



RESPECT



WISDOM



ASPIRATION



COMMUNITY



*Together, achieving our best*

*2023 - 2024*



## Headteacher's Welcome

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Barnhill Community High School.

Barnhill Community High School is a high-performing over-subscribed secondary school and sixth form serving the community of Hillingdon.

It is an exceptional place to learn, providing a supportive and enriching environment where our students are happy and thrive, driven by our ethos of, **"Together, achieving our best"**.

Our core purpose at Barnhill is to ensure our students receive a remarkable education and leave here as responsible future leaders with great opportunities to achieve further success.

We are proud to serve our local community and celebrate the achievements our students make year-upon-year.

**Mr J Jones**

Headteacher

Barnhill Community High School

*"There is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged 'Outstanding'." Ofsted, 2022*

# Mission & Ethos

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## Our Mission

Barnhill aims to provide the very highest standards of academic and personal education to all students, regardless of their background or life challenges. In doing so, we aim to become the chosen provider for education in this area and a model for other schools to follow.

## Our Ethos

**The Barnhill Ethos is founded on our great respect for the power and liberation of learning.**

We believe strongly that academic success lies at the heart of a worthwhile and happy life. We base our respect for the best of human achievements in a respect for the best of British values.





## Student Character, Wellbeing & Development

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**We pride ourselves in providing an exceptional, all-round education that enables each child to try everything on offer, to find out what they really enjoy and are good at.**

The capacity to engage pupils at many different levels is central to education at Barnhill and we offer very high standards of learning and care; both inside and outside the classroom. Talented and committed staff work with our pupils to achieve these ends.

The school is grounded in the strength of relationships between staff, students and families that are the foundation of all great communities. Barnhill is tremendously diverse in terms of the academic and cultural backgrounds of its students and we celebrate this diversity.

We very much look forward to the start of a seven-year journey during which we will educate your children and support both their academic and character development.







*"Pupils here show respect for all.  
They are polite, friendly and  
confident in expressing their  
views." Ofsted, 2022*

# Academic Excellence

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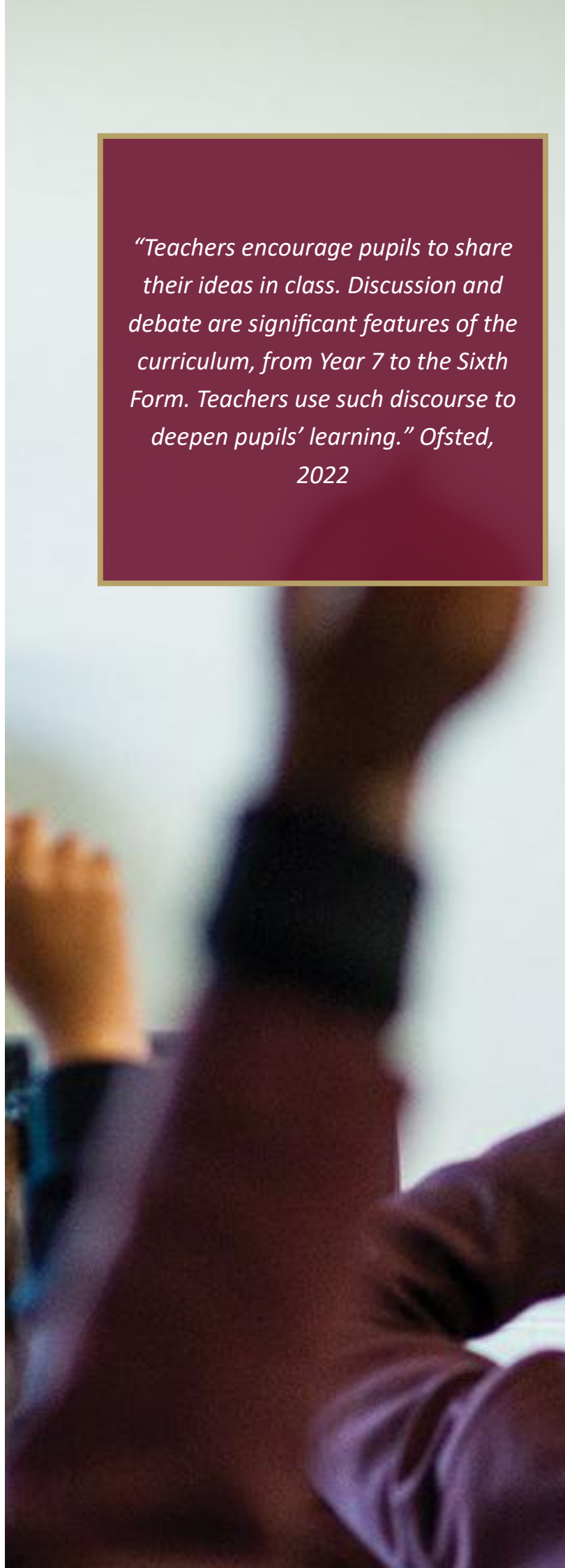
**Excellent teaching and support ensure that students make outstanding progress in their examinations.**

Barnhill was last inspected by Ofsted in November 2022 and was found to be 'Good' with evidence to suggest it could be 'Outstanding' in a full inspection.

The school has been in and around the top 5% of schools in England since 2018.

Having gained leading estimates in a recent Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review, the school have earned their place as part of the Challenge Partners' Growing the Top programme. It targets top-performing schools who push the boundaries in their drive to make their schools and educational systems world-class. Through the programme, the school collaborates with other schools to share excellence and to address challenges.

*"Teachers encourage pupils to share their ideas in class. Discussion and debate are significant features of the curriculum, from Year 7 to the Sixth Form. Teachers use such discourse to deepen pupils' learning." Ofsted, 2022*







## Lessons at Barnhill

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**The school's ethos is based upon having respect for the power of learning and the fulfilment that wisdom brings.**

The success of our students is based upon excellent teaching delivered with passion by subject experts. Students experience a knowledge-rich curriculum, are encouraged to read widely, articulate their thinking, debate and apply knowledge in a variety of contexts.

Lessons at Barnhill have a structure which supports all students' learning. Lessons begin with a 'Do Now' activity to support students' knowledge retrieval and refinement of core skills.

New knowledge and skills are explicitly delivered by teachers; throughout the lesson, teachers check that all students have thoroughly grasped new knowledge and that they can confidently apply this to new problems and contexts.



*"Teachers give pupils individual help to improve their work. Pupils value this and respond well." Ofsted, 2022*



*"The Curriculum is well-ordered. Pupils build up their knowledge and skills in increasing depth and complexity." Ofsted, 2022*





## Extra-Curricular Activities

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**At Barnhill, we recognise the importance of personal development both inside and outside the classroom.**

Our Character Curriculum delivers such opportunities through:

- a range of clubs which run either side of the school day, and at lunchtimes; educational visits to places such as theatres, cultural centres and museums;
- talks delivered by external speakers on a range of subjects which might include, for example, medicine, finance and matters of social interest; and
- through school events such as competitions, workshops and showcase activities.

*"I really am proud to be part of a school with so many wonderful opportunities."*

*Olivia, Year 8*

*"This is an inclusive school where pupils flourish and succeed." Ofsted, 2022*









## Facilities

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**The School is a purpose-built modern secondary school with computer suites, interactive whiteboards and spacious classrooms.**

### Music Facilities

Students have excellent facilities which include: a recording studio with separate control room, and a live room; 8 practice room spaces; 2 music classrooms with Mac suites with Logic Pro X and MIDI pianos; and a concert hall with a grand piano.

### Dance and Drama

The school offers a dance studio with a sprung floor, and a well-proportioned drama studio. These departments also make use of the spacious main hall for school productions, shows, festivals and concerts. This shared space is also used for assemblies and some indoor sports.



*"Pupils behave very well. They conduct themselves in a calm and sensible manner, showing consideration for others." Ofsted, 2022*





### **Sports Facilities**

Our sports facilities are excellent. The outdoor facilities include 3 full-sized 'Astro' pitches, a multi-use games area (MUGA), an area of hard-standing which holds netball and basketball courts, and a generously spacious playing field which accommodates 4 full-sized football or rugby pitches and a six-lane running track.

Our indoor facilities include a gym and a vast sports hall which can accommodate up to a full-sized basketball pitch which is used for football, badminton, basketball, cricket nets, table tennis and trampolining.



### **Curriculum Areas**

The school makes the fullest use of its various curriculum areas which include well-appointed IT suites, food tech rooms, art studios, science laboratories, DT workshop and engaging form room environments. The school have recently upgraded some technologies within the DT department to enhance the curriculum offer.

### **Canteen**

Students are able to enjoy their lunch in a light and bright canteen which offers both indoor and outdoor seating areas.

# School Development Priorities

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## 1. The Barnhill Ethos:

*“Together, achieving our best”.*

An ethos that makes students excellent learners with good characters, who are ready to enhance modern society.

## 2. The Barnhill curriculum intent

An academic and pastoral curriculum founded in the best of human knowledge and human achievement. Every child's need is catered for, regardless of their starting point.

## 3. The implementation of the Barnhill curriculum: Our teaching and learning vision

Teaching and learning that is transformational. It inspires a thirst for learning, and challenges students to think, reflect and aspire to greatness.

## 4. The impact of the Barnhill curriculum

Students make progress and succeed in line with the highest performing schools in the country. Their success is measure by the academic achievements, personal development and transition to the best universities and employers.





*"Leaders prioritise reading and ensure there is a focus on reading in all subjects." Ofsted, 2022*



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