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Barnet Schools Dance Festival

A huge well done to our two very talented dance squads who performed in the Barnet Schools Dance Festival at Arts Depot on Wednesday.

Our students performed two different dances that were choreographed by students in Years 9 and 10, as well as taking part in the Finale Dance! Our students have rehearsed tirelessly to ensure they could execute their dances with precision and skill.

The first dance was 'Don't Stop the Music' and was a piece choreographed by Tanisha in Year 9. The piece aimed to celebrate the universal language of music and remind the audience that music has the ability to unite us all as it breaks barriers and transcends languages.

The second dance was a piece by our Year 10 students, Raya and Isabella.

The dance was called Shadow Symphony and was about two opposing sides who unite through music and dance. The piece was designed to celebrate inclusivity and togetherness.

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher & Teacher of PE



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share some wonderful updates from our school. Last week, our Year 9 students had the incredible to visit the Globe Theatre for a performance of 'Macbeth'. This trip was a fantastic experience for our students, allowing them to immerse themselves in Shakespeare's world and gain a deeper appreciation for his work. I would like to extend my thanks to Ms Bassington for organising this trip. Her effort made this trip a memorable one for all involved.

Our students have also been shining in extracurricular activities. Students performed exceptionally well at the Barnet Dance Festival. Their hard work, talent, and enthusiasm were evident in their performances, and they represented our school with pride. A special thank you goes to Ms Walt for her leadership and support in preparing our students for this.

Looking ahead, we have even more exciting events planned for our students. Next week, our Year 12 students will be attending a performance of 'Hamilton'. This trip promises to be an inspiring experience, offering our students a chance to enjoy a musical while learning about history and culture. Additionally, our Year 12 students will be visiting the UCAS fair to prepare for their university applications. This event will provide valuable information and guidance to help our students make informed decisions about their future paths.

As we approach the end of the term, our Year 10 students are gearing up for their mid-course assessments. We hope that everyone is revising diligently and preparing thoroughly for these important exams. It is crucial for our students to stay focused and organised during this period to achieve their best possible results. Parents, your support and encouragement are vital in helping your children succeed. Please ensure they have a quiet study space and a structured revision plan to aid their preparation.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to sharing more successes and exciting events with you in the coming weeks.

Warm regards,

Christopher Martin | Headteacher

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- **Monday 24 March** – Year 12 UCAS Fair Trip, London Excel
- **Wednesday 26 March** – Sixth Form Trip, Hamilton, Victoria
- **Thursday 3 April** – Year 7 Parents Evening
- **Friday 4 April** – End of Term – Students leave at 12.35pm
- Click [here](#) to access **Term Dates**

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Faith and Values in Our School Community

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, our Greek Orthodox school community is deeply engaged in reflection, prayer, and preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter. Lent is a time for us to draw closer to God, to seek forgiveness, and to renew our commitment to living out our faith in our daily lives.

One of the significant events we commemorate during Lent is the Annunciation, which is celebrated on 25 March 2025. The Annunciation marks the moment when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce that she would conceive and bear a son, Jesus Christ, who would be the Savior of the world. This profound event is a cornerstone of our faith, reminding us of God's infinite love and the miraculous nature of Christ's incarnation.

During Lent, our school community is encouraged to embrace the values of caring and forgiveness. These values are not only central to our faith but also essential for fostering a supportive and nurturing environment. As we reflect on the Annunciation, we are reminded of Mary's humility, obedience, and unwavering faith. Her response to God's call serves as an inspiration for us to live with compassion and grace.

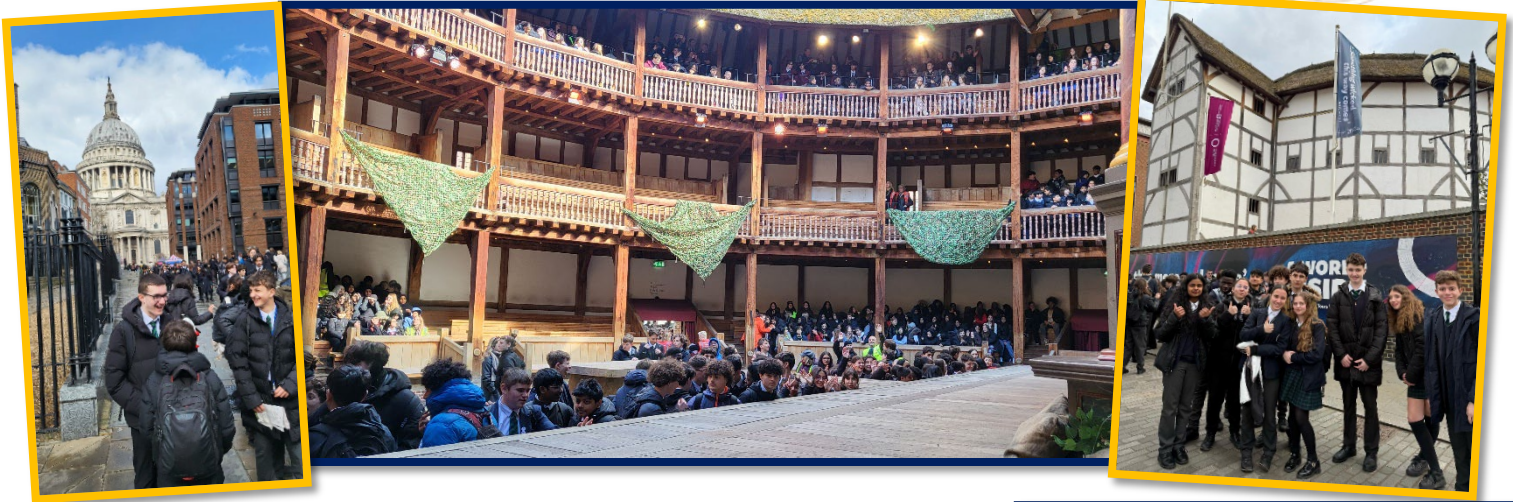
In our school, we strive to create an atmosphere where these values are evident in our interactions and relationships. We encourage our students to show empathy and kindness towards one another, to take responsibility for their actions, and to seek reconciliation when conflicts arise. By embodying these values, we strengthen our community and honour the teachings of Christ.

As we continue through Lent, our school has planned various activities and services to help our students and families deepen their faith. We are grateful to Father Damien for organizing church services at St Katherine's Church, where we will come together to worship and reflect on the significance of this holy season. These services provide us with an opportunity to connect with our faith and with each other, reinforcing the bonds that unite us as a community.

In addition to our spiritual activities, we encourage our students to engage in acts of charity and service during Lent. Whether it's volunteering, helping a neighbour, or simply offering a kind word, these actions reflect the love and compassion that Christ calls us to show. By serving others, we not only make a positive impact on our community but also grow in our own spiritual journey.

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us keep the Annunciation and the values of caring and forgiveness at the forefront of our minds and hearts. May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for all of us.

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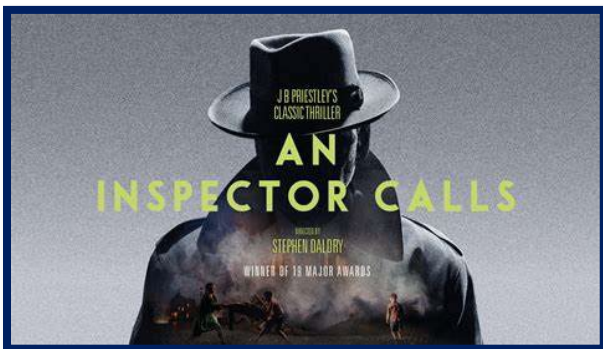


Year 9 Globe trip to see Macbeth

Last Friday ninety Year 9 students went to see the performance of ‘Macbeth’ at the Globe Theatre in central London. This open theatre is a replica of Shakespeare theatre, and allows to experience the atmosphere, laughter, gasps of horror and despair, just as the Elizabethan audience would more than 400 years ago. All students agreed it was an unforgettable experience to see the play they are currently studying in English brought to life with acrobatic stunts and dynamic fight scenes. This experience is not only an invaluable revision ahead of their ‘Macbeth’ assessment in the coming weeks but also lays foundation for GCSE Shakespeare study next year. All participating students showed high energy, enthusiasm and impeccable manners throughout, despite having standing tickets during the performance and two-hour journey back in the rush hour.



Mrs Bassington | Head of English



Revision of Core Literature Texts Through Theatre Productions

Watching ‘Romeo and Juliet’ or ‘An Inspector Calls’ live is a great way of revising the texts and getting an insight into different interpretations of them. Students tend to remember the plays more thoroughly and have more insightful responses if they see and hear it being performed on stage.

The following theatre productions of English Literature GCSE texts that are available in London this spring:

‘Romeo and Juliet’ production:

Many Year 10 students are already attending our English trip to see ‘Romeo and Juliet’ at Hackney Empire on 24 April; however, if your child is not attending, there are still tickets available for some evening performances; please follow this link to find out more: [Romeo and Juliet | Hackney Empire](#)

‘An Inspector Calls’:

Stephen Daldry production is back in London at New Wimbledon Theatre between 27-31 May 2025. Please follow this link to find out more: [An Inspector Calls Tickets | New Wimbledon Theatre in Greater London | ATG Tickets](#)

Mrs Bassington | Head of English

British Biology Olympiad

We are very proud of Year 12 Biologist Liana who was Commended in the 2025 British Biology Olympiad and Year 13 Biologist Natalia who received a Bronze award meaning she was in the top 30% of students in the country! Over 18,500 students competed this year completing two 45-minute papers covering familiar and novel topics across the entirety of biology from ecology to biotechnology.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science



British Science Week

Year 12 Biologists hearing from Dr Anne Lingford-Hughes for British Science Week who is a Professor of Addiction Biology at Imperial College. Dr Anne gave us an insight into her career journey through medicine and the different ways to approach patient care within medicine. She detailed the pathways within the brain which led to decision making and linked habit forming to potential treatments for addiction.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science

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Spelling Bee Final 2025

We are thrilled to announce that Elay claimed first place, with Rafaela and Emelia tying as joint second-place winners after a tense and challenging final round featuring some truly tough words.

A huge well done to all 19 finalists! The competition was so fierce that we had to expand the final round due to so many students achieving an incredible 20/20 in the first stage.

What stood out most was the unwavering support from the audience, who cheered each finalist on, and the resilience shown by all participants as they overcame their initial nerves to perform brilliantly.

A special thank you goes to the Year 12 students, whose hard work and dedication made this event possible.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science



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Year 7 Basketball

The Year 7 basketball team made the journey to London Academy on Tuesday 18 March. The team were playing their third game of the season in the league and looking to build upon the improvements made in the last two matches. The team lost a competitive match against a strong London Academy side. The side, however, continued to build upon the performances in recent matches, improving defensive strategy and positioning on the court. Congratulations to Kamil after being voted MVP by his teammates.

Mr Browell | Head of PE



Saracens Rugby Foundation

Year 9 students continued to enjoy the sessions being provided by Saracens Rugby Club each Monday. This week students developed knowledge and understanding of gaining territory and touch tackling. The following students have impressed coach Dan Carter with their enthusiasm, effort and ability, Ranya, Eve, Sofia and Emily.

Mr Browell | Head of PE

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Exciting times ahead!

Our senior leadership team recently toured our new site, and it was nothing short of inspiring. From exploring classrooms to amazing sports facilities, we could truly see the future of learning taking shape. The visit sparked exciting conversations about how these developments will transform our educational environment, equipping our students for a bright future.

We can't wait to see this vision come to life!



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Maths and Reading Leaderboard



Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin Y11	22568
2	Sofia Y11	18268
3	Zara 11	17380
4	Teshan Y11	16426
5	Luca Y11	16417
6	Katina Y10	16235
7	Yianni Y11	15737
8	Savan Y11	15189
9	Anna-Maria Y11	13936
10	Nicholas Y11	13927

Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform designed to support students in mastering maths skills. It offers a range of interactive resources, including video tutorials, practice questions, and step-by-step solutions across all key stages. The platform is used for weekly homework, allowing students to practise and reinforce topics covered in lessons. It also provides personalised feedback to help track progress.

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
Year 7		
1	Teshan	16426
2	Ayaz	6997
3	Dominic	6565
Year 8		
1	Aurelia	9753
2	Tia	9562
3	Zoe	8823
Year 9		
1	Andreas	12342
2	Sufyaan	11421
3	Alaya	11188
Year 10		
1	Luca	16417
2	Anna Maria	13936
3	Hana	13313
Year 11		
1	Kavin	22568
2	Sofia	18268
3	Zara	17380
Year 12		
1	Savan	14874
2	Christos	12227
3	Theo	11446
Year 13		
1	Gabriella	12450
2	Natalia	11803
3	Giorgio	8732

For revision, Dr Frost Maths is an excellent tool, with resources covering a wide variety of topics, past exam papers, and challenges to help students prepare effectively for assessments. Parents can also monitor their child's progress.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Dominic	27581
2	Anu	22543
3	Wealth	20202
4	Moyosoreoluwa	17555
5	Teshan	15631
6	Olivia	6464
7	Paria	6338
8	Anaya	6212
9	Idrees	5662
10	Michelle	4095

Sparx Reader is an online reading platform allowing students to regularly read books for pleasure. Everyday reading is not only a relaxing activity, but also allows students to expand their ideas, vocabulary and improve understanding of any text they will face in exams or as adults.

Sparx Reader offers students a choice of books at their reading level, as well as ensuring they read books with understanding by completing check-in questions along the way. The platform is used for KS3 English weekly homework; students need to achieve minimum 300 points each week (this equates to approximately 30 min of careful reading).

We are very pleased that many of our students exceed this target every week, with some top scorers achieving well above a thousand points a week. Since the launch of Sparx Reader a month ago, our KS3 students have completed amazing 3394 hours of careful reading and read altogether 1 books so far. Truly well done!

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2	Wealth	20202
3	Moyosoreoluwa	17555
Year 8		
1	Anu	22543
2	Olivia	6464
3	Anaya	6212
Year 9		
1	Paria	6338
2	Michelle	4095
3	Prajeeth	4069

Please ask your child what they are currently reading, and perhaps you can enjoy listening to them reading out loud a section of their current Sparx book.

Mrs Bassington | Head of English

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NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board
North Central London Health and Care Integrated Care System
BELS Barnet Education & Learning Service

Barnet’s Local Area SEND and AP Partnership Annual Survey for Parents and Carers


Aims of the survey:

- To hear from parents and carers of young people in Barnet with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or in alternative provision (AP).
- To help services in your local area understand what is working well and how we can improve support for children and young people.
- Redistributing this survey on an annual basis will help to identify whether responses to your suggestions for improvement have been effective.

*The survey will be open until Friday 25th of April
Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable feedback*

Click here for a link to the survey.

Or scan the QR code



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Autism Advisory Team: Parent/Carer & Professional Virtual Seminar

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

Are very pleased to welcome Autistic guest speaker:

Robyn Steward on Friendships and Social Connections

The online talks are free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register.

Where: Online via Zoom.

When: Tuesday 1st April at 10-11am Or Wednesday 2nd April at 6-7pm

Please register for **one talk only**.

For the **1st April 10am** talk please use this link to register;

[Robyn Steward 1st April 10am](#)

Or scan the QR code:



For the **2nd April 6pm** talk please use this link to register;

[Robyn Steward 2nd April 6pm](#)

Or scan the QR code:



About this talk:

Friendships and social connections can often be a challenge for Autistic people.

In this session Robyn Steward, an Autistic adult with 20 years’ experience of delivering training to parents and professionals, will talk about common difficulties and strategies to help Autistic young people with friendships and social communication.



Workshop	Date/Time	Sign-Up Link
BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child to Manage Difficult Emotions	Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm	BICS Family Minds: Supporting your Child to Manage Difficult Emotions Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite
BICS Family Minds: Understanding Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)	Date: Wednesday 30 April 2025 Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm	BICS Family Minds: Understanding Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite
BICS Family Minds: Understanding and Managing Anxiety Workshop	Part 1: Wednesday 4 June 2025 Time: 12:00pm - 13:30pm Part 2: Wednesday 11 June 2025 Time: 12:00pm - 13:30pm	BICS Family Minds: Understanding and Managing Anxiety Workshop Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite Please ensure that you sign up for both dates

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YOUNG BARNET FOUNDATION

Easter Campaign

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Donate Chocolate Eggs
- Donate a Book and Give the Gift of Reading
- Give a suggested donation of £1 and help brighten Easter for children who need it most!

Barnet Youth

Spring 2025

Free Spring Camps and Activities

Free trips to Laser Quest, Flip Out and Theatre

Fun Days
Science Shows, Magic Shows and Nerf battles

Volunteering
Could you be a Holiday Activity Volunteer?

barnetyouth.uk

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Partners: Barnet Council, Department for Education, BACE, POSITIVE RELATIVES, DE, BARNET LONDON BOROUGH

GROW HOLIDAY CLUB

FREE at the GROW Farm

For free school meal & looked-after children

Ages 9-13

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April
10am-2pm

Farm activities & games
Harvesting & cooking
Chicken care
Seed sowing
And more!

Sign up here

www.wearegrow.org / @wearegrow
The GROW Farm, The Tottenham Academy

HPV Vaccine Webinars

If you would like to find out more about the Year 8 vaccine which protects against human papillomavirus (HPV) please join us for one of the HPV webinars. The webinar will cover the following information:

- What is HPV?
- Why is the vaccine offered and who it is offered to?
- The impact the vaccine has worldwide
- Myths and concerns
- FAQs

The webinar is aimed at parents and school staff and questions will be welcomed at the end of the webinar. Students are welcome to attend to the session on the 26th of March which is after school hours (5-6pm).

We look forward to meeting you on Microsoft Teams as outlined below.

Monday 24th March 10-11am: [Webinar Link 10-11am](#) TEAMS Meeting ID: 336 282 445 888 Passcode: N8Kj2aa6

Tuesday 25th March 12-1pm: [Webinar Link 12-1pm](#) TEAMS Meeting ID: 390 016 409 643 Passcode: rc7R86zU

Wednesday 26th March 5-6pm: [Webinar Link 5-6pm](#) Meeting ID: 338 350 392 00 Passcode: 97YP2QF2

If you have any questions, please contact: Barnet@v-uk.co.uk or Enfield@v-uk.co.uk

Invigilators required at St Andrew the Apostle school

We are looking for enthusiastic and flexible Invigilators to join our team dedicated to managing all exams throughout the academic year. This role is perfect for individuals who are highly organized, vigilant and reliable. No previous invigilator experience required as full training is given. If you or someone you know is interested, please forward this message and apply via the link below.

[Exam Invigilator at St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School, London, | MyNewTerm](#)

Spring Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60-minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

Click here to Register

In the Spring Term, we'll cover:

1. How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking - 21st January @6:00pm
2. How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!) - 4th February @6:00pm
3. How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams - 11th March @6:00pm
4. How You Can Support Your Child During Exams - 25th March @6:00pm

Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.

Available on Google Play and the App Store.

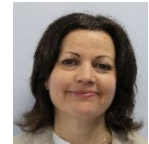
Studybugs

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Click for more information



Miss Walt



Mrs Viala



Mrs Poole

Parents: feeling too busy rushing around to find out what your son/daughter is learning at school? Check out the curriculum online on our website to find out more: [Curriculum](#)



[Click here](#) to view all Extracurricular club's schedule