

AUTUMN TERM

Senior Leadership Message

This edition: Ms Bertin, Deputy Headteacher

We are delighted to welcome our students and families back for the new academic year, and we are incredibly excited about what the year ahead will bring.

Following some fantastic outcomes at both GCSE and Sixth Form, we are proud of the achievements of our students and staff. These successes reflect the hard work, commitment and determination of our whole school community. As we look ahead, our ambition is to build on this strong foundation and continue to ensure that every student has the opportunity to flourish, achieve their potential and develop the confidence and character to succeed.

As students return to school, we would like to take this opportunity to reinforce our expectations around behaviour, conduct and readiness to learn. Our school community is built around four core values: **Respect, Wisdom, Aspiration and Community**. These values underpin everything we do and guide the way we expect every student to conduct themselves each day.

We expect all students to demonstrate these values through their everyday choices and behaviour. This includes:

- Arriving at school and lessons on time and fully prepared to learn.
- Using respectful and appropriate language at all times.
- Treating others, the school environment and school property with care.
- Listening to and following staff instructions.
- Taking responsibility for their actions and choices.
- Showing a positive attitude towards learning and embracing opportunities to succeed.
- Supporting others and contributing positively to our school community.

Maintaining high standards of behaviour and conduct is essential to creating a calm, purposeful and positive environment in which every student can learn, feel valued and thrive. We want our students to understand that these expectations are not simply rules to follow, but important habits and qualities that will support them throughout their education and into their future lives.

Students will be taken through these expectations in detail during their return to school. They will also receive a planner containing key reminders and information. We would encourage parents and carers to take some time to go through the planner and expectations with their child, reinforcing the importance of making positive choices and starting the year with the right mindset.

Working together is incredibly important. When school, students and families work in partnership, we create the strongest possible foundations for success. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

We wish all our students a very successful and positive year ahead. We cannot wait to see what they will achieve!

Useful Links

[Uniform & Equipment information](#)

Important Dates

Open Evening – Thursday 10th September 2026

School will close at **12:20pm** on this day to allow us to prepare the school for visitors considering Barnhill for the next academic year.

A letter was sent home with more detailed information and is attached [here](#). Some students will receive invitations to support the event subject to appropriate consent and must return permission slips by next Tuesday 8th September.

Parent Information Evenings

Y10 – Wednesday 16th September

Y12 – Thursday 17th September

Y7 – Meet the Tutor – Wednesday 23rd September

Y11 – Wednesday 30th September

Y8 & Y9 – Wednesday 14th October

Reminders

- Please let us know if you have **changed phone or email** address so we can keep our records up to date and reach you in the event of any emergency.
- Don't forget to download the **Edulink** app to ensure you don't miss any important communications.
- Please keep **ParentPay** accounts in credit to ensure your child can make purchases from the canteen if they choose.
- Any absence or notification of appointments should be sent via [Absento](#). You will need your email address that you use for school communications to log in.

If you need any assistance with the above, please email us Contact: enquiries@barnhill.school

***As we embark on a new school year,
here's hoping it brings all of our students
lots of new knowledge, skills and friendships.***