Friern Barnet School Newsletter

'Enjoy and Excel'

Spring 2, 2024

https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/



Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas seems long gone and spring is in the air. It has been a busy term; it is now time for a holiday and a rest.

The Ofsted report is due to be published very soon. I will ensure you will all get to see a copy. I would like to thank everyone for their support before and during the inspection. The Lead Inspector described us as a 'welcoming and friendly school' where staff are committed to ensuring all students benefit from a good education.

When it comes out you will find many positive comments to enjoy reading, as well as a couple of areas to work on. Students, parents, carers, governors and staff should feel proud of what we have managed to achieve. The inspection celebrated so many strengths of the school.

The summer term will be another busy term. There are many activities, trips and events coming up. This includes the start of the GCSEs for year 11 students. I will leave you with a poem that welcomes in the spring. Read it aloud to yourself and each other. It will make you feel good.

> Today by Billy Collins If ever there were a spring day so perfect, so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze that it made you want to throw open all the windows in the house

> and unlatch the door to the canary's cage, indeed, rip the little door from its jamb, a day when the cool brick paths and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight that you felt like taking a hammer to the glass paperweight on the living room end table, releasing the inhabitants from their snow-covered cottage so they could walk out, holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white, well, today is just that kind of day.

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If you require a copy of our newsletter in large print please contact the main office on 020 83682777

Simon Horne Head Techer

Attendance

Attendance matters

Attendance is an incredibly important part of ensuring the continued academic success of our students. We look forward to your continued support.

Here is a reminder about the expectations of attendance for the school year.

Late Arrivals

Parents and carers, we need your help encouraging your child to leave home in sufficient time to ensure that they arrive to school by 8:30am to avoid being late! Students arriving between 8:40am – 9:00am must go to their form class to be registered.

Students arriving after 9:00am

Students arriving after 9:00am will go directly to Student Services to sign in before receiving a late slip. Arrivals after 9:30am will be classed as unauthorised absences and <u>six in a four week period</u> will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) being issued.

Please Note:

Absences can only be authorised by the school. Calling the school informs us of why your child is absent and the school will decide which code is appropriate. Medical evidence will need to be provided in order to avoid receiving a FPN before or after a school holiday.

Back gate

Please note, the back gate on Crescent Road shuts at 8:40am until the end of the school day. Students who arrive after 8:40am will be asked to walk around to the front entrance on Hemington Avenue.

Punctuality to lessons

In order to maximise learning time it is vital that students are punctual to their lessons. Poor punctuality to lessons is very disruptive to learning. If you have a text from the pastoral team explaining that your child was late to any lessons, please take the time to speak to your child about the importance of this.

Monitoring your child's attendance on Firefly

To help you keep track of your child/children's attendance, you can monitor attendance, lates, authorised and unauthorised absences on Firefly.

Attendance procedures

If your child has a cough or a cold, please send them to school with tissues and a water bottle. We will contact home and offer a paracetamol if required.

If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please call student services before 8:45am. If your child has a medical appointment during the day, please inform student services of the appointment in advance and supply them with a copy of the appointment letter/appointment card. **Missing registration should be avoided.**

Have a wonderful break.

Ms S Thomas

Assistant Head Teacher and Head of Year 10 (i/c of attendance)

Business



Our Year 10 Business students have taken part in another successful 10 x Challenge.

This is where students are given a pledge of £10 to start their own business. The end goal is to make as much profit as possible. We had a variety of enterprises ranging from

confectionary to handmade crafts. These budding entrepreneurs have worked hard in creating research materials, organising resources, and creating marketing materials. They then sold their items at a trade fair on Friday 22 March 2024 during both lunch breaks.

Well done to all the students who took part. They get to choose what they do with their own profits, some have chosen to give a portion to charity, and some have chosen to buy chicken and chips.

1st Place - Bracelet 4 us 2nd Place - Crepe Factory 3rd Place—Spin the wheel



Creative Arts



Follow us on: @friernbarnetschool and @fbs_dance

Tuition

LAMDA

More information about the benefits of doing LAMDA is available here: <u>https://friernbarnet.fireflycloud.net/</u> resource.aspx?id=94206&officeint=on

1-1 Instrument Tuition

Thank you to those who have booked for next term. The new timetable will be available outside the music room and added onto Firefly.

For more information please contact the Creative arts office.

English

FBS Parent-Staff Book Club!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in book club so far this year – it's not too late to join!

If you think you might be interested, please come along to the next event on **Tuesday 7 May at 6.00pm** in the LRC, where we'll be discussing 'Termush' by Sven Holm. There will be refreshments and an opportunity for socializing too.

Do come and say hello, regardless of your experience with reading – all are welcome! It will be a chance for you to meet other parents and get to know the staff even better. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

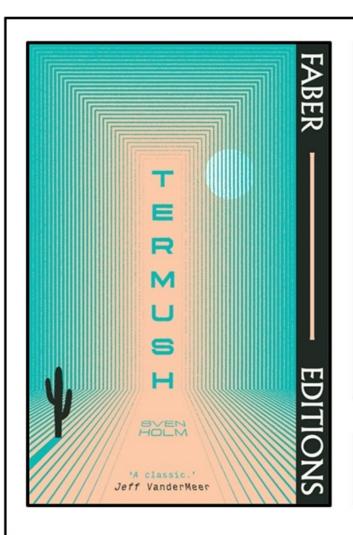
Miss Admoni, Head of English



Future book club meeting dates for your diaries from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the LRC:

Tuesday 7 May 2024

Tuesday 9 July 2024



Welcome to Termush: a luxury coastal resort like no other. All the wealthy guests are survivors: preppers who reserved rooms long before the Disaster. Inside, they embrace exclusive radiation shelters, ambient music and lavish provisions; outside, radioactive dust falls on the sculpture park, security men step over dead birds, and a reconnaissance party embarks.

Despite weathering a nuclear apocalypse, their problems are only just beginning. Soon, the Management begins censoring news; disruptive guests are sedated; initial generosity towards Strangers ceases as fears of contamination and limited resources grow. But as the numbers – and desperation – of external survivors increase, amidst this moral fallout, they must decide what it means to forge a new ethical code at the end (or beginning?) of the world ...

The day we came up from the shelters four people were found dead on the steps of the hotel.

English continued

Young City Poets 2024

Young City Poets is the National Literacy Trust's annual poetry writing programme, which helps to inspire students to write poetry of their own, based on the city around them and a specific iconic London cultural venue. Over the course of the programme, students meet to write together, learn from their teachers as well as a professional poet, visit a venue in London, all culminating in some of their poems being published in an anthology to be shared nationwide.

6 students from FBS are currently participating in the programme, which commenced in February this year. Alongside regular workshops with me about 'all things poetry', the group attended a site visit to the London Metropolitan Archives on 5 March. During our visit, students were treated to a private viewing of the poetry archive, as well the opportunity to handle primary sources, such as original war diaries and ration books from the 1940s. Using inspiration from the trip, students will go away and work on poems inspired by these individual objects, as well as the city itself. I look forward to reading their drafts and seeing their final pieces. I also want to commend the students on being an absolute credit to the school on the trip – they were a real joy to spend the day with! Well done!









Young City Poets – Theresa Lola workshop

Since their trip to the London Metropolitan Archives earlier this month, the Young City Poets group have been meeting to discuss the foundations of poetry including poetic forms; writing in character and playing with sounds. Students have engaged with writing activities, which have helped to ignite ideas and suggest alternatives for those who had the dreaded writers' block! Alongside the workshops, students have been completing a lot of independent writing, which is commendable.

A few weeks and a few poem drafts later, the group participated in a workshop with Theresa Lola, a professional poet (In Search of Equilibrium– Nine Arches Press 2019). Theresa challenged students to think about including more personal responses in their poems, and she was really impressed by the dedication and creativity on display, particularly noting that this group of students were not only creative in their ideas and word choices, but seemed to write with ease and flair. A huge well done to all who took part.

Students will now be working on producing their final drafts in order to submit them for publication in a national poetry anthology. Good luck poets!

Miss Admoni Head of English





English continued

Romeo and Juliet: A Modern Production for a Classic and Traditional Play

Thursday 7th of March marked a memorable excursion for most year 9s as we ventured into Central London to witness the timeless Shakespearean classic, 'Romeo and Juliet' at the renowned Globe Theatre. Approaching the historic venue, its Elizabethan charm is juxtaposed against the modern urban backdrop of London and the scattered skyscrapers.

As we settled in our seats within the Globe's structure, the stage revealed a blend of tradition and innovation. Lots of the year 9s were surprised to find out that the performance was not a vast reenactment of Shakespeare's world but a reconstruction of the play that unified modern elements without deserting the play's classical essence.

The characters dressed in contemporary clothing which mirror today's fashion trends, brought a fresh vibrancy to the stage. The Montagues and Capulets, originally part of an old-fashioned feud, started facing problems similar to those in today's society. The ancient conflict evolved into a representation of modern rivalries, but the enduring themes of love, conflict and tragedy still connected with people through the ages.

The play cleverly used phones as key props, seamlessly integrating them into the story. Characters often communicated using their devices but would only speak in Shakespearean English; although this twist made the play more modern, it still kept the play's traditional nature. This balance preserved the essence of Shakespeare's masterpiece while also appealing to modern audience tastes.

The soundtrack which combined classical and contemporary music, was played live using a variety of instruments within the theatre. The harmonious blend of old and new contributed to an immersive and enriching experience.

Leaving the Globe Theatre, we were left in awe how the play skilfully balanced ideas of tradition but also added modern highlights. It showed Shakespeare's enduring power, proving his themes remain relevant in today's world of technology. The day was not just a journey into literary history, but a celebration of Shakespeare's plays and how they are kept alive through various change.

By Kamelia, Year 9



Read all about it.....

FBS Trumpet, the student newsletter is going from strength to strength. The newsletter has kept the student body informed about the events in and outside school, reviewing them and providing entertaining reading.

The reporters for the newsletter are from all year groups. These young reporters have shown passion and enthusiasm for various topics and events covered in the newsletter. Although most of the reporters are part of the Able and Ambitious group, writing for the newsletter is open to all members of the student body.

The hope is that the group and the project will continue to grow and extend its influence beyond the school boundaries.

Mr Mawere, Deputy Head of English

National Storytelling Week

As part of the national storytelling week, the LRC hosted teachers and students reading their favourite fiction stories. Mr Lee and Mr Reilly joined us and students loved listening to them! Some of the extracts included 'The Sign of Four', 'Macbeth', 'When Stars are Scattered' and 'Harry Potter'- among others. It was fun to hear why students chose their books and why a particular extract was meaningful to them. Overall, it was an enjoyable and fun event!



Mathematics



Gold Awards in Year 10

Congratulations to Mohammad who achieved a Gold Award in the recent UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Zahir has also earned a place in the Kangaroo 2024 follow-on round on the 21 March.

Silver Awards

Also, congratulations to the Silver Award winners who were Conor, Niket, Balint, Mai and Nathan.

Bronze Awards

Further congratulations to Behrad, Tasin, Rizwan, Emily Raphy, Andreia, Davide, Karol, Mikaela, Maia and Nazar.

LRC

Wellbeing

Resilient Schools Information

Looking after your mental health through the school holidays:

- Remember to download the <u>Kooth</u> app onto your phone if you need online support
- If you or someone you know is struggling, then please speak to an adult and/or book an appointment with your GP. Remember it is OK to not be OK, it is not a sign of weakness! Ask for help.
- Take a look at our school website for support with mental health and wellbeing: Support for Mental Health and Wellbeing - Friern Barnet School - (leaflet can be found in different languages)

Stay safe and know that there is lots of support available if you need it.

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Kooth is here, year round. Even when schools are out.



Find support for your mental wellbeing, no matter what's on your mind.

Visit kooth.com today

BICS - Supporting Children and Young People's Wellbeing and Mental Health Service to children, young people and families in the borough.

If you are struggling with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties, contact us them for help if you live in the borough or attend a Barnet school.

Please click on the link for further information: About BICS | Barnet Council



Top tips on how to talk to your children about their feelings

It can be so tricky to bring up difficult topics, and talking about emotions wit your children can sometimes feel more than a little daunting for parents and carers. You may worry about saying the wrong thing, making your child feel uncomfortable, and even worry about making them feel worse. But the fact you want to explore emotions with your child is enough, even if sometimes i doesn't go as you planned!

Here are some handy tips on how you could begin talking to your children about their feelings.

Guidance for parents

Keeping your child safe online

Please refer to our school website where parents can access useful websites on how to keep your child safe:

Safeguarding and E-Safety - Friern Barnet School -



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High Achievers Awards for Spring 2024









		Art		
Kazuki	Yulia	Ersida	Andreia	Olivia
7A	8F	9A	10A	11F
		Business	-	
			Niket	Leo
			10F	11B
		Computing		
Joelle	Ollie	Zara		
7A	8D	9A		
		Computer Science		
		•	Mohammed	Krysiah
			10B	, 11C
		Dance	-	-
Ella-Rose	Evie	Sarina	Cienna	Jacob
7A	8E	9A	10A	11E
		Design and Technology		
Denisa	Mert	Amadea	Myah	Daniel
7E	8D	9E	10F	11B
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Linda	Ava	Emma	Kenechukwu	Kaan
7A	8A	90	10D	11A
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			10F	11E
		French	101	TIL
Morola	Natalie	Olivia	Vanessa	Maya
7C	8B	9A	10B	11A
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Rose	Thomas	Anagha	Orges	Farhaan
7F	8B	9B	10	11D
		History		
Vivienne	Emily	Ashley	Ana	Teona
7E	8C	9A	10C	11E
		Learning Support		
Charlotte	Zack	Christos	Caiden	Ryley
7D	8B	9B	10B	11C
		Mathematics		
Ayana	Erin	Conor	Balint	Emily
7E	8F	9B	10F	11A
		Media Studies		
			Grace	Науа
			10D	11C
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High Achievers Awards for Spring 2024









		Music		
An Xin	Cleo	Yuka	Cole	Carman
7 B	8A	9B	10B	11B
		PE		
Alexander	Martin	Куга	Michael	Sienna
7B	8D	9D	10C	11A
Ayax	Vanessa	Evente	Sumaya	Ishak
7D	8D	9D	10C	11C
		Religious Studies		
Lena	Maggie	Nirvana	Lyra	Isla
7D	8A	9C	10B	11A
		Science		
Safa	Avantica	Kamelia		
7D	8B	9C		
		Combined Science		
			Kelsy	Rejana
			10A	11F
		Biology		
			Rizwan	Hanna
			10F	11B
		Chemistry		
			Ali	Neve
			10E	11D
		Physics		
			Mai	Alvin
			10A	11F
		Spanish		
Ameera	Lewis	Andreea	Diljin	Layla
7F	8E	9E	10D	11E

Able and Ambitious

Fourteen of our year 8 students have undertaken The Scholars Programme as part of the Brilliant club with their project focusing on 'Why are we here? Answers from physics and faith'. Students have fully engaged with the programme and tutorials and we have had a 100% completion rate, we await the results of their final assignments.



A huge congratulations and well done to:

Raha, Maggie, Kiara, Reece, Sean S, Cleo, Sophia B, Avantika, Hudson, Ollie C, Nahayat, Niyah, Marcelina and Chuaib



After Easter nine year 9 students will be undertaking the Industrial Cadets Bronze Project challenge, working with an external mentor to create projects related to STEM.

Useful information



Parents/carers can buy revision guides, stationery items, tickets for school shows and school ties on our School Shop. Please click on the link for further information:

The link can also be accessed via our school website: Friern Barnet School (parentpay.com)

Firefly

We use the Firefly Parent Portal to inform parents /carers about their child's learning, progress and achievements. We expect all our parents to activate an account so that they can access a range of information which will keep them updated on essential matters about school.

Firefly allows Parents to:

- View your child's timetable including their current and next lessons
- View your child's home learning
- View your child's electronic school report
- Keep your personal contact details up to date

Please click on the link for further information on how to activate your Firefly account: https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/parents-and-students/firefly-parent-portal/

Canteen

The canteen is open at the following times: **Breakfast:** 8.15am – 8.40am **Break**: 11.00am – 11.20am **Lunch:** Key Stage 3: 12.20pm - 12.55pm and Key Stage 4: 1.20pm - 1.55pm

Topping up lunch accounts - school dinner money needs to be added via ParentPay before 10.00am to allow students to be able to buy lunch on the same day. We recommend topping up over the weekend as ParentPay can be busy on Monday mornings sometimes causing delays with payments. You can also set up a free email alert: Click on the link for further information (follow instructions for free email alerts as text message alerts are charged) : <u>https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410756555025-How-to-set-alerts#how-to-set-alerts-0-0</u>

Just a reminder, when making payments can we ask you not to use the 'One click payments' method as this can take up to 7 days to clear which then delays money going onto your child's lunch account. The best way is to add money to the basket and check out using 'Other Payment Methods'. Click on the link below for further information: <u>https://</u> <u>parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410737893649-How-to-pay-with-credit-or-debit-card</u>

Daily spend limit— there is a default daily spend limit of £3.50 and no food costing above that limit can be bought. This limit can only be changed by emailing school@friern.barnet.sch.uk

Students on Free School Meals can spend up to £2.65 a day. Parents/Carers are welcome to top up their lunch accounts.

Help - if your child needs help with their pin code, thumb print or they have been told they do not have sufficient funds on their account, please remind them to come to the main office so we can help them as we do not want anyone to go hungry.



News and events

Well done





Well done to Jaydon, Year 7, who won a silver medal from his recent drill competition in the Sea Cadets.



Sea Cadets Is A Different Kind of Adventure (sea-cadets.org)

A big thank you from Friern Barnet School

The Learning Support team would like to say a massive thank you for your support with the Cake sale for neurodiversity week. We raised £114 which will go towards equipment for the sensory room and make a huge difference to our students.





We would like to say thank you to Minka from Floralika florists for the beautiful flowers she provides to FBS throughout the year.



News and events continued

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Finals

FBS hosted the Jack Petchey Regional Finals on 16 January 2024.

The Regional Final is a public celebration of young people and this was no exception. What a treat to hear so many fantastic speeches! Congratulations to all the speakers for sharing their ideas and stories.



Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners

Well done to Aalliyah D, Jasmine B and Leo S who are our winners for the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards. They will be invited to an award presentation at the artsdepot.

Trips

Residential trip to Geneva

On 30 January, the Science Faculty took students in Years 10 and 11 to Geneva, Switzerland to visit CERN.

CERN is the biggest physics research facility in the world and home to the Large Hadron Collider, the most powerful particle accelerator with the ability to collide protons at speeds very close to the speed of light.

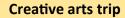
Whilst at CERN the students visited exhibitions explaining the physics behind The Large Hadron Collider and were taken on a guided tour.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the Museum of Natural History and explore the Geneva Old Quarters.

Everyone had an unforgettable experience and learnt lots about particle physics.



News and events continued





On 22 February , some our dance students went on a theatre trip to see Everybody's Talking About Jamie and a brilliant time was had by all.





Well done

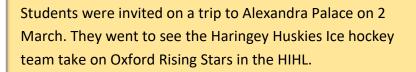
On 5 March some of our fantastic FBS dancers took part in the Barnet Dance Festival at the artsdepot. What a fantastic performance and you all did us proud!



PE Trips

We ran two trips to the Copperbox Stadium to see the London Lions basketball team, one was a league match against Cheshire Phoenix, the other was a Euro League Game against Paris which went to double overtime!

A great experience for all those who attended.





Well done

Some talented trampolinists took part in a Barnet Trampolining Competition in February.

Years 7 and 8 girls team came first overall in the team competition.

Nikolas won out of our Years 7 and 8 boys team in the individual event.

News and events continued



Geography trips on 27 and 29 February

Year 10 students travelled to Epping Forest to assess how river characteristics changed downstream, as well as the potential flood risk to Loughton. Although it involved a lot of walking the students got a lot out of it and had a good experience. Students have since been in lesson and used these insights in class to work on their exam style technique in preparation for the end of year mocks. Thank you to all that participated and made the day a success.



Amazing opportunities during the Easter Holidays

BACE Holiday and information

Please click on the link below for information on free BACE activities.

Barnet 0-19 Early Help Service - BACE Holidays



Reminders and notices

Extra Curricular clubs

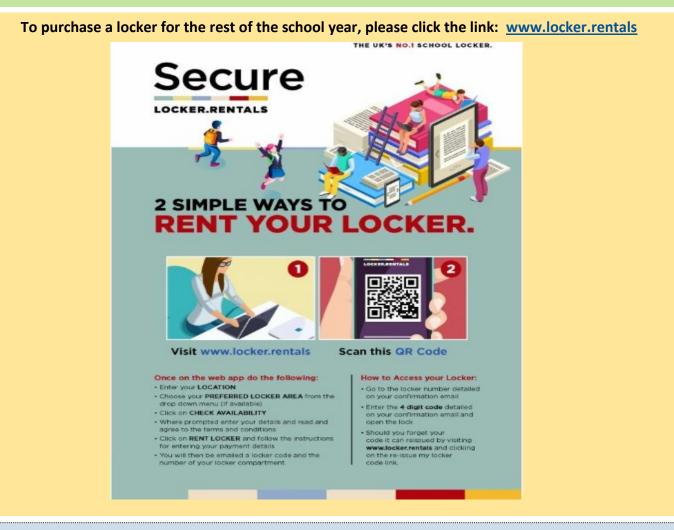
Our extracurricular timetable can be found on our website:

https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/parents-and-students/extra-curricular-clubs/

Reminders and notices continued

Parent Teacher Association

Friern Barnet School is fortunate to have many parents, teachers and friends that are keen come together to support the school in various ways. Miss Keaveney would like to facilitate and re-establish an official PTA for FBS and would be grateful if you could email her with an expression of interest in getting involved with this: k.keaveney@friern.barnet.sch.uk



From Student Services

Absence

Please report your child's absence each day by 8.45am, clearly stating their name, form class and reason for absence. You can either call 020 8368 2777 and press Option 1 'To report your child absent' or email: attendance@friern.barnet.sch.uk

For medical or other appointments during the school day, notification is required **in advance**. Routine appointments/check-ups should be made out of school hours wherever possible.

Non-medical absences

Permission for all non-medical absences must be authorised by Ms Thomas, Assistant Head Teacher and Head of Year 10. Please fill in a leave of absence form and email it, in advance, to school@friern.barnet.sch.uk

Link for LOA form - Attendance - Friern Barnet School -

Reminders and notices continued

Dates to Remember

15 April	First day of Summer Term
24 April	Year 7 Parents' Evening
3 May	Staff Development Day
6 May	May Bank Holiday
13 to 17 May	Year 10 Work Experience
22 May	DTP/Men ACWY vaccinations for year 9
27 - 31 May	Half term holiday
8 July	Sports Day
12 July	Prom
23 July	Last day of Summer Term
24 July	Staff Development Day

For a more comprehensive list of term dates, please visit the school website: link

Contact Details

Please let us know by emailing <u>school@friern.barnet.sch.uk</u> if you have changed any contact details or moved house as soon as possible.

ParentPay contact details

If your mobile number or email address has changed, please up date your details on ParentPay so you do not miss out on any important information.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that students <u>are not allowed</u> to use their mobile phones whilst at school. We kindly ask parents/carers not to call their children on their mobiles during the school day, as this might result in them getting a sanction for using their phones. If you need a message passing onto your child urgently, please call the main office. Students are able to call parents/carers from Student Services if required.

Hemington Avenue

Reminder if you are dropping off or collecting your child by car please use the back entrance on Crescent Road. Only use Hemington Avenue if you are on foot.

