



8th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn term draws to a close, it is a time to reflect on the past few weeks and consider the progress the students have made since the start of term, not just academically but also in their personal development.

Ofsted

As you know the school was visited by Ofsted to conduct their inspection in November. While the report has not yet been published, I am very pleased to report that the inspection team spoke with many students and attended many lessons and in all cases the students exhibited themselves very well indeed. As soon as the report is published, I will share this with all parents and carers.

Leading up to the end of term, we have a number of events to celebrate as we prepare for the Christmas holidays:

Christmas Lunch

Students may enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch as follows:

Tuesday 13th December – Years 7, 8, 9 and VIth Form

Wednesday 14th December – Years 10 and 11

Normal payment arrangements apply.

Thursday 15th December

- Students may come dressed in a 'Christmas Jumper' and may also choose to make a £1 donation (which will be collected at the gate in the morning). Proceeds will go to charities nominated by students including Dementia UK and Help the Homeless Hillingdon.
- Later that day we celebrate our end of Autumn term tradition with 'Barnhill's Got Talent'. Students (and some staff!) perform to the school.

Winter concert – Thursday 15th December 7.00-8.00pm

Mr Taylor and Mr C Jones host another Winter concert. Tickets are FREE but we ask you to pre-book via trybooking.co.uk/BZVF. 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.

Cultural dress day – Friday 16th December

Cultural dress day. Students have a marvellous chance to share the great traditions of the many cultures that we celebrate at Barnhill.

End of term arrangements

Sixth form students finish at the end of the school day on the 15th December. All other year groups finish on the 16th December at the following times:

Year 11	11.40am
Year 9	11.50am
Year 8 & Year 10	12.00am
Year 7	12.10 noon



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!

Student detentions

Please remind your children to be on time to their lessons. Any child who is late to class in January will be issued with a detention. Parents will receive a text message notifying them when a detention has been set.

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 88% of students going to university this year. We also have six 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 **Wednesday 4th January**. The day begins at the usual time.

I very much look forward to working with all families of Barnhill in 2023. 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

