

24th May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing with important details of the upcoming summer half term. I hope that you are all enjoying the summer weather and that your child is enjoying and learning at Barnhill Community High School. We are always very interested in the views of our parents, so please do get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.

It is a busy time with the formal examinations taking place for students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form. We wish them all the very best of luck. I am sure that all their hard work and support will see them do very well on their results days this summer.

Please note the important dates for the remainder of this academic year.

5th June – partial school closure, except students taking exams

For students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, the school will be closed on the 5th June. *However, **all Year 11 students and any Sixth Form students taking exams must attend as per the instructions below.***

We are pleased to be able to offer specialist revision classes, which **all** students should attend.

All Year 11 students should arrive at the normal school time.

Year 11 Students – all arrive at the normal time	08:20am	GCSE Spanish Writing	Formal examination
	08:20am	Maths examination revision	Revision session for all Year 11 students, from 08:20am until 13:00pm.
	12:10	Geography examination revision	Revision session for all Year 11 students who take geography GCSE. The session will run from 12:10pm until 13:00pm.
	12:50pm	History examination revision	Revision session for all Year 11 students who take history GCSE. The session will run from 12:50pm until 14:50pm.
	13:00pm	GCSE Geography	Formal examination



Sixth form students taking the following exams should arrive at the times detailed below:

Sixth Form Students	08:20am	A Level Maths	Formal examination
	08:20am	A Level German	Formal examination
	12:50pm	A Level History	Formal examination

2nd July – Year 6 induction day

We are delighted to be welcoming the year 6s who will be joining Barnhill next September to their induction day. It is always an exciting time for the school and I am sure that we all remember our first visit to our secondary school. Barnhill will be their home for the next five to seven years, so we want their start to be as enjoyable and welcoming as possible. To make this possible, students in years 7 and 8 will have a study day on the 2nd July and will thus not be in school. They will be given key reading tasks to complete so that their learning continues.

Police message – Knife crime in London

The following message is from our local Police Safety Officer

I am sure you have all read with horror the terrible assaults and even murders that have been committed in recent years using knives. At Barnhill, we work very closely with the Police force and we appreciate the support that they give to our students. Although we are fortunate not to have an issue with violence or knife carrying in our school, we are committed to the safety of our students and seek to do all we can to continue this. With the current issues with knife crime facing the country, our safer schools officer has asked that we reach out to you as parents to be vigilant in your homes. If any knives go missing from your kitchen – or any part of your home – please do take it seriously. Most knife crimes are committed using kitchen and domestic knives taken from the home.

The police are undertaking their use of stop and search and carrying out undercover operations in local shops to prevent knives being sold to those under 18, however most weapons which are seized come from home. Any child found to be in possession of a knife in school will be permanently excluded from the school.

If you have any concerns, we urge you to contact the school as a matter of urgency. If you wish, we could also pass you details on to our Safer Schools Officer who would be happy to speak with you and offer advice as well.





Yeading Lane shopping arcade

As you know, there is a local shopping arcade that is approximately 500 meters from the school on Yeading Lane. Sadly, the school has received a small number of complaints from local residents as to the conduct of some students while at those shops. I would like to encourage you to speak with your children and reinforce the need for high standards of behaviour while in public. Students are aware that the school's rules apply at all times; whether students are on the school site or not. It is also very important that students conduct themselves well while wearing their school uniform.

I would also add that the local shopping arcade is also a place where other members of the community gather. We have had reports from students and the police that there have been some undesirable influences there at times. School staff and the safer school police officers do monitor the arcade, but they cannot be there every day. I would encourage all students to go directly home and not gather at the shops at the end of the day. Please speak with your child in regard to this.

Barnhill Community High School Governors

We are very fortunate to have a team of very dedicated and highly skilled governors who help the school a great deal. If you have any expertise in education, finance, human resources or the law and would like to become a governor, please do contact me directly. My email address is jjones@barnhill.school. I would also like to add my note my thanks to the governing body for their superb ongoing support of the school and its staff and students.

A final note

As a final note this half term, please accept my thanks for all the wonderful support that you provide the school. The overwhelming majority of our students are a pleasure to work with and we value the positive impact they bring to the school and the community. I hope that you all have a restful half term.

Mr J Jones

Head of School

