

SUMMER TERM

Senior Leadership Message

This edition: Ms Kichenside, Assistant Headteacher

We hope you and your families are coping well during this period of unusually high temperatures; please refer to the Headteacher's recent email for important advice on keeping safe during extreme heat. We would like to take this opportunity to commend our students, who have continued to demonstrate remarkable resilience and focus on their studies despite the challenging conditions.

On Thursday 9th July, our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting and well-deserved trip to **Chessington World of Adventures**. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build friendships, create lasting memories and celebrate a successful year.

Year 12 Taster Day Success: We were delighted to welcome back our current Year 11 students as they begin their transition into Year 12. Their conduct, attitude, and presentation throughout the day were exemplary and demonstrated a real sense of maturity and readiness for next year. We were also pleased to welcome a number of external students who joined us for the taster day. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the welcoming atmosphere of the school and the support, encouragement and professionalism demonstrated by our staff. It was wonderful to hear external visitors recognise what our own students already know so well – that our staff work tirelessly to ensure every student feels valued, supported and able to achieve their best.

We are thrilled to share that **Milo**, our much-loved therapy dog, has received a **Proud Paws Award**. Milo continues to bring comfort, positivity and support to students and staff alike, and this recognition is thoroughly deserved. We are incredibly proud of him and grateful for the positive impact he has had across our school.

We enjoyed a whole evening of musical renditions at our **Summer Music Concert** on Thursday 9th July. Events such as these provide an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their talents, creativity and hard work. All the performers were professional and committed, despite the heat and the performance was superb! The audience experienced a lyrical treat and a well-deserved celebration of the performance team.

Work Experience Success: Following the return of our students from their work experience placements, we received some exceptional feedback from employers. In particular, one engineering company was so impressed with the attitude, professionalism and abilities demonstrated by one of our students that they expressed a willingness to offer an apprenticeship opportunity in the future. This is a fantastic endorsement of the character, work ethic and potential of our young people.

We Have Much of which to be proud: As we approach the end of the academic year, moments such as these remind us of the incredible achievements, talents and character of our students. Whether excelling academically, representing the school on trips, performing in concerts, supporting others, or impressing employers in the workplace, our students continue to make us proud every day.

Cultural Day – Thursday 16th July

We are looking forward to students coming dressed to impress and celebrate their heritage and culture through couture.

Reminder that jeans, hoodies tracksuit bottoms are not permitted, and students may come in normal uniform if they do not wish to take part.

Donations can be made via ParentPay with proceeds going to local charities.

Parent Survey

We received just under 100 responses to our survey and will be in touch next week when we have drawn the winner to receive a £50 school credit. The analysis will be shared at the start of the next academic year.

Free School Meals - Important Update

Important update and eligibility checks need to be completed by **13th July**. A letter was sent out last week and can be viewed on our [website here](#). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our main reception or email us enquiries@barnhill.school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more successes and celebrations with you in the final week!

Last Day: Friday 17th July Please see our end of term letter regarding timings and arrangements for the last day.