

A Welcome from your Teachers and Support Staff

Ms Wheeler – Raising Standard Leader for Key Stage 3

Hello, Year 7, and a huge welcome to Barnhill, I am looking forward to meeting you all! As Raising Standards Leader part of my role is to make sure that you are doing the best you can be in all your subjects. Secondary school means working hard if you want to succeed. Remember though that academics is only a part of your time at Barnhill, you will also have time to make friends, to join clubs and extra-curricular activities and get involved in the wider life of the school. Starting secondary school is a hugely exciting, and rather nervous time as you face lots of unknowns. We have planned a fantastic start for you, to get you settled in, meeting your teachers and learning. Just remember that everyone is probably as nervous as you are! Looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you all over your time at Barnhill.

Mr Gaddu – Head of Year 8

Dear Year 7, it is with great pleasure I introduce myself to you. I name is Mr Gaddu, I am a Health and Social Care teacher (a subject that you might study later in Year 9) and I oversee Year 8's. My job involves making sure all Year 8 are happy in school and are achieving their full potential. I am a part of your Key stage so I am sure we will meet at some point. Looking forward to meeting you and welcome to Barnhill School.

Mrs Mohamed – SENDCo

Dear Year 7, my name is Mrs Mohamed and I am the SENDCo at Barnhill. My job is to make sure to support any pupils who have additional needs and need support to help them in their learning journey. If you do feel you need any extra help do come and find me and I would be more than happy to see what we can do to make your learning is enjoyable and yet rewarding.

Mrs C Gibbons -Deputy SENDCo

Welcome Year 7. My name is Mrs Gibbons and I am the Deputy SENDCo here at Barnhill. I hope you settle in quickly and am sure you will find everyone friendly and very willing to help you. If you have any questions, all of us here are happy to assist you in any way we can. I can be found in the SEND department, just by the library. I will certainly be working with some of you next year and look forward to meeting you all.

Mr Potts – Head of Performing Arts

Hi, My Name is Mr Potts, and I am the Course Leader for Performing Arts. I manage Music, Drama and Dance and teach Music. I'd love to hear what you have done in Performing Arts in the past. Would you like to learn to play an instrument, or do you play one already? We have lessons in drums, violin, cello, trumpet, guitar, saxophone, flute, clarinet and singing available to try out when you start in September. I also manage whole-school Enrichment in school. Have a look on our website under transition-> Enrichment. I'm looking forward to arranging some wonderful trips and adventures for you, and I will see you all in assembly when we have special VIPs coming into school to give talks and workshops! You can find me in F48 or at break in the yard, and I look forward to meeting you.

Mr Macauley -Curriculum Leader for Science

I am very excited to welcome all of you to the science department at Barnhill. Science is at the heart of what students study here. Throughout your science lessons, you will learn key concepts which underpins scientific ideas, use of models to explain phenomena, generating and testing theories using your own creativity.

We will also be doing lots of fun experiments that get you questioning 'how stuff works' by critically analysing and evaluating evidence from observations. You will also get the chance to examine the ethical and moral implications of using and applying your skill and knowledge in everyday life. Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Miss Maughan - Senior Deputy Curriculum Leader of Science

Hello Year 7 and welcome to Barnhill School! I am one of the science teachers here and my specialism is Chemistry! Chemistry looks at how chemicals react with one another and helps us to understand many things in the world around us! Over your time in Barnhill you will learn about many different reactions and you will have lots of opportunities to carry experiments out! If you have any interesting science facts, please come and share them with me when you get to school. Have a great summer.

Ms Silveira – Teacher of Science

Hi everyone! Welcome to Barnhill School :) My name is Ms Silveira and I am a Science Teacher. I have loved science since I was a child and was always curious about how things work around us. It is worth mentioning that I also love teaching science. I am really excited to work with you in the near future and teach you about so many interesting things.

Miss Kaur- Science teacher:

Dear Year 7, my name is Miss Kaur and I am one of the Science teachers at Barnhill. Many of you will have me as your Science Teacher when you start here in September. I am beyond excited to welcome you all at Barnhill Community High.

Miss Dale – PE Teacher and Head of Year 10

Hi Year 7, my name is Miss Dale and I am a PE teacher and Head of Year 10 at Barnhill. My job is to make sure you enjoy Physical Education and create a love of physical activity that will last you a lifetime. I am also in charge of all Year 10 students. Please do find me if you have any questions, you will be able to find me down near the PE changing rooms or at the Key Stage 4 office. I can also be found on duty in the playground most lunches.

Mr Clarke - Head of History

Welcome to Barnhill, new students in Year 7. I look forward to working with you and pushing you to achieve your full potential. My room is SO1, and my door is always open. Feel free to knock and ask me anything History related. Keep reading.

Mrs Arjoon – Access Department

A warm and friendly welcome to Barnhill- an excellent choice to the start of your secondary journey. You will find all the support and care you need in a new school. There are great opportunities for all kind of learners with different talent and skills. My Department works with small groups of Year 7 students and offers a very creative and fun way of teaching with a very safe and nurturing environment. I am looking forward to meeting you all in the New Year.

Mrs Martincevic - Prince's Trust Teacher and SEND Specialist Programmes Manager

Welcome to Barnhill. My name is Mrs Martincevic and I do many different jobs within the school. I teach a subject based around communication and key skills from Year 9 and also work with some Year 7 students to help improve these skills during the first couple of years at Barnhill. Some of you might also have me as your music teacher. I look forward to meeting you all in September, have a lovely summer.

Mrs H Newell - Deputy Curriculum Leader of Business:

Hi Year 7, I am Mrs Newell and I work in the Business and IT department. My main job is teaching Business to the older children in the school that are taking their GCSE's and A-Level's but I also teach some Year 7 IT classes so I might be your IT teacher! My classroom is one of the IT suites G62 so if you ever need to use a computer to complete your homework, then pop in and say Hi. I look forward to welcoming you to Barnhill.

Mrs Gabriel – Inclusion Manager & Teacher of Dance

Hi Year 7 and welcome to Barnhill! My name is Mrs Gabriel, I am a teacher of Year 7 & 8 Dance and I am also the Inclusion Manager. My role as the Inclusion Manager, is to ensure you receive any mentoring and interventions, supporting you in any pastoral issues you may have. My office is on the ground floor, next to the Staff room.

Mrs Dixon – Pastoral Support Manager for Key Stage 4

Hello and welcome Year 7. My name is Mrs Dixon and I am the Pastoral Manager for Key Stage 4. My job is to help students with any problems they have. You will see me outside of the school gates every morning welcoming you into school. Please come and say “hi” I really look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Smith - Thinking Reading Coordinator/Librarian

Hi Year 7, my name is Mrs Smith and I am the librarian and run a reading intervention at Barnhill, this involves me working with some students individually to ensure that everyone can access all the content of their lessons. Please do come and find me in the library once you arrive and tell me what you enjoy reading. I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Calaca – Raising Standards Leader for Key Stage 4

Dear Year 7, my name is Ms Calaça and I am part of the Raising Standards Team in our School for KS4. My specialism is in Psychology and Sociology and these are the main subjects I teach at the school. I do also teach RE so I might come across some of you next year in our classroom. Hope you're all excited about your transition into the new school. I look forward to hear about your aspirations as well as your likes and dislikes. See you soon.

Mr Shepard – Head of Year 12 & 13 & Teacher of PE

Dear year 7, I hope you are well. My name is Mr Shepherd and I teach Physical Education. My job is to provide you with engaging and exciting activities in PE. I am really looking forward to meeting you all for some exciting PE lessons and Sporting activities.

Mr Church - Curriculum Leader Business

Hello Year 7, welcome to Barnhill! My job here is to lead the Business courses we offer here, and there are quite a few. You wouldn't study Business until at least year 9, but if you would ever like to talk

about business and technology, business ideas you have had, or businesses you have run in primary school, you can find me in G66!

Mrs Ahmed -Science Technician

Dear Year 7, My Name is Mrs Ahmed and I am an experienced Science Technician at Barnhill. My job is to make sure that the resources for all of the exciting practicals in science are ready, to make sure you get a good experience of all science subjects that you can achieve of your ambitions to become a future scientist. You can find me in G91 the prep room.

Mrs Jose- Teaching Assistant

Dear Year 7, my name is Mrs Jose and I have been a teaching assistant at Barnhill for over 15 years. I would like to welcome you all and I look forward to helping you settle down when you join us in September. Until then take care.

Mrs Raychaudhuri- Mentoring & Welfare Assistant

Hi Year 7, my name is Mrs Raychaudhuri and I am a Mentoring and Welfare Assistant at Barnhill. I am so looking forward to meeting you all. My job here is to make sure that any barriers do not get in the way of your studies so that you can achieve in the future. I am excited for you to experience a positive and fruitful time here at Barnhill. You can find me in the Referral Room, which is on the ground floor, across from the staffroom.

Mr Reid – 2nd in Charge of the PE Department

Dear New Year 7 students - Barnhill School is such a welcoming place and we can't wait to meet our new students.

Mrs Castry – Head of Department of Languages

Bonjour Year 7. The Language Department would like to welcome you to Barnhill. We are looking forward to teaching next year.

Mrs Bond- Cover Supervisor

Hello Year 7's to be! My name is Mrs Bond, which is an easy name to remember. A few people ask me if I am married to James Bond, but I am not. He, he. I have been at this school for 6 years now and I support the teachers and students throughout the school day. I am a cover supervisor. I enjoy taking part in the variety of lessons we have in the school. I am excited, and I am looking forward to getting to know you all when you begin a new journey into secondary school with us. Take care of yourselves and I hope to see you in September.

Mr Clapham – French teacher

Hi Year 7! My name is Mr Clapham and I am one of the French teachers here at Barnhill. I also work with the 'achievement team' for Key Stage 4, but you won't have to worry about that for another couple of years! I hope to see you around the school soon, au revoir!

Miss S Bhandari – Dance Teacher

Dear Year 7, my name is Miss Bhandari and I am Dance teacher at Barnhill. My job here is to make sure you get to study Dance which is a very exciting and fun subject. I also ensure that you get to experience various dance styles and skills. Please do come and find me once you arrive and tell me if you have any previous experience or if you have any queries about Dance. I am super excited to see you experience dance at Barnhill. You can find me in the big and amazing dance studio and say hi if you see me around.

Miss Michael - English Teacher

Hello Year 7. My name is Miss Michael and I'm an English teacher at Barnhill. I can't wait to meet you all and hear your ideas about all of the exciting books we read in English lessons. I know that the idea of moving to secondary school might be scary right now, but once you're here, you're going to love it! Please do feel free to come and introduce yourselves to me when you get here. You should be excited about what the future holds for you all.

Mr Pilkington – Drama Teacher

Welcome to Barnhill Year 7, I am Mr Pilkington, Teacher in charge of Drama. This year is an exciting one for you with so many changes and interesting opportunities. One of those is to get to do Drama and for some of you this may be the first time. Drama is about working with others, being creative, having fun and being loud (how many other lessons can say that!) Some of you may be a little tentative at first but be assured that by the end of the first term you will feel right at home in my lessons. I look forward to teaching you 😊

Miss Bhachu – Teacher of Mathematics

Dear Year 7, my name is Miss Bhachu and I am a maths teacher at Barnhill. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and teaching you the fascinating topics that you will cover in mathematics this academic year.

Mr Berchie – Mathematics Teacher

I look forward to meeting you and discussing maths and its applications in the future. Don't hesitate to stop by for a chat or if you have question you need answering.

Mr Wallace - Head of Social Sciences

Welcome, new Barnhill students! I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you in lessons, and around the school. I hope you're excited to be joining the Barnhill community, learning new things, meeting new friends, and taking advantage of all the amazing things on offer here. My room is S13 so come and say hello, or ask questions about Philosophy, religion or anything on your mind. See you soon!

Mr Yates – English Teacher

Hi Year 7! My name's Mr Yates. I teach English, and I'm also in charge of Gifted and More Able (GAMA) and some other things like university applications and Extended Projects for the Sixth Form. I've been teaching here since 2017, and since then I've filled F05 with books written across the last two thousand years, as well as a few posters to do with hip-hop and long-distance running - my other two great loves. If I'm not in F05, I'm in the office I share with Mr Khan near the Sixth Form Study Centre (by the Food Tech rooms), or out on duty somewhere. Come and find me for a chat at any stage!

Mrs Clark- Mathematics Teacher

Welcome Year 7 to Barnhill community high school! My Name is Mrs Clark and I teach Maths and Design Technology. I am looking forward to meeting you all next year and supporting you throughout your Barnhill journey alongside the first-class teaching experience that you are about to embark on.

Mr Watts – Curriculum Leader for Mathematics

Welcome Year7. My name is Mr Watts and I oversee the Maths department. My role in the school is to make sure you are in the correct maths sets and that you are taught all the topics needed in mathematics to be successful. We take part in a national maths challenge every year so all those keen on Math quizzes let me know. I am a huge sports fan, doesn't matter what it is but coming from Australia I do love Rugby Union and Cricket, I am also a Manchester United Supporter. You will often find me around the maths department or in the playground on duty during breaks and lunches so come and say hello.

Ms Swain- History teacher

Hi Year 7! My name is Miss Swain and I am one of the History teachers at Barnhill. The aim of the History department is to challenge you to think about the world and your place in it. I'm always incredibly impressed by the ideas that the new Year 7s bring to the table, and I can't wait to hear your thoughts, particularly in this period of time. If you want to come and say hello you can find me in S15, otherwise I will see you in the classroom.