

Celebrating Coventry's Secondary Schools and Academies

Celebrating success and high aspirations

AT A GLANCE



BARR'S HILL SCHOOL

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Young poets have their work published in a nationwide book and below, the Coventry City Basketball Champions



STUDENTS and staff at Barr's Hill School are celebrating another successful year of achievement.

In 2016, the school's progress was praised by Ofsted after Barr's Hill School secured its best ever set of GCSE results.

As a former grammar school, first established in 1908, the school's ongoing drive for high academic standards means students can study a challenging range of subjects including, physics, chemistry, biology, two languages, maths, further maths and statistics.

Head teacher, Mr Selwyn Calvin commented: "Students are positive about their school. They enjoy learning and participating in the many aspirational opportunities on offer. We have high standards and high expectations.

"We expect our students to excel. We are expecting even better results this year."

A highly-praised transition programme delivers a series of carefully organised events throughout the spring and summer months. The programme ensures that new students joining Barr's Hill School feel confident, safe and happy and can therefore make a flying start and progress from the moment they join Year 7.

One parent commented: "My daughter really enjoyed the programme. She is now confident and looking forward to starting her new adventure at the school."

Our older students, from September, will be benefiting from Post 16

Select. This is a joint venture between President Kennedy School and Barr's Hill School that allows students in Year 11 to choose from a wide range of courses to study in the Sixth Form and benefit from the best teaching and experiences available from both schools.

ACHIEVE AND ASPIRE

Students at Barr's Hill School are given the opportunity to use creative writing techniques throughout the curriculum, offering them the chance to showcase their writing talent, expressing themselves and inspiring others to do the same.

For example, students are regularly entered into the national Young Writers Busta Rhyme competition and have once more, been rewarded for their outstanding creative writing by having their poetry published in this year's anthology.

Barr's Hill School is proud to hold the Career Ready Mark, providing a structured programme of employer engagement to students which includes visits from local employers and access to internship opportunities.

Barr's Hill School seeks to encourage all students to achieve and inspire. With an outstanding pastoral support system and 100 per cent success rate in students moving on to their first university choice, more students than ever are progressing on to higher education.

At this year's Barr's Hill Guild luncheon, students Taqwa Abdul Wakil and Abaraujithan Jeyaranjan spoke movingly about how the school had offered them a chance to succeed, where other schools had not.

"When no other school took us in, Barr's Hill did. Barr's Hill gave us the opportunity and chance," said the sixth form students. Both students

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Sporting success in 2017



Sixth-formers aim for courses at top universities and right, Barr's Hill students work closely with JLR engineering apprentices



came to Barr's Hill School to study GCSEs and are now completing their A-levels - they hope to take up their offer of places at Warwick University, studying biochemistry and mechanical engineering.

The school caters for students from a wide range of backgrounds and staff know individual students well, enabling them to provide the best possible support and outstanding progress. Barr's Hill School is aspirational for its students and engages external organisations which offer additional stretch in the classroom.

For example, with tutoring and guidance from Jaguar Land Rover apprentices, four Year 12 students have completed an engineering project. They created a solar powered range extender researched, planned and manufactured from a prototype, which was then presented at Cranmore Park, Solihull. Staff from Jaguar Land Rover have also been in

school working closely with students focused on mathematical techniques.

When it comes to sport, students have a wide range of choice from basketball and rugby, to football and yoga. Barr's Hill School offers an extensive extra-curriculum programme where students can take part in competitive sports and activities both inside and outside of school. The students are very busy! Abdul Bambah, Abdul Sankoh and Armstrong Igboanugo have recently been picked to represent Coventry City Football Club, alongside Costelus Lautaru, who has been offered a two-year professional deal.

Barr's Hill School enjoys winning! Sporting successes this year include:
 ■ Year 11 boys' basketball - Coventry champions.
 ■ KS3 basketball - Coventry Plate Championship winners.
 ■ Finalists in both the Year 8 and 9 Coventry Football Cups.



OPEN EVENING

For prospective students and their parents and carers

Tuesday 19th September, 2017 3.30pm to 7pm

Wednesday 20th September, 2017
 9am to 10.30am and 11.15am to 12.30pm

For further information contact the school on 02476234600

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