Friern Barnet School Newsletter

'Enjoy and Excel'

Summer 2, 2024

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



Dear Parent/carer

Another academic year draws to a close and we can look back on a successful year. I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support over the last eleven months. There have been so many things going on recently it has been hard to keep up. We have had sports day; our own General Election; trips out and about; a national debate competition; the Barnet Music Festival; poetry readings and workshops; the year 11 prom. We have also launched our musical for next December – we will be doing 'Oliver' so keep an eye out for tickets next term.

This year we had an Ofsted inspection in February. It is still worth remembering the positive picture it painted of 'a welcoming, inclusive school' where 'Pupils from different backgrounds and cultures and a wide range of needs learn together successfully.' We have created a school community in which a wide range of students can flourish and succeed; thank you for everything you have done to help foster this atmosphere. This would not have been possible without the commitment of parents and students, alongside the hard work of staff.

I leave you with a verse of a poem by the Canadian poet, A.F. Moritz called 'One with the sun' to remind us of what summer can be like:

'Child one with the sun in trackless fields of yellow grass and thistle, scent of humid heavy air and the wing music of bees and flies.'

I wish you all a very good summer. Details of the start of school in September and the new uniform expectations are included in this newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Horne

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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 next 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 summer break.

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



Special thanks....



Chris McCarthy, our resident caretaker, is retiring. Chris has been working at the school for the last 34 years. This is an incredible record of public service. Anyone who knows Chris will appreciate his commitment and dedication to the school. Never one to want the limelight, Chris is always here, always just getting on with his work, Chris is going to be an extremely hard act to follow. He is first to be up and about to open the school in the morning and always last here to turn the lights off. Chris arrived in March 1990 – this was in the days before we had even heard of the Internet. It was the year when the Cold War ended, when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister and Vanilla Ice sang 'Ice Ice Baby'. Chris has weathered all the trials and tribulations, enjoyed all the good times and always come out smiling.

Everyone at school wishes Chris all the best; he deserves a peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

Creative Arts

Coming soon to Friern Barnet School



Creative Arts

A Spectacular Year in the Creative Arts Department!

This year has been nothing short of amazing for our Creative Arts Department, packed with incredible performances, inspiring workshops, and unforgettable trips. Here's a look back at our students' fantastic achievements!

Year 7 Stage Debut

Our Year 7 students took their first steps onto the stage, dazzling us all with their talent and enthusiasm.



Back to the 80's Winter Concert

We turned back the clock with our 'Back to the 80's' Winter Concert, where students rocked neon leg warmers, teased their hair, and belted out classic hits.



A Night at the Movies Dance Showcase

Our dancers brought the silver screen to life in our 'A Night at the Movies' Dance Showcase.

Music GCSE Showcase

Our GCSE music students showcased their hard work and talent in a concert showcasing classical pieces to modern hits.



National Theatre Connection

Our drama students took part in the National Theatre Connections, performing 'Windrush generations' at the artsdepot.

Barnet Dance and Music Festival

We joined forces with schools across Barnet for the annual Barnet Dance and Music Festival. Our students shone brightly, performing with passion and precision, and demonstrating the power of dance to unite communities.

Step Around Town

This urban dance project showcased our hip-hop dancer's versatility and creativity.

James Cousins & Thrive Dance Workshops

Our students learned from the best, gaining valuable insights and honing their skills.

Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands:

Our students were captivated by Matthew Bourne's stunning production of 'Edward Scissorhands.' The performance was a masterclass in storytelling through dance, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie:

The Performing Arts Faculty took a trip to see 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie,' a musical that celebrates individuality and acceptance. It was an inspiring experience that resonated deeply with our students.



Creative Arts continued

Guys and Dolls

Our students took a trip to see 'Guys and Dolls' as part of their Arts Award Bronze qualification.

People, Places, and Things

Our Year 10 drama students went to see 'People, Places, and Things,' a powerful and poignant story.

Move It

We attended the 'Move It' dance event, where our students had the chance to watch and participate in a variety of dance styles. It was an exhilarating experience that broadened their dance horizons.

Tate Modern

Our GCSE art students visited the Tate Modern, soaking in the inspiring and diverse range of contemporary art. The trip sparked new ideas and creativity, enriching their own artistic projects.

Arts Awards and LAMDA Exams: A Year of Achievement!

Bronze Arts Award: 17 students completed their Bronze Arts Award with a 100% pass rate. Congratulations!

LAMDA Exams: 17 students took the January LAMDA exams, achieving 30% merit and 70% distinction. Fifteen more students have taken the July exams, and we're expecting another 100% pass rate.

Well done to all our talented students!



This year has been an extraordinary journey in the creative arts department, filled with memorable performances, enriching workshops, and inspiring trips. We could not be prouder of our students' achievements! Well done.

Ms Westwood Head of Creative Arts

Tuition



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.



LAMDA

If your child is interested in doing LAMDA, please email Mrs Barber at <u>h.barber@friern.barnet.sch.uk</u> for further information.





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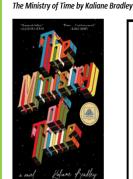
FBS Parent-Staff Book Club – Bonus Summer Reads!

Many thanks to all the attendees of book club this year. It's been fantastic getting to know new faces and reconnecting with past members. As promised, here are your bonus summer reads! I really hope you've enjoyed exploring some new books over the course of the year. Please do get in touch if you read any of them and want to share your thoughts, or if you have suggestions about possible future books to include. Wishing you a restful summer. See you next year!

Poetry:

Immediately after and then later by Galia Admoni

Miss Admoni, Head of English



Novel:

There are several ways to tell a story. A civil servant starts working as a 'bridge' - a liaison, helpmeet and housemate - in an experimental project that brings expatriates from the past into the twenty-first century. This is a science-fiction story.

In a London safehouse in the 2020s, a disorientated Victorian polar explorer chain smokes while listening to Spotify and learning about political correctness. This is a comedy.

During a long, sultry summer - as the shadows around them grow long and dangerous - two people fall in love, against all odds. This is a romance.

Bluets by Maggie Nelson



Bluets winds its way through depression, divinity, alcohol, and desire, visiting along the way with famous blue figures, including Joni Mitchell, Billie Holiday, Yves Klein, Leonard Cohen and Andy Warhol. While its narrator sets out to construct a sort of 'pillow book' about her lifelong obsession with the colour blue, she ends up facing down both the painful end of an affair and the grievous injury of a dear friend. The combination produces a raw, cerebral work devoted to the inextricability of pleasure and pain, and to the question of what role, if any, aesthetic beauty can play in times of great heartache or grief.

Play:

Baby Reindeer by Richard Gadd

had taken it literally.



l looked at her, wanting her to laugh. Wanting her to share in the joke. But she didn't. She just stared. I knew then, in that moment – that she

Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Richard Gadd has a chilling story to tell about obsession, delusion and the terrifying ramifications of a fleeting mistake. This powerful and engaging monologue play portrays a man brought to the edge by the actions of a chance encounter which takes a toll on all aspects of his life. In doing so it asks important questions about victims, the justice system and how one decision has the ability to change your life. Now a hit Netflix series.

Short story collection:

You Will Never Be Forgotten Witter Witter Mary South If it's not too conceited, I've included my own book in this year's 'bonus reads' list!

The often world-weary speaker in the central cycle of her upcoming collection *Immediately after and then later* confronts the experiences, breakdowns and aftermaths of their relationships. They speak of surviving and of not surviving. This pamphlet is a collection of small windows into a life of someone who can't help but fall in love, no matter how many times they get hurt.

Somebow Admoni has made yearning tangihle. These poems have a crystalline beauty and are at once swett and savoury, hot and isy – deliciuse. -Ella Freats, author of Shine, Darling and I Am the Mother Cat



Mary South's bitingly funny debut collection explores how technology can both ruin relationships and provide new opportunities for genuine connection. The ten stories contained in this book are darkly absurdist and savagely critical of our current cultural climates, while at the same time finding hope in moments of tenderness and fleeting interactions. Mary South is a perceptive, distinctive new voice in fiction.



Young City Poets 2023/2024

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 about poetry 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 and a performance at St Paul's Cathedral.



Six Year 7 students from FBS participated in the programme this year, which commenced in January. Alongside regular workshops with me about 'all things poetry', the group attended a site visit to The London Metropolitan Archives. LMA is a public research centre which specialises in the history of London, caring for and providing access to the historical archives of businesses,

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schools, hospitals, charities and all manner of other organisations from the London area. With over 100km of books, maps, photographs, films and documents dating back to 1067, they provide access to one of the finest city archives in the world - you could call it the memory bank of London. During our visit, students were treated to a private viewing of the 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 went away and worked on poems inspired by these individual objects, as well as the city itself.

In post-visit workshops, students engaged with writing activities, which helped to ignite ideas and suggest alternatives for those who had the dreaded writers' block! Alongside the workshops, students did 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.

Five months of fun, collaboration and hard work culminated in the creation of fantastic poems, written by our talented students. Many of the YCP poems feature in the YCP Anthology, copies of which can be ordered on Amazon, using this link: <u>https://rb.gy/tralbj</u>

The main event to celebrate students' efforts was a performance at London's iconic St Paul's Cathedral. All six students were brave enough to stand up in front of a large audience and perform their poems beautifully.

After the rapturous applause and a presentation of books and certificates, we spent a few hours exploring the Cathedral. We were very lucky to make friends with a tour guide there who was so impressed with the students' interesting questions that she treated us to a VIP visit to some of the spaces the public normally aren't allowed to go, such as lying on the floor of the choir and under the main dome, as well as the staircase used in Professor Trelawney's rooms in the Harry Potter films! After a fantastic day, students sat down in the stunning St Paul's Cathedral gardens to reflect on their time as Young City Poets, and you can read some of their reflections at the end of this article. Through taking part in the Young City Poets programme, I have been overwhelmed to see how well the students have explored their talent, sharpened their approach to creative writing, as well as their ability to develop and articulate ideas. They have developed a sense of connection to the arts and to their city, and hopefully, a lifelong enthusiasm for poetry and an understanding of the power of poetry to engage readers. I could not be prouder of all of their achievements. Well done, poets!

Extract from Dear London by Faizah

Dear London Oh dear London!

We aren't done, but goodbye...

Extract from Dear London by Kasandra

Dear London, Have you seen what it's like out here? These bombs have caught our heads, it's as if we've developed a new fear! Goodbye to freedom; it's torn into shreds.

War letter by Angie

Dear Dexter, Ever since your departure I feel all is lost. My heart is a glass cup smashed then filled with water. A cloud waiting to rain down. Day By Day I sit here waiting for you to come back. But it's just too late.

I've waited months. Years. You never came. Ignored every message. My hope is fading my love... don't forget me. Extract from So many ration books by Jayden

So many ration books, Scattered across the floor, Malevolent death, banging on the door.

People gone insane, Running round and round, Their children that were sent away, Have not vet been found.

Extract from London by Klara



London is so delighted. All the people are invited. But all those rainy days Have always got their exciting tale

Fire Holku by Iggy Flaming cathedral Sky is flooded with orange Nowhere else to go



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Young City Poets students voice......

Angie: "I enjoyed sharing my poem with everyone."

Kasandra: "The trips were really interesting, fascinating and memorable. I was kind of nervous at first to perform my poem, but eventually just felt comfortable. All in all, YCP was absolutely fantastic and I would definitely participate in it again."

Klara: "My experience of all of YCP was truly memorable and very fun. I especially liked the trip to LMA because I learned all about the past and how to write Haiku, which are my favourite poems."

Jayden: "YCP has been a blast!"

Faizah: "This was a once in a lifetime opportunity - I am so proud I did this!"



FBS TRUMPET

Read all about it.....

Our student newspaper provides an opportunity for students to find out about all the activities and fun stuff that goes on at FBS, as well as interesting articles and information. The FBS Trumpet is about celebrating student achievements as well as sharing information about what's going on. We welcome contributions from students in any year group. All you need to do is submit a feature to your English teacher. Enjoy the read!

FBS Trumpet — Friern Barnet School (fireflycloud.net)

LRC

We would like to welcome Ms Camarena Servin who is our new LRC Manager. Students will recognise her as she started Friern Barnet School as a Teaching Assistant.

Ms Camarena Servin will be supporting students by providing essential resources and services in our library. Our LRC offers access to the internet to help with home learning, a range of books, newspapers and magazines.

Please email her at <u>L.CamarenaServin@friern.barnet.sch.uk</u> if you need any assistance or have any questions.



Inclusion Hub

To support teamwork, leadership and communication skills, a group of students within the Inclusion Hub attended a Science related trip to Beech Hill Farm, put together by one of our Science teachers, Mr Swanton. The students enjoyed meeting the farm animals such as cows, pigs and chickens. They had the opportunity to feed the animals, whilst learning all about agriculture.



Student voice

"I had a really good time with my friends on the farm trip. My favourite part was driving around in the back of the tractor" Sudeysi

"I loved being able to prepare and cook my own food on the BBQ" Joe

"My favourite moment was collecting the chicken eggs and then cooking them" - Christos

"I used to be scared of pigs but I was able to go in the field with them and feed them apples" Sidem

"We learnt about the different types of leaves" Sian

Learning Support

Our Learning Support students have had another busy year with learning in and outside the classroom.

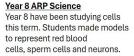


















ARP and SEN trip to Whipsnade Zoo

On a sunny Wednesday in June, students enjoyed their visit to the largest zoo in the UK. They watched a captivating 'Birds of the World' show, took a scenic train ride around the park, and had fun at the adventure playground. The students also had the exciting opportunity to come face-to-face with white rhinos, giraffes, bears, wallables, and elebabets. and elephants.





Mathematics



Congratulations to

John (8A), Taejon (9F) and Antonio (9D) who were the top 3 students respectively at FBS in the London Rocks Timetable online competition. This was a national Timetable competition run by ttrockstars.com with hundreds of schools participating.



Secondary Schools Athletics League

Some of our talented athletes took part in the year 7 and 8 Barnet Secondary Schools Athletics League on the 14 and 16 of May at Stone X Stadium with some students gaining podium finishes.

Well done to:

Samuel (7D) won year 7 boys discus.

Adonijah (7B) and Anas (7F) both won their respective year 7 100m races.

Saimir (7C) came 2nd in the year 7 boys 800m.

Liv (7D) came 2nd in year 7 girls long jump.

The year 7 boys came 2nd in the year 7 boys relay.

Hamza (8E) won the year 8 boys 1500m.

Big congratulations to all who took part.

Well done to our year 7 boys basketball team, they are through to the year 7 barnet basketball final having won their league and a semi final.

Barnet Athletics Championship

On 2 July, the PE Department took over 40 students to the Barnet Athletics Championship to compete against 26 other schools.

Well done to all students who performed they were a credit to the school.

Congratulations to:

<u>Year 7</u>

Adonijah (7B) won GOLD in the 100m Tristan (7C) won BRONZE in the 200m Ndapandula (7B) finished 6th in the shot put

<u>Year 9</u>

Sasha (9B) won SILVER in the triple jump and GOLD in the long jump Sarina (9A) finished 6th in the discus Max F (9B) finished 6th in the 70m hurdles

<u>Year 10</u>

Rene (10F) won BRONZE in the 100m and GOLD in the shot put Evie (10C) t won SILVER in the high jump Cienna (10A) won BRONZE in the discus Troy (10F) finished 4th in the 200m Amarion 10D) won GOLD in the 400m



Sports Day

We were at New River Stadium on 8 July, in the sunshine, for this year's Sports Day. Students took part in football, sprint races, relays, long jump, high jump, tug of war, javelin and shot putt.



Wellbeing

Resilient Schools Information

Looking after your mental health through the school holidays:

Remember to download the Kooth app onto your phone if you need online support

- 1. 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.
- 2. You can also access lots of support via Firefly, go to Resources on Firefly => Resilient Schools => Mental Health Support
- 3. Take a look at our school website for support with mental health and wellbeing: <u>Support for Mental</u> <u>Health and Wellbeing - Friern Barnet School -</u>
- 4. Stay safe and know that there is lots of support available if you need it.



The Kooth Guide to Waiting For Exam Results. Click on the link for further information:

The Kooth Guide to Waiting For Exam Results - Explore Kooth

Wellbeing for parents/carers

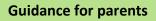


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Kooth's Guide to Coping with

Exam Stress

Support for parents and carers | Barnet Council





Keeping your child safe online

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

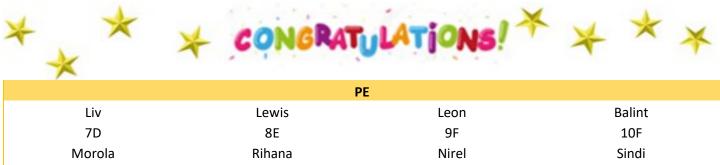
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High Achievers Awards for Summer 2024



Morola	Rihana	Nirel	Sindi		
7C	8D	9A	10B		
Religious Studies					
Kasandra	Reece	Paulina	Grace		
7B	8A	9B	10D		
Science					
Jozef	Thomas	Nathan			
7E	8B	9A			
Combined and Triple Science					
			Humphrey		
			10A		
Spanish					
An Xin	Ollie	Jazlynn	Yaseen		
7D	8D	9D	10F		

News and events

Jack Petchey Achievement Award celebration on 2 July

The Jack Petchey Achievement Awards are all about celebrating young people's achievements – however big or small.



Students were nominated for their overall consistency of behaviour, effort and academia, active participation of club's societies and for working exceptionally hard.

Congratulations to Jasmine and Leo from year 11. Aalliyah, Darshan, Julia, Kiya from year 10 Davide from year 9 Maggie and Thomas from year 8

News and events continued

Celebration events

Year 11 Prize Giving

We had our Year 11 Prize Giving on 1 May, well done to all the winners!





Congratulations to Tristan, Morola, Deniz, Serhat, Jayden, Alexander, Sead, Anas and Ilyas

They won the Barnet Schools Basketball competition going unbeaten the whole season! They won 35-31 in a really competitive game with Whitefields School.

Trips

Some of the trips students have been on this term.





Year 7 and 8 trip to Warner Brothers Studio in Leavesden

News and events continued

Year 8 reward trip to Babylon Park



EAL students visiting the RAF Museum in Hendon



Year 10 reward trip to ClueQuest escape rooms







Year 10 reward trip to Gripped in Hounslow



Beauty, Body Image and Society workshop at the Wellcome Collection Museum

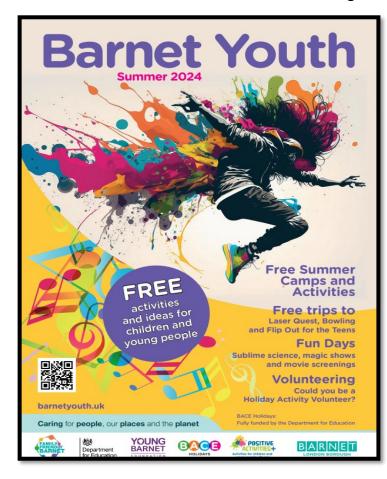




Prom was held at Forty Hall on 12 July and students joined us to celebrate the end of year exams and making it through to the end of their time at FBS. The evening started at 6.30pm with photographs and a buffet. Later students and staff headed to the dance floor to enjoy the music. There was lots of glitz, glamour and fun—an evening to remember!

News and events continued

Activities during the summer holidays



BACE Holidays stands for Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays!

Click on the link for further information:

Barnet 0-19 Early Help Service - BACE Holidays



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AN INVITATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians.

We are working in your area delivering free creative activities outside of school - and we'd love to invite your child to take part in our extensive Summer programme!

We've put together this information pack for you so you know who we are, what our support looks like and how your child can sign-up. We'd also like to invite you to chat with us if you'd like to find out more.

We're really looking forward to being able to support your child.

With Best Wisnes,		
Viktoria Szanto	Christala Hadjioannou	
Programme Manager	Programme Manager	
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Who are we and what do we do?

We're a registered charity called Art Against Knives - we're set up to support young people aged 10-25 in creating their own hopeful futures. We have been working with young people and their families in the borough of Barnet for over 10 years, Together we've built an incredible programme of creative activities that upskill young people and keep them safe. We deliver these activities in schools, and in community youth centres - always for free.

Young people choose to get involved with us, and they can stay involved for as long as they'd like. Many of the young people we support have been coming to our spaces for years, and some of them are now full time employees - which says a lot about the quality of our support and how much they benefit from it.

Who do we support and why?

Because we're called Art Against Knives, understandably one of the common misconceptions is that we only support young people involved in youth violence - but this is not the case. We want to make sure that every young person has equal access to positive opportunities, so we focus on supporting young people who face barriers to accessing this. This could be for a range of reasons, including low confidence and anxiety, transport or financial difficulties or it could be because they have lots of complex challenges going on in their lives and they need support to navigate through this.

What does this support look like?

One of our team may have already met your child in their school via our mentoring or workshop programme. They are welcome to take part in an of these activities::

SUMMER TIMETABLE

汉	MONDAY Muay Thai Club A Muay Thai (mixed martial art) training session hoated by our team and a local martial arts traine, refreshmeds provided and time to hang out and chill together afterwards.	2:00pm - 4:00pm	162 High Road, N2 9AS	Young people of any gender, aged 10-18
CHEATIVE COLLECTIVE	TUESDAY A week Project hotoriagy canadiana pagata has hotoriagy canadiana hang out with hereds in a safe bar out with hereds in a safe to Domestic Ausenherenage relationship abuse support. Isam new akita Jause husenper relationship abuse support. Bar new akita Jause husenper relationship abuse support. Hotoriagi abuse	2:00pm - 5:00pm	162 High Road, N2 9AS	Girls, young women, non-binary and trans young people aged 10-25
	WEDNESDAY The Lab A weekiy music studio set up to support young people in writing, recording and producing their own music. There is also a programme of exciting creative workchops such as graffit and trainer design for those who don't want to get involved in music making	2:00pm - 6:00pm	162 High Road, N2 9AS	Young people of any gender, aged 10-25
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Our free activities schedule can be found on our youth friendly website www.aaknextgen.com

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or check out our instagram @artagainstknives @aaknextgen

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FBS Open Evening



School lockers

To purchase a locker for the 2024-25 school year, please click the link: www.locker.rentals

Students lose average of...



Cheaper than a new School jumper!

Simple, safe, secure...

Kids these days carry a lot of expensive equipment, from trainers and clothing, to books and sportswear. So, it's scary to think that the average student lose seven items per month.

Having a school locker can help to reduce thes numbers. Creating a constant, secure location for students to store possessions safely. With the added advantage of keeping books dry and promoting better back health.

And, when you consider prices start from just 12p per day, the decision is simple.

Visit www.locker.rentals and book your locker today! For other enquiries, email enquiries@securelockerrental.uk



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- · Click on check availability
- Where prompted enter your details and read and agree to the terms and condition
 Click on rent locker and follow the instructions for entering your payment details · You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment

How to Access your Locker:

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 Enter the 4 digit code detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
 Should you forget your code it can reissued by visiting www.locker.rentals and clicki
 on the re-issue my locker code link.

For all other enquiries, please email enquiries@securelockerrental.uk ed. Suite A. 87 Jan

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Useful information continued



We use the Firefly Parent Portal to inform parents/carers about their child's learning, progress and achievements. We are expecting 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 electronic school report
- View your child's timetable including their current and next lessons
- View your child's home learning
- Keep your personal contact details up to date

Please click on the link for further information on how to activate your Firefly account: <u>Firefly Parent Portal - Friern Barnet</u>

School Shop

Parents/carers can buy revision guides, stationery items, tickets for school shows, and school ties on our School Shop. The link can be found under the Parents and Students menu on the website or click on the link below:



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 10.30am 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 at 6p each) : <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' payment 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://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, finger 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 any-one to go hungry.

Reminders and notices

Dates to Remember

Thursday 22August	GCSE Results Day, refer to the website for further information
Monday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 September	Year 7 students start school and Year 11 online Kick Start meetings
Wednesday 4 September	All students in for the start of the autumn term
Thursday 12 September	Years 7 and 10 individual school photographs
Thursday 19 September	Open Evening
Monday 28 - Friday 1 November	Half term holidays
Thursday 24 October	Year 11 group photograph
Friday 20 December	Last day of the autumn term

Please click on the link for term dates: link

For a more comprehensive list of dates, please visit the school website: <u>www.friern.barnet.sch.uk</u>

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 Mr Robinson, Assistant Head Teacher. Please fill in a leave of absence form and email it, in advance, to school@friern.barnet.sch.uk

School Streets

Just a reminder to parents/carers, if you are driving your child to and from school please remember vehicles are not permitted to enter Hemington Avenue or Bethune Avenue/ The Ridgeway, N11, from 8.00 - 9.00 am and 2.45 - 3.45 pm

Mobile Phones

A reminder that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones whilst at school. Thank you for your support with this clear school rule.

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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.

