Friern Barnet School Newsletter

'Enjoy and Excel'



Summer 2, 2022

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

Dear Parents/Carers

What an incredible year we have been through. After the two lockdowns none of us were confident we knew what was going to happen; we did not know what hand Covid would deal us this year; we came back in September with some degree of trepidation. We are now on the verge of leaving for our summer holidays having completed the year with as much return to FBS normality as possible.

We have returned to sports fixtures and held our sports day at the New River Stadium. We have been on trips all over London and beyond. We have had dance, drama and music performances and put on School of Rock in March, all to great acclaim. Our year 11 students have walked out of the gates for the last time, completing their real examinations and now wondering about their results.

After all the testing and vaccinations it feels like we are learning to live with life in the aftermath of the worst pandemic all of us will ever remember. Thank you for all your support and help this year. It has been a tremendous journey but made all the better with great staff, students and family support.

Have a lovely summer.

Mr S Horne Head Teacher

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

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 9:00am 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.

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.

Mr J Robinson, Assistant Head Teacher

Careers



Dear FBS students, parents and carers

I will be retiring from FBS this week, after 26 years in the school.

Our new Head of Careers will be Ms Marcella Baterip and she will be here to help you from 1 September 2022.

It has been an inspiring experience working with so many lovely people at FBS and I wish you all good luck in your futures.

Best wishes.

Mrs Myer Head of Careers

Computer Science



The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award' (IDEA)

Year 9 computing students took part in the 'The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award' (iDEA). iDEA is an accredited youth awards programme developing digital and employability skills. Gaining a certificate in this award can be used as a record of achievement when applying for colleges, sixth forms and jobs in the future.

We are pleased to announce that we have Friern Barnet School's first <u>9</u> iDEA Bronze Award winners! Congratulations to them all: Arman (9A), Tobias (9A), Ali (9B), Krysiah (9C), Amir (9D), Farhaan (9D), Matteo (9D), Pervin (9E) and Nikodem (9F)

We look forward to seeing many more achievements in the future.

Mr Rashid Head of Computing





Follow us on: @friernbarnetschool and @fbs_dance

The Creative Arts Faculty have had a busy and successful year this year. After the tremendous successes of the Aladdin Dance Adaptation, and the Winter Festival, followed by School of Rock the musical, we decided to put on another event, the Summer Festival! It was a blend of music and dance, with a fantastic array of students showing us their musical chops, and dazzling dance numbers out on the patio and green areas. There was a fantastic sense of community, with Mr Horne at the grill and many members of staff and students coming together to run the stalls. The big draw in the playground looked fabulous and so many people enjoyed the face painting, glitter and henna stalls too.

The summer term was also a great success for our Arts Award students, with 31 students completing their bronze award and our Dance Leaders, with 11 students completing the course. We also had this years final LAMDA exams, with students entering from Grade 1 up to grade 5. Results are due over the summer, so good luck to all the students who took a grade.

We rounded up the year with one final trip to see &Juliet, a fantastic musical about the life of Juliet...with a twist. It was a spectacle indeed! The colours, the costumes, the singing and the dancing were fabulous, and all the students had an incredible time.

Finally we are saying goodbye to some special teachers, Miss Squirrel and Miss Pearman. We will miss you dearly and cannot even begin to explain how much of an impact you have had on FBS, it simply won't be the same without you.

Have a happy and enjoyable summer.

Mrs Westwood Head of Creative Arts

Tuition

LAMDA



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

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 in September. If anyone is interested in violin lessons we have instruments that students can borrow. For more information please contact the Creative Arts office.

Creative Arts

Performances and Workshops

Step Around Town on 12 May

Indian music workshop on 13 June





English National Ballet Choreography Insight day on 20 May Students learnt about back stage production, watched a performance and took part in a dance workshop.



Our street company performing at Step Live at Cadogan Hall on 12 July





Creative Arts continued

Dance Leaders

Well done to our Dance Leaders who delivered fantastic workshops at the local primary schools.



Trips





EAPs theatre trip to see Back to the Future on 13 June

& Juliet theatre trip on 15 July





Year 9 Papatango workshop: "Because all you need is a story"

Waiting for everybody to arrive so we could watch our monologues, I felt excited. There were a few whispers of doubt and nerves, but mostly, I was excited. 14 students had been chosen to take part in a Papatango: writing a monologue workshop, and we were about to see the results of our work.

Papatango is a theatre company that exists to discover and create opportunities for new playwrights. You can find out more about it at <u>Papatango Theatre Company - Award-winning new writing</u>. As part of the workshop, we'd all get our monologues in a printed book, and get to watch our monologues performed by professional actors.

A professional playwright came into school on the 25 May for a two-hour workshop to guide us through the

process of writing the first draft of a monologue (or any story, really). We went through the 5-Act structure of a story, with a short video on each section explaining what each section was supposed to contain, and then given just 10 minutes to write for each section. Two hours later, most of us had some idea what our monologues were about, if not a whole first draft. We had six days to finish them – getting them polished, edited and scrubbed to perfection. Six days is not actually that long when one is trying to write a decent story that isn't an embarrassment. I spent at least three evenings focusing solely on editing my final piece.



In the end, I am proud of what I've created, and I'm sure everybody else feels similarly. Putting yourself out there for an audience isn't a comfortable feeling, and I felt tense watching it back, but I'm glad that I did it. I feel more inspired to keep writing, and I know that there are people out there who think that what I write isn't total rubbish. It's empowering.

By Emily de Bueger



FBS Parent-Staff Book Club...will resume in Autumn 2022!

- Are you an avid reader or do you wish you read more?
- Would you like to discuss what you read and other interesting subjects?
- Do you want to widen your book choices and your social circle?
- What about making reading a social event?

Look no further! Join the FBS parent-staff book club!

Contact Miss Admoni at the school for more information: g.admoni@friern.barnet.sch.uk



Young City Poets 2021/2022



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.

13 students from FBS participated in the programme, which commenced in February this year. A full list of names can be found below. Alongside regular workshops with me and Mr Davies about 'all things poetry', the group attended a site visit to the London Mithraeum. The London Mithraeum is a temple built for the cult of Mithras, which is over 2000 years old and was discovered buried underneath London in the 1950s. During our visit, students were treated to a private viewing of the temple, as well as a lecture from the experts who work there.

Using inspiration from the trip, students went away and worked on poems inspired by individual objects, as well as the temple itself.



Still Alive by Daisha

A big case stood before me, every object with its own story, a shiny object caught my attention, flooding the room with its anger, the long pointy horns, people once thought were evil. Even though it had been slayed, it wasn't left lifeless.

Extract from The Pathway by Olivia

The pathway it walked in to the people that it has carried along. To the locations and places, it has visited, taking the memories along.

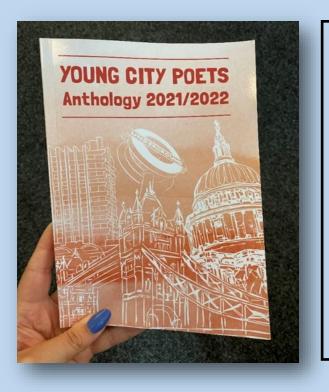


In post-visit workshops, we covered the foundations of poetry, discussing poetic forms; writing in character and playing with sounds. Students engaged with writing activities, which helped to ignite ideas, and suggest alternatives for those who had the dreaded writers' block! Alongside the workshops, 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.



Four months of fun, collaboration and hard work culminated in the creation of many fantastic poems, written by our talented students, some of which were selected to appear in the anthology (pictured below), copies of which can be ordered on Amazon.



Mysterious London by Ahemath

London is palimpsest of architecture. London is metropolis of wide texture. Coffee-dribbling on the concrete floor, a stegosaurus of shape, a window and doorcacophony of a thousand footsteps.

Six feet under with rain and thunder, underneath London is the temple of Mithras. The temple, as mysterious the God himself. A room filled with mist, scattered like constellations

Every object has a story but I am here to talk to the door itself. The door, a pathway to your past and future.

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 hopefully, a lifelong enthusiasm for poetry and an understanding of the power of poetry to engage readers. They have excelled at self-management; team working; communication; application of literacy; problem solving; independence and critical engagement with subject material and I could not be prouder of all of their achievements. Well done, poets!

Miss Admoni, 2022

Name of Young City Poet	Title of poem
Poyraz Acikgoz	Untitled
Anas Ahmed	Mithras
Chyros Bowen*	Dear Sarah
Daisha Cover	Still Alive
Matteo Fabiean	The Strange Man
Tiago Fonseca*	If Only
Jacob Mann*	The Door
Jasiah Mcadam	Untitled
Olivia Monteiro-Walsh*	The Pathway
Ahemath Musammil*	Mysterious London
Natalia Pawlowska*	The Slipper
Kayla Scott	Hopes and Dreams

* These students' poems can be found in the Young City Poets Anthology 2021/2022

Summer reading challenge!

As we all know, reading is one of the most enjoyable and important things we can do with our children. Why not have a go at the FBS summer reading challenge together?

Read outside	Read to someone else	Read while wearing a hat	Read in your room	Read while eating breakfast
Read in a park	Read on a Friday	Read in a car	Read a non- fiction book	Read sitting on the floor
Read after dinner	Read under a tree	Read on a sofa	Read to someone on the phone	Read a blog
Read a newspaper	Read poetry	Read to an animal	Read something that came in the post	Read something you found on public transport

Complete the bingo card, taking a photo as evidence for each completed box.

Completed cards will win prizes... contact Miss Admoni with any finished challenges. Enjoy!

FBS Parent-Staff Book Club Bonus Summer Reads 2022!

For my fellow booklings, as promised here are your bonus summer reads for 2022! 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 back in the book club snug in the autumn! *Miss Admoni, Head of English*

Novel:

All Along the Echo by Danny Denton



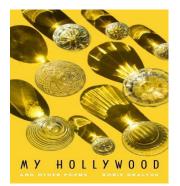
FIRST VOICE: Why are we listening?

SECOND VOICE: I dunno, I mean, what else is there to do?

A mighty tale of radios, road trips and of the noisy static of life, *All Along the Echo* asks us whether our lives ever add up to more than the stories we tell ourselves. Funny, warm and in the wilding spirit of George Saunders or Samuel Beckett, Danny Denton's novel is a bravura capturing of modern Ireland, one that shows us the possibilities of fiction, the nature of love and death, and what it is for each of us to be only the briefest signal in life's splendid broadcasttt*zchidhcmxc* [static].

Poetry:

My Hollywood and other poems by Boris Dralyuk

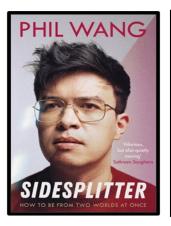


My Hollywood and Other Poems is a collection of lyric meditations on the experience of émigrés in Los Angeles. In forms ranging from ballades to villanelles to Onegin sonnets, the poems pursue the sublime in a tarnished landscape, seek continuity and mourn its loss in a town where change is the only constant.

My Hollywood draws on the poet's own life as a Jewish immigrant from the Soviet Union, honors the vanishing traces of the city's past, and, in crisp and poignant translations, summons the voices of five Russian poets who spent their final years in LA, including the composer, Vernon Duke.

Non-Fiction:

Sidesplitter – How to be from two worlds at once by Phil Wang

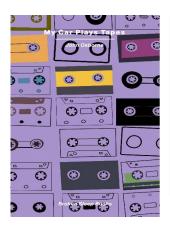


'But where are you REALLY from?'

Phil Wang has been asked this question so many times he's finally written a book about it. In this mix of comic memoir and observational essay, one of the UK's most exciting stand-up comedians reflects on his experiences as a Eurasian man in the West and in the East. Phil was born in Stoke-on-Trent, raised in Malaysia, and then came of age in Bath - 'a spa town for people who find Cheltenham too ethnic'. Phil takes an incisive look at what it means to be mixed race, as he explores the contrasts between cultures and delves into Britain and Malaysia's shared histories, bringing his trademark cynicism and wit to topics ranging from family, food, and comedy to race, empire, and colonialism.

<u>Play:</u>

My Car Plays Tapes by John Osborne

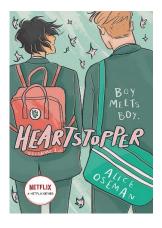


My Car Plays Tapes is a tale of captivating storytelling, focusing on John Osborne's life as a support worker and a nostalgic look at what happens when you listen to old tapes from the 1990s. Getting older, jobs, cars that don't really work, and how to make big decisions with your life are all thematically linked in the rear-view mirror of Osborne's life, as told through this prose pamphlet.

You can actually listen to a performance of this storytelling show here: <u>https://soundcloud.com/ross-sutherland/82-my-car-plays-tapes-by-john-osborne</u>

Graphic novel:

Heartstopper by Alice Oseman



Originally a webcomic on Tumblr, *Heartstopper* has amassed an enormous online fanbase with over 52.1 million views to date. The *Heartstopper* series has inspired an outpouring of love since it was first published in 2019, with one million print copies sold worldwide to date, sell-out nationwide book tours, and a live-action Netflix adaptation that hit screens earlier this year.

Heartstopper follows two teenage boys, Nick and Charlie, as they meet at a British grammar school, quickly become friends and fall in love. Each volume navigates the ups and downs of first love, friendships, coming out, and mental health, beautifully framed by a warm cast of supporting characters.

Learning Support

Farm visit

Some of our learning support students have had a brilliant time at the farm this school year. They have helped look after the chickens and lambs and goats (this has involved feeding them, clearing out their pens and not to forget lots of cuddles!!!)









Trip to Dorset

In May a group of our students went to Dorset for a residential trip.

We wanted them to have fun, try new things and develop skills. It was wonderful to see them shine as individuals and also part of a team.









Student Parliament

Supporting Pride month

On Thursday 23 June FBS got colourful in celebrating diversity. This is was a brilliant event that celebrated our school as LGBT+ inclusive.

Money raised from the non school uniform day and the cake and jewellery sale was donated to a charity called 'Just Like Us' - <u>https://www.justlikeus.org/</u>

Thank you for your continued support.



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</u>

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



Wellbeing for parents/carers

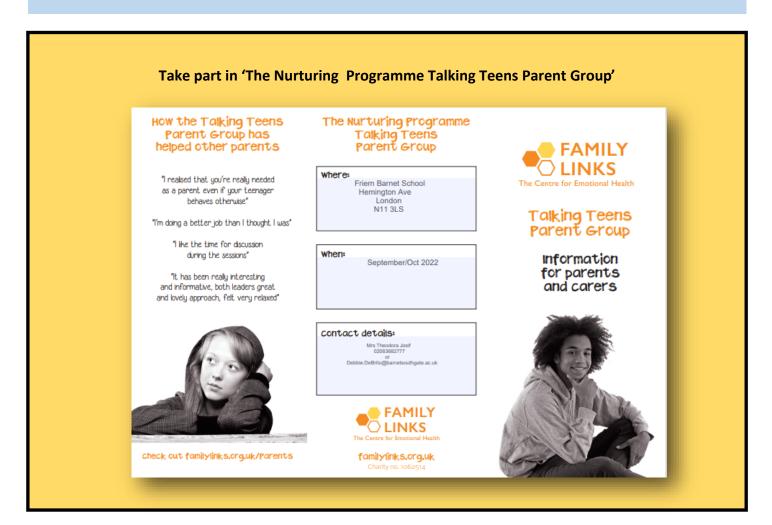


Please click on the link for further information: Support for parents and carers | Barnet Council

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: <u>E-Safety - Keeping your child safe - Friern Barnet</u>











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7A	8D	9D		
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High Achievers Awards for Summer 2022



	Pi	E	
Davide	Michael	Matteo	Valerie
7E	8C	9B	10A
Paulina	Rene	Krysiah	Ralph
7B	8F	9C	10F
	Religious Studies		
Emma	Mai	Rejana	Afrodite
7C	8A	9F	10C
	Science		
Callum	Negev	Farhaan	
7A	8A	9D	
	Combined Science		
			Merlina
			10A
		Biology	
			Hara
			10C
		Chemistry	
			Nayra Isabel
			10B
		Physics	
			Parsa
			10C
Spanish			
Miraj	Darshan	Teona	Chiara
7E	8F	9E	10F

School Shop

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



Sports Day

On Friday 24 June we had our first Sports Day at New River Stadium since lockdown. It was wonderful to see our students' enthusiasm, effort and support. Well done to Aldwych House who won the Sports Day Trophy this year.



Barnet Championships

On Tuesday 4 July the PE department took a group of athletes to Stone X stadium to compete in Barnet Championships. We are delighted to report that we had two Barnet Champions: Troy (8F) in the long jump and Rene (8F) in the 300m, Amarion (8D) also achieved a bronze medal in the 800m.

Getting selected to represent Friern Barnet School is a fantastic achievement so I would like to congratulate our students who took part.

Well done

Congratulations to Emma (11C) who is the 1500m Middlesex school champion. She was selected to represent Middlesex at the English schools championships in the 800m in Manchester in July.







News and events

Summer Festival

Students, staff and parents came together for our Summer Festival on 6 July. Our community spirit shone through and a brilliant time was had by all.



News and events

Multicultural Day on 18 July

In true FBS spirt, the heat wave did not discourage students and staff from dressing up for multicultural day. Students were encouraged to come to school in traditional cultural dress or colours that represent their nationality, culture, and/or heritage.

The cake sale allowed students to showcase their favourite foods from their culture/heritage. We would like to thank parents/carers for donating money to charity for the non-school uniform day and for contributing with the food. We will keep you posted on how much was raised.



Year 8 trip to Alexandra Palace

On Friday 8 July we took the students to Ally Pally where students were able to participate in ice skating or Go Ape. It was a really lovely day, students were also able to take part in rounders, cricket, art and a bit of drama. Many of the ice skaters learnt a new skill as it was their first-time ice skating! Many of the students participating in Go Ape overcame their fear of heights, many of the students were completely fearless and outshone Mr Obeng and Mr Colad's efforts!



Audition Workshops for ROH Youth Opera Programmes 27 and 28 August 2022

The Royal Opera House is delighted to invite children aged 7-13 with a passion for the performing arts to audition for our Youth Opera programmes this August. This programme is completely free for all members and no experience or knowledge of opera is required, just a love of singing and performing and an enthusiasm to explore and create opera with the ROH.

To register your child's interest in attending an ROH Youth Opera audition workshop:

1. Please complete this form

2. Please ensure your child has watched the 'What is Opera' workshop in class: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=yUaHe1TRaKE&t=1s</u>

For more information on the ROH Youth Opera programmes email <u>youthopera@roh.org.uk</u>

Should they be invited to attend an audition workshop, they will need to be familiar with the song explored in this video as this will be explored further in the workshop. Our audition workshops are relaxed, welcoming spaces inviting attendees to explore opera with our YOC Associate Artists. Children may be asked to sing in small groups, but not on

News and events

Activities for the summer holidays

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

Click on the link to view their brochure: <u>Barnet 0-19 Early Help Service - BACE Holidays</u>





Registrations now open for free weekly fitness classes for students



From boxercise to yoga, there's a range of sessions for students to get involved with to stay active over the summer. They can even bring friends or family along to join in the fun!

Head to our website to find out more :

<u> Move together | Nuffield Health</u>





THE PLACE TO BE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, 20+ ACTIVITIES A NIGHT, 50P A VISIT JUST TURN UP, NO BOOKING REQUIRED!

https://www.unitasyouthzone.org/

Reminders and notices

Dates to Remember

25 August	Results Day	
1 September	Staff Development Day	
2 September	Year 7 Induction Day (Years 8, 9 and 10 stay at home)	
	Virtual Year 11 Kick Start Meetings from 2.00pm - 3.00pm	
5 September	First day of term (all year groups)	
14 September	Years 7 and 10 School Photos	
21 September	Open Evening	
24 October	Start of the half term break	
Please click on the link for term dates: <u>link</u>		

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 <u>https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/</u>

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.

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.

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.

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