

SUMMER TERM

Senior Leadership Message

This edition: Mr Jones, Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I am delighted to reflect on some of the many achievements and experiences enjoyed by Barnhill students. It has been a term filled with creativity, ambition, sporting success and opportunities beyond the classroom.

I would also like to recognise the tremendous efforts of our Year 11 and Year 13 students during this demanding examination period. Exams can be a challenging time, but students should take great heart from the determination, resilience and mutual support they have shown throughout. I would also like to thank their teachers who - as always - have gone the extra mile to provide such wonderful support.

At the end of last term, our Performing Arts students truly shone in the spectacular production of *We Will Rock You*, performed over two evenings to delighted audiences. Under the direction of Mr Pilkington, music director Mrs Arnold and her family, the cast delivered an energetic and highly professional performance that showcased the confidence and talent of our students.

Students were also rewarded for their excellent conduct and contributions to school life with a memorable Jack Petchey trip to Brighton, where students from Years 7–9 enjoyed a day at the seaside whilst developing confidence, independence and cultural awareness. Barnhill students were once again recognised through the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards, with our talented Rock Band performing superbly as part of the 'Take to the Stage' competition. Meanwhile, students visiting the Sky TV Campus impressed staff with their thoughtful questions and teamwork as they produced their own environmental news programme for Earth Day.

Cricket at Barnhill continues to go from strength to strength. Our U15 team progressed in the Knight-Stokes Trophy, whilst the U13s showed tremendous spirit in defeat. We are especially excited by the launch of C6 Cricket, which promises to play an instrumental role in the future development of

cricket at Barnhill. Our sincere thanks go to cricket royalty Simon Hughes and Raj Chityal, co-founder of C6 Cricket, for their generous support and commitment to developing the sport within secondary schools.

As always, I would like to thank our staff for their continued dedication and professionalism, and our parents and carers for their ongoing support of the school.

I wish all students and families a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Budding Athletes!

Well done to representatives from Barnhill who competed at the borough championships this week and picked up medals. [Full story here](#)

Future Doctors & Dentists

We had 'Medentors' visit this week. This is an organisation designed to educate students about what they need to do to prepare for medicine and dentistry; two incredibly competitive degrees. A mixture of Y10s and Y12s attended and the course facilitator, who is currently a dentistry student, shared some honest insights about the application and interview process.

Our students asked thoughtful questions and took a plethora of resources with them to get them started (Y10) or refine their approach (Y12).

Free School Meals Update

The government is making some changes to eligibility for free school meals from **September 1st 2026**. Please see link below for further details.

The new checking service will be available for the 1st June. More information will be shared as soon as it is published.

[Free school meals: guidance for local authorities, local-authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools - GOV.UK](#)

Half Term activities

Check out Hillingdon's Youth Offer on their website here [Youth Offer – Hillingdon Council](#)

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on **Monday 1st June**.