

THE FESTIVE SEASON IS HERE!

As we step into the festive season, we are delighted to share the vibrant things that are happening around our school. Our annual House Christmas Tree Competition is in full swing, transforming our corridors. The glittering lights have definitely brought the festive cheer. A special mention to our Year 11 students who have showcased commendable resilience and determination as they completed their mock exams this week. These assessments are a significant milestone in their academic journey, and we want to commend them for their hard work and commitment. We are here to support and guide them as they navigate through this crucial phase. Rehearsals for our spectacular rendition of the musical *Oliver* are in full swing, and the energy and talent on display are nothing short of extraordinary. Our students, under the guidance of our dedicated Drama and Music Department, are bringing the tale to life. The performances promise to be a feast for the senses so don't forget to save the date. As the temperature drops, we want to emphasise the importance of maintaining consistent attendance. Every day of learning is a building block for your child's future, and we wouldn't want them to miss out on the exciting activities and lessons planned in the coming weeks. Let's ensure that our classrooms are filled with eager minds ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

L. Coffill & R. Lashley Allen, Co-Headteachers

A-LEVEL CLIMATE LECTURE AT THE RGS



On Monday 27th November, the Geography Department took A-Level students from Year 12 and 13 to a lecture at the Royal Geographical Society (RGS). The lecture 'Are countries meeting their climate promises?' was led by an expert panel of the Director of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) Professor Joe Smith, Professor Rebecca Willis of University of Lancaster, Oliver Morton, senior writer and editor of *The Economist*, *The Independent* and *National Geographic* and Dr Ashok Sinha, CEO of Ashden. This lecture enabled students to see the current discussions around the earth changing phenomenon, known as the climate crisis. It highlighted the importance of a constructive dialogue around the climate crisis and necessary leadership to ensure countries meet their climate promises. There were discussions around 'adjust transmission' funds by Joe Biden in the US, the EU targets of green energy transition, commitments made to the Lost and Damage funds from the EU, UK and US. However, overwhelming evidence that countries are not meeting their climate promises and some suggestions of what may be needed to do so, including devolution of powers to local authorities, policy coherence and commitments from countries in the upcoming COP28. Overall, students found it fascinating to see how what they have studied in their Geography A-Level topics such as Carbon Cycles and Global Systems and Global Governance being discussed in an expert setting! We hope this inspires students to make their own climate pledges and/or pursue further study in the field.

F. Williams, Head of Geography

LEST WE FORGET - WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM



On Remembrance Sunday, which fell on the 12th of November 2023, I had the honor of participating in a remembrance ceremony in which I played the Last Post, and I, along with our other Head Student, Bhavika Mistry, had the privilege of laying a wreath, a poignant moment for the both of us.

Despite the rare show of rain, the event was dignified and reflective, and we both appreciated the opportunity to gather with the community to pay our respects to the fallen heroes who put their lives on the line for freedom. It was a really touching occasion and we both felt proud to represent the East Barnet School community at such a meaningful event.

Anna Volstad, Head Student

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EAST BARNET SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

WARNING!
THIS COULD GET UGLY

THURS 7TH DEC

EBS
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOULD BE WORN (NO BLAZERS!)

Voluntary Donation of £1 to Save the Children

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MY SAY MATTERS!

We are excited to announce that the 2024 -26 national Youth Parliament and Barnet Youth Ambassador Scheme election process is beginning! Both opportunities are co-ordinated by the My Say Matters team with support from Barnet Schools who have distributed the candidate information to students and delivered the election process successfully in 2022 (with 7,700 students taking part!), and in previous years. All information required for students and parents is contained in this [candidate pack booklet](#). If you have an issue that you feel strongly about and would like to campaign on, then check out the booklet with further instructions. Applications are open from the 15th December, so if you want to make a difference, and have passion and drive, please encourage your child to get involved. Application deadline is 25th Jan.

**Barnet Youth Parliament and
Youth Ambassador Elections
2024-2026**

CANDIDATE PACK

Process starts on 15 December 2023
Scan the code to find out more!



BACE WINTER ACTIVITIES ARE BACK!

In receipt of benefit-related FSM? You will be eligible for BACE. Click [here](#) to book, click the image for the booklet!



Tuesday 12th December 6.30pm
EBS Winter Concert

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Bar & snacks available!

Tickets available on the School Shop - Only £5/£3

Christmas Lunch

THE EBS KITCHEN - THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

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BUTTERNUT SQUASH STUFFED WITH MEDITERRANEAN
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Friday 15th December!

EAST BARNET SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR RETURNS!

Yes, the Scholastic Book Fair is making a return to East Barnet School, and just before Christmas! With huge discounts on Young Adult Fiction, this is not be missed. Visit the Library on **5th, 6th and 7th of December at lunchtime!**



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“I felt scared when I first started to date with my female classmate, but it helped that I could cry with my boyfriend so I didn’t feel so alone.”

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Did you know 'Any Of Us' can work and be a Foster Carer?

It has been estimated that in order to meet the current demand, 900 new foster families are needed in the London region alone. Prompted by this challenging statistic, Barnet has joined with over 80 other Local Authorities in the production of a short fostering film called 'Any Of Us'. The film was launched nationally on the 26th September 2023 and shared on various social media platforms e.g., Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, SKY Ads and Barnet's website. You can view film [here](#).

'Any Of Us' looks at fostering through the lens of a young girl called Chloe and three very different adults who could be her foster carer. The film tells a story about Chloe who needs to come into foster carer, and one of these three people will become Chloe's foster carer, the film shows us her journey into fostering.

The impact of the Pandemic and cost of living crisis have greatly affected Barnet's ability to recruit new foster families and meet the needs of children who need them. The aim of this film is to come together nationally to raise the profile of fostering and shine a light on the national shortage of foster families that are so urgently needed.

Barnet Council continues to provide good quality support to existing foster families. We believe by encouraging the community in Barnet to consider offering to care for the children and young people who need foster families, because they are unable to live in their own family's'. Any of us can foster a child or young person and make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

We hope this film will inspire you to learn more about fostering, please contact our Carer Recruitment Team today on 0208 359 6274 or fostering@barnet.gov.uk.

Website: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/fosteringinbarnet>



EAST BARNET SCHOOL IMPORTANT NOTICES

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline-safety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

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