

12th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I wish all children and their families the very best this holiday season. The Christmas holiday is always a time to reflect on the year that has passed and set ambitions for 2024. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members for your support of the school this year. Our vision is to make the school as good as it can be and this is only possible with the support of the community. Please see the details below for the events and arrangements for the end of this term and beginning of the New Year.

We have a number of events to celebrate as we prepare for the Christmas holidays:

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December

Students from all years may enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch on both Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December. Normal payment arrangements apply.

Winter Concert – Wednesday 13th December 7:00-8:00pm

Mr Taylor and Mr C Jones will host the annual Winter concert. Tickets are FREE but we ask you to pre-book via www.trybooking.co.uk/cwec. These are always such special evenings when students show their superb talents to the school community. Refreshments will be on sale prior to the start of concert.

Deep Learning Day – Tuesday 19th December

Students from all year groups will be engaged in many exciting trips, visits and in-school activities. Please ensure you have paid online via Parent Pay for your child's activities if required.

Sixth Form Last Day of Term – Wednesday 20th December

Sixth Form students will have their rewards and recognition assembly. Some Sixth Form students will be invited to attend school on Thursday 21st December so that the Sixth Form team can support them with their university applications.

Last Day of Term – Thursday 21st December

- ❖ Year 7 – 11 Students may come dressed in a 'Christmas Jumper' or cultural dress to share the great traditions of the many cultures that we celebrate at Barnhill. Students may choose to make a £1 donation which will be collected in form time. Proceeds from donations will go to charities nominated by the Student Parliament including Children in Need and in support of the Gaza crisis through Medecins Sans Frontieres.
- ❖ Rewards and recognition assemblies will be held for all year groups throughout the morning.

End of Term Arrangements – Thursday 21st December

Sixth Form students finish at the end of the school day on the 20th December. All other year groups finish on the 21st December at the following times and will be dismissed from their usual exit gates:

Year 7	11:50am
Year 8	12:10pm
Year 9	11:50am
Year 10	12:10pm
Year 11	11:40am



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School clubs

As part of our personal development offer, we have our [Character Curriculum](#) with a variety of clubs catering for a wide range of interests. Thank you to those staff who have given up their time to run them. Over 500 students on average are attending each week. If your child is not already a member of any clubs, do encourage them to see what's on offer. To join a club, students just need to turn up and give it a go!

Newsletter and news and events page

You can see all of the events and activities that take place at school on the school's website. The news and events section can be found [by clicking here](#).

UCAS

We are very proud of our sixth form students who continue to apply to university in large numbers. We hope to exceed last year's number of 93% of students going to university this year. We also have four students who have been selected to sit an 'Oxbridge' interview, we wish them the very best of luck.

The new year

We look forward to welcoming all students back on **Tuesday 9th January**. The day begins at the usual time of 8:15am and morning assemblies will be held during form time with Year 10 and Year 11. Assembly for Year 7, 8 and 9 will be held at the normal times later in the week.

I very much look forward to working with all families of Barnhill in 2024. May I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. Please do contact the school if you wish to discuss any matter regarding your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Jones
Headteacher

