

SUMMER TERM

A Message from Mr Jones, Headteacher:

Dear Parents, carers, families and students

As another busy and successful academic year comes to a close; I am delighted to share some of the events and achievements of Barnhill students and staff. I have continued to be impressed by the hard work, enthusiasm and resilience shown by our students, and by the dedication of the teaching and support staff who work tirelessly on their behalf. Thank you also to all parents, carers and families in our community. We rely so much on your support to make the school as successful as it can be.

Celebrating Barnhill's Success

This has been another important year for the school. Barnhill remains the secondary school with the highest number of first-choice parental preferences in Hillingdon; reflecting the confidence placed in us by local families. We were also delighted to achieve **Investors in People Gold**, recognising the commitment and contribution of staff across the school.

Students have led the way in enrichment activities this year, please see below some of their achievements:

Music, Film and Creativity

Twenty-six students took to the stage for our Summer Concert, with soloists, ensembles and the Barnhill Rock Band demonstrating the considerable musical talent within the school. The Rock Band also represented Barnhill at the Mayor of Hillingdon's Picnic in the Park, entertaining the wider community in West Drayton.

Students in Years 7 to 9 produced imaginative textile work inspired by international patterns, food and culture. Members of the Barnhill Film Factory also visited Sky Studios in Elstree, where they directed, produced, edited and starred in their own film trailers. They were also visited by multi-BAFTA winning editor, Stuart Briggs.

The Barnhill Gladiators faced Sam's Sixers in an exciting C6 cricket match, supported by distinguished guests from the world of cricket. The event raised £300 for the Cricketers' Trust and the further development of cricket at Barnhill. We were also delighted that our cricket coach, Samarjeet Singh, was selected for the England Young Lions Under-19 squad.

Year 8 students received emergency-response training from London Lifesavers, learning skills which could one day save a life. Milo, our Dog Mentor, also received the national **Impact in Action Award** in recognition of the positive difference he makes to students' wellbeing, learning and behaviour

Looking Forward

It was a pleasure to welcome our incoming Year 7 students for Transition Day. They explored the school, met their teachers and classmates and began preparing for secondary education. We look forward to welcoming them and their families fully into the Barnhill community in September.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students on the maturity and determination they showed throughout their examinations. We wish them every success as they await their results and prepare for the next stage of their education.

Barnhill is here to serve its students and community. The school is very fortunate to have such a supportive and committed parent and family community for which we work. On behalf of the school, please accept my thanks and share these with your families.

Rewarding Positivity

This academic year we have focused on promoting positivity through our rewards programme. We are delighted to report that almost **190,000** positive points have been awarded to students doing the right thing which sets a great target for next year!

Duke of Edinburgh

Our intrepid explorers enjoyed navigating the Chilterns and camping out during the expedition stage of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students have worked hard completing the various challenges and Miss Evans-Brown is extremely proud of them all.

Celebrating Culture through Couture

Students dressed in style for our culture day and embraced the theme through sport and sparkles. From football shirts to stunning saris the school was ablaze with colour.

Parents in Partnership

Survey We will be analysing the responses and feedback to you at the start of the next academic year. Instead of a school credit we have issued a £50 Amazon voucher to the lucky winner drawn at random yesterday.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Nominations remain open until midday on **Monday 7th September**. Further information and nomination form can be located on our [website](#)

The partnership between parents, students and the school is what makes Barnhill so successful. I look forward to seeing all students meet the opportunities and challenges of the coming year; but, in the meantime, I hope that everyone is able to relax and enjoy a safe and restful summer holiday with family and friends.

Mr J Jones