

SPRING TERM

Senior Leadership Message

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The Curriculum to Beyond the Classroom

At Barnhill, we believe that powerful learning does not stop at the classroom door. Some of the most meaningful moments in a young person's education happen when they are able to see, question and experience their learning in the real world.

This term, our Year 10 geographers stepped beyond the classroom to explore urban regeneration in action. As part of the AQA GCSE course, students study how places change and why regeneration is needed. Rather than simply learning the theory, they visited local regeneration sites to see these processes unfolding around them.

During the visit, students did not just observe. They conducted a genuine geographical enquiry. They collected primary data, carried out environmental quality surveys, completed land use mapping and spoke to members of the public. Crucially, they were investigating whether regeneration has been successful in improving people's quality of life, and importantly, for whom and in what ways. This encouraged them to think critically about the social, economic and environmental impacts of change, and to recognise that regeneration can create both opportunities and challenges for different groups.

Back in the classroom, students will analyse and interpret their data, drawing evidence-based conclusions and evaluating the overall success of regeneration strategies.

Experiences like this truly bring the curriculum to life. Students develop a deeper understanding of key concepts because they can see their relevance and complexity first-hand. Fieldwork also strengthens essential skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, independence and decision-making.

Importantly, these opportunities also support students' personal development. Navigating new environments, engaging respectfully with members of the public and working collaboratively builds confidence and resilience. Students begin to see themselves not just as learners, but as young geographers who are curious about the world and equipped to investigate it.

We are proud to offer experiences that enrich our curriculum and help students connect their classroom learning to the world around them.



Personal Safety Awareness Workshop

- **On: Wednesday 11 March 2026**
- **Time: 19:45 - 21:00 hours**
- **Venue: Uxbridge High School Gym, The Greenway, Uxbridge UB8 2PR**

This is a Basic self-defence class delivered by UMAA (non-police instructors) and local police officers to give attendees the opportunity to raise and discuss any concerns they may have about safety in the local area, and to enable the sharing of crime prevention advice and support. Attendees are also provided a goody bag containing some crime prevention giveaways - personal safety items (such as a torch, purse bells etc) and crime prevention advice materials. Book via the link below:

<https://www.umaa.club/booking-calendar/personal-safety-awareness-workshop-free-1>

Independent Learning

Did you receive our letter emailed home last week? Please complete the [survey here](#) by next Friday 13th March, to help us to help you with supporting student learning at home.

We Will Rock You! On 24th & 25th March.

Don't forget to book your place for a seat at our first school production in many years! Click on the link here [Box Office Open Now!](#). Admission is **free** but space is limited and allocated on first come, first served basis.