

Barr's Hill News

18th May 2018

28th May - Half term
25th June - Teacher Training Day
13th July - Year 5 Day / School closed
23rd July - Inspire Week

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

The year 11 and 13 exams have begun this week. School will be open early on exam days for morning revision boosters and free breakfast is available for all students in our breakfast club. All year 11 students now have a personalised timetable of revision preparation sessions for each exam. If you have any questions regarding the exams, please do contact us.

Inspire week will take place in July - this encompasses many enrichment experiences for our students. Please can I remind you that we expect all students to attend the visits. They are not optional. However, if the cost is a barrier, we can help support and work together to find a solution. We want all students to be included - one of the principles we operate under as a school is 'No Barriers'.

I am delighted that our year 9 students will be visiting the Black Country Museum. For parents and students who have not been, it is an immersive 'world' that allows students to explore our region's history, including a trip down a coal mine and watching live examples of skilled workers in action. A real experience.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Chris Jupp, Headteacher



Former student is on the road to a brighter future!

"I want to help young people...they have a bright future ahead of them. I was helped. Now I want to give back, help someone else"

Previous Barr's Hill student, Dasin and his friends were approached by a member of Sky Blues in the Community's Premier League Kicks programme who offered free football sessions.

It also recently took Dasin to Manchester for the PL Kicks Cup.

Dasin was there as a volunteer for the Coventry City PL Kicks team in tournaments for mixed and girls Under-16 teams.

He is keen to deepen his involvement with the programme and with Sky Blues in the Community, the registered charity of Coventry City FC.



Revision Tips



Students are busy with their exams. We encourage students to spend time revising when they are at home.

Check out these revision tips!

1. Start revising early! Don't leave it till last minute.
2. Make notes and stick them up on your wall. Highlight key points and read over them again and again.
3. Practice past papers, time yourself as if you were doing a real exam.
4. Find a quiet space and turn your phone off - it is easy to get distracted.
5. Use your family and friends - get them to test you by asking you questions.



A letter of thanks from former student currently studying at Coventry University

Hello!

I just wanted to update you on how university has been for me as I have officially finished my first year! I completed my final assessment today - an English language paper and I'm feeling quite good about it. I passed all my modules last semester with good enough grades. I'm just waiting for this semester's results for the work I have handed in.

Coventry University has been great so far. I have made a lot of good friends and I get on well with many of my coursemates. The seminars are really helpful and I find my lectures fascinating. I did a 10 credit module in French last semester which I want to continue through to my final year so I'm going to be recapping some French in my summer. Also, I've now got a provisional licence so I'm going to try and sort out my theory first before doing driving lessons.

Coventry University are doing a one off 'experience Europe' trip to four European cities - Berlin, Brussels, Paris and Barcelona. I booked the Paris trip because I thought it would help me with practicing my French and I get to experience the culture as well which would be an added bonus.

All the best!

Akosua Offei, Former Barr's Hill student

Travel Assistance provided by Coventry City Council

The Coventry City Council website is now live – www.coventry.gov.uk/travelassistance and families are able to apply online for their Travel Assistance. The deadline for applications is Friday 29th June – any forms received after this date will not be guaranteed to have been processed ready for the beginning of the new school year in September.



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