

Thursday the 10th July 2019

Dear Parent and Carers,

This is my final letter of this academic year and I would like to wish you all a very restful summer. The school has been a very exciting place for students and staff to learn and work this year. Students should now take some time to relax and recharge during the summer, but please ensure that your children continue to keep up with their studies – especially those in years 10 and 12.

End of term arrangements

Sports Day is taking place on the 12th July. It promises to be a day of challenging athletic competition accompanied by excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Students take great pride in their performances and those of their teams. We are all excited to hear which of our four houses will lift the house cup. Please see the school's website for the results.

The last week of term

The last week of term has a series of trips and visits, but otherwise it will be lessons as normal until the last two days. On Thursday the 18th July, the school will finish early from 14:00, but any child wishing to stay until the end of the day should go to the library. The school breaks up for the summer holiday on Friday the 19th of July. There will be celebrations assemblies throughout the 19th, at which students will be performing their many musical and theatrical talents. Awards will be given to students who have worked hard and achieved great successes this year. Students will finish their lessons at 12:00 and should proceed straight home.

GCSE and A Level results days

Sixth Form student can collect their results from 09:00 on Thursday the 15th August and GCSE students from 09:00 on Thursday the 22nd. There will be a great deal of support available for Sixth form students regarding university applications and for GCSE students regarding Sixth Form applications. Further details will be sent to all affected students. I wish all students the best of luck.

The new school year

The new school year begins during the first week of September. Please see the arrangements below for each year group's start date and time:

Year group (new from 2019)	Start date	Start time	Student should go to these rooms:
New year 7	Wednesday 4 th September	08:15	Back playground
New year 10	Wednesday 4 th September	08:15	Back playground
New year 11	Wednesday 4 th September	08:15	Main assembly hall
New Sixth Form	Wednesday 4 th September	09:10	New Sixth Form Study area – Room G104

Year group (new from 2019)	Start date	Start time	Student should go to these rooms:
New year 8	Thursday 5 th September	08:15	Back playground
New year 9	Thursday 5 th September	08:15	Front playground

2019 – A year of success

I am very pleased to be able to share with the school community that Barnhill has achieved a high status accolade this year. As one of the country's highest performing schools, we have been designated a 'National Centre for Excellence' in mathematics and science by the Challenge Partners network. Other schools visit Barnhill to receive training and guidance from many of our expert staff. They also observe lessons taking place and are – without exception – very impressed by the quality of what they see. The school has also joined the 'Stand Out School's programme'. A programme that is reserved for the highest performing of the National Centres for Excellence.

The school's successes have been made possible by the hard work of students and staff, and with the support of all families. We are, of course, aiming to achieve further successes next year and I very much look forward to working with you. Have a very happy summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Jones

Head of Barnhill Community High School