have been nominated for showing exceptional levels of Hard Work and Motivation throughout February and March.

Since February 10,843 house points have been awarded and almost 200 students have been recognised for going above and beyond in one of our school values. Keep up the good work and personifying our values!

### WELL DONE TO:

Vincenzo Velasco Platter, Deno Watkins, Jessie Pengelly, Erdem Unal, Omar Anwari, Luke Lucas, Alexander Leach, Orlagh Quarrell, Ayana Archer, Felix Figgis, Rebecca Roberts, Hamid Zarifi, Raphael Goodman, Jacob Gravett, Jonah Watson, Nicole Chitimus, Lila Durston, Ryan Smajli, Lily Leo, Lily Baker, Alexander Green, Toby Thorpe, Ayana Archer, Hamzah Yekhle, Melissa Green, Charlie Taylor, Ravisan Shanthakumar, Ruby Hart, Jonah Watson, Nicole Chitimus, Lila Durston, Ryan Smajli, Lily Leo, Lily Baker, Alexander Green, Rosa Usher, Alexander Jikerjian, Lola Sheehan, Elianna Francis, Hao Xian Lee, Arjun Patel, Reza Samaei, Rosa Usher, Tommy Moore, Roman-Leo Antonides, Joshua Small, Alina Loskutova, Lottie Rachel, Loren Abrahams, Anya Renzullo, Andre Crichlow, Oisin Kealey, Ming Chan, Siddharth Voralia, Kawthar Aldreby, Ozkan Tekcan, Daniella Anayiotou, Shriya Pindoria, Miko Brai-Aloye, Emanie Aldeeb, Yasmin Moule, Rochelle Ababio, Amy Nash, Nicolau Antoni.



**GET INVOLVED**

## EAST BARNET SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

# Summer Concert AUDITIONS

Auditions: Tuesday 30 May 2023

Concert: Tuesday 20 June 2023

**Collect an application form from room 304/305**

Get your acts/pieces ready or join a music club (see music corridor for club posters)

FRIENDS OF DANEGROVE PRESENTS

**DANEGROVE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR**

Saturday 10th June 2023  
11am to 3pm  
WINDSOR DRIVE

- Stalls •
- Games •
- Tombola •
- BBQ •
- Food & Drinks •
- Raffles •
- Entertainment •
- Bouncy Castle •

ENTRY - ADULTS £1  
CHILDREN FREE

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

ENTRANCE VIA THE CAT HILL GATE

Danegrove Parent Teachers Association Registered Charity

Come and take part in a

### Sponsored Swim

in aid of Cherry Lodge Cancer Care



**Sunday 11th June 2023**  
4:30pm-6:30pm

Venue: QE Boys School, Queens Rd, Barnet EN5 4DQ  
Open to all ages and abilities. Everyone welcome.  
Set your own target (eg 10, 20, 30 lengths)

To register please contact  
tina@cherrylodgancercare.org.uk

Cherry Lodge Cancer Care

### CHIPPING BARNET LIBRARY



Chipping Barnet Library were successful in their bid to refurbish the first floor of the library including the study space, and will be receiving funding of £125,000 to make these improvements! This is a valuable study space and facility for students, and the library would like to know what you would like to see. Click [here](#) to fill in their questionnaire.

**We need your help to raise money for a new suite of keyboards for all of our students**

Donate on ParentPay by selecting  
'PTFA Donation'



Thank you for  
your support

**Keyboard Appeal**

# EAST BARNET SCHOOL IMPORTANT NOTICES

## SOCIAL MEDIA UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

This week, we have been informed of several incidents of unacceptable behaviour on social media that is occurring outside of school hours. These sorts of incidents will not be accepted at East Barnet School.

In order to protect our students and to stop this sort of behaviour, we will need the support of all parents and carers. We give our children mobile phones for safety and entertainment, sometimes without realising the dangers we are putting them in.

Firstly, the majority of social media sites have an age restriction of 13+, that means no Year 7 should be using social media as it is illegal. Whatsapp age restriction is 16. To help you with these restrictions, we have put a list of all the social media sites and their age ratings on our Safeguarding page which can be accessed via the button to the right.

Secondly, hate speech, racism, discrimination, etc are not tolerated in law. If this has happened to your child, this must be reported to the Police. The Police will be able to find out who has posted messages and deal with them appropriately. These reports can be made online.

The school will always be here to support you, and we would be appreciative to receive your support in this matter in return.

## STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

### SECURE YOUR HOME NETWORK

Instructions on our Safeguarding page

### SECURE YOUR CHILD'S DEVICE

Instructions soon to be on our Safeguarding page

### SECURE SOCIAL MEDIA APPS

Instructions on our Safeguarding page

### SECURE ONLINE GAMING

Instructions soon to be on our Safeguarding page

### TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR DIGITAL LIFE

Instructions on our Safeguarding page

### RESTRICT SCREEN TIME AND NIGHT-TIME USE

### BE VIGILANT OF A CHANGE IN EMOTIONS FOLLOWING MOBILE PHONE USE

## SAFEGUARDING PAGE

## REPORT A CRIME

## WE WANT YOUR OPINION!

From time to time we like to ask our parents and carers how they think things are going at the school. This is particularly important when we introduce new initiatives such as our focus on uniform. We are taking this opportunity to find out what you think. This questionnaire will only take a couple of minutes to complete, and we really appreciate all feedback.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PARENT/CARER SURVEY](#)

We are also interested in what our students think about how things are going at the school. Please encourage your child to also fill in their survey, which will also be emailed to their school account.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE STUDENT SURVEY](#)

## WE ARE HIRING



Working at East Barnet School is as rewarding as it is fun. With our friendly, family atmosphere and students that genuinely want to learn, if you are looking for your next career move, then we could be for you. Click [here](#) to view our current vacancies. If you would like to have an informal chat about the role you are interested in, please call 020 8344 2100 to speak to Siming Hill, HR.

## CAREERS BOARD



Beat career confusion with the latest update from the EBS Careers Team!

## FIND OUT MORE



### ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON LINKEDIN?

Follow for all the latest news: [East Barnet School](#)



# EAST BARNET SCHOOL 2023 SUMMER TERM CLUB TIMETABLE

**TUE**

AM	CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
	Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
	All Years Badminton Club	Sports Hall	BP
	All Years Tennis Club (from 15/5)	MUGA	PE Dept
	Yr 7 & 9 Table Tennis	Dance Studio	JB
	Year 7, 9 & 11 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 Homework Club	109	ABr
	All Years Athletics Club	Astro	PE Dept
	We Only Have One World Club (3.30-4.30pm)	432	SSR
	KS3/4 D&T Workshop (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**

**THUR**

AM	CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
	Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
	All Years Softball Club	Astro	AK
	Yr 7 & Yr 9 Badminton	Sports Hall	GSC/HWR
	Yr 8 & Yr 10 Tennis (from 15/5)	MUGA	PE Dept
	Yr 7, 9, 11 Manga Club	416	JSW
	Yr 8 Politics Club	424	JD
	KS4 & 6th Volleyball Club (3.25-5pm)	Sports Hall	CS
	All Years Athletics Club	Astro	BP/HP/AK
	KS4 GCSE Food & Nutrition Revision	200	JB
	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
	Yr 10 D&T Practical (until 5pm)	Workshop	D&T
	All Yrs EBS Design Team (3.30-4.30pm)	219	LS
	Orchestra (3.30-4.45pm)	TBC	RG
	E-Sports Club	Auditorium	LS

**LUNCH**

**AFTER**

**MON**

AM	CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
	Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
	Yr 11 GCSE French Club	331	VB/CD
	Year 7, 9 & 11 Lunch Club	320	EH
	All Years Rounders Club	MUGA	AK/HP
	All Years Cricket Club	MUGA	
	Sparx Maths Club (until 4.15)	432	TBC
	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
	KS4 & KS5 Textiles Club	210	CG
	Choir (3.30-4.30pm)	TBC	RG
	Sport Science/GCSE PE Intervention	432	GSC

**AFTER**

**WED**

AM	CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
	Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
	Yr 9 Sports Leaders	Sports Hall	VP/JDL
	Yr 7 & Yr 10 Badminton	Sports Hall	BP
	Yr 7 & Yr 9 Tennis Club (from 15/5)	MUGA	PE Dept
	Yr 7 & Yr 9 Chess Club	249	VB
	Yr 11 GCSE D&T Club	216	TS
	Yr 10 D&T CAD Club	216/217	TS/MS

**LUNCH**

**FRI**

AM	CLUB	ROOM	STAFF
	Breakfast Club (8am)	Coffee Shop	MF/IT/JPJ
	Year 7 & 9 Dance Club	Dance Studio	Six Form Leaders
	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!**