

## SPRING TERM

### Senior Leadership Message

*This edition: Ms Kichenside, Assistant Head*

This week has been a busy one for Barnhill students and staff as we approach the final term before exams.

Year 11 have done all that they can to secure the best possible grades for their final PPE before the real thing in the summer. They completed their languages speaking exams at the end of last week and results for all exams were shared on Thursday. Good luck to all our hard-working Y11 students!

Year 12 experienced an excellent personal development opportunity when The RWC team visited to host an engineering workshop. RWC were impressed with our Year 12 students for their engagement and enthusiasm within the session and were very complimentary about how they collaborated well with each other.

Another group of lucky Year 12 students were offered workshops and 1-1 coaching on the different approach to applying for medicine, dentistry, Oxford or Cambridge. Our early applicant expert visited and was very impressed at some of the foundational work completed by these dedicated post 16 students and is sure there are some students with a very bright future!

Please take advantage of some of the wonderful opportunities on offer.

### We will Rock You!

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday March 6,30pm

This is our first school production for many years and final rehearsals are taking place ready for the live performances next week. Students have been working hard to learn their lines and hone their acting skills in readiness for taking to the stage. Tickets are FREE! Please reserve your place here:



### Deep Learning Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Students will be off timetable and taking part in a range of trips and activities including the World of Shakespeare at Stratford Upon Avon, Tower of London, Kew Gardens and University visits, football with coaches from Brentford FC, careers and mock interviews. We hope students will take full advantage of the opportunity to broaden their minds and have a great day!

### Change of INSET date in July – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Please note that the Transition Day, when Y6 students spend the day at the secondary school they will be joining in September, has moved from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July. School will be closed to all other students on this day.

### Supporting Mental Well-being

Hillingdon's new initiative, 'Thrive', has been launched:

[Thrive Website Poster \(PDF, 85 KB\)](#)

The website has been designed to support children, young people, families, and professionals by bringing together clear information, self-help tools, signposting, and a wide range of emotional well-being resources in one accessible place. Its aim is to make it easier for people to understand what support is available and how to access it. Please visit <https://thrivehillingdon.co.uk>

### Scouting for things to do?

6<sup>th</sup> Hayes St Raphael's Scout Group have spaces for ages 11-14years. Why not get in touch to find out more about learning new skills and embarking on new adventures! Visit [Scouts](#) and use the school post code (UB4 9LE) to find nearest groups, including St Raphael's.

### Easter Holiday Activities

Hillingdon have a number of organised sessions running over the Easter break. Information was shared via Edulink last week and can be found again here

[Hillingdon Youth Offer](#)

### Lost Property

We do our utmost to return lost belongings to their rightful owners. Next week lost items that have been handed in will be on display for collection from our main reception. Please do ask your child to check if they have misplaced anything over the last half term.

**Eid al-Fitr** to all our family's celebrating the end of Ramadan.