

## Schools Guide



Students feel supported and happy



Sparkling musical performances

# Celebrating success and building brighter futures

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BARR'S HILL is a school dedicated to building brighter futures for each and every one of its students.

Established in 1908 as a girls grammar school, Barr's Hill School is proud of its traditional values and rich history of providing high quality education. As a smaller school, a real emphasis is placed on high academic achievement, ensuring students feel supported and happy and have the chance to reach their potential.

Head teacher, Mr C Jupp, said: "I believe our students deserve the best possible learning experiences that ensure they achieve amazing outcomes. I want them to demonstrate PRIDE and become the kind of young people we know they can be, contributing positively to the local community and beyond. In short, I believe in 'Building Brighter Futures'. We will maintain an unwavering focus on the academic progress of all students, no matter what their starting point."

The school's values centre around



placing students first, the focus is on learning, any barriers to which are removed quickly and effectively. Students feel supported and happy at Barr's Hill School and a larger proportion of Barr's Hill's students than ever are now progressing on to university and highly sought-after apprenticeships.

### ACADEMIC SUCCESS

CONTINUING the school's long academic tradition, more than one-fifth of students achieved a Grade 7, 8, or 9 in maths this year, and Barr's Hill School was in the top 20 per cent for progress in English and maths nationally. Students achieved top grades in a wide range of the new, more challenging GCSE qualifications. Star student Mimi Avworo,

excelled and will be one of the highest performing students in the country with eight Grade 9s (A\*\*) and an 8 (A\*). She will be going onto Post-16 Select to study maths, physics, philosophy and ethics and plans to carry on with Japanese.

Once students have taken their GCSEs they can benefit from Post 16 Select – a joint venture between President Kennedy School and Barr's Hill School. Post 16 Select offers students an unusually wide range of courses to study in the Sixth Form and they benefit from the best teaching and educational experiences available from both schools.

### THE BRIDGE: A MAGNIFICENT YEAR 7!

THE first set of The Bridge students

have settled in well. The Bridge is a self-contained building with its own dedicated social space and classrooms for Year 7s. The Bridge provides a happy and secure environment where students feel confident and make rapid progress at Barr's Hill School.

The Bridge at Barr's Hill School provides: a carefully crafted curriculum; personalised timetables; additional small group lessons; a wide variety of enrichment opportunities.

Year 7s also join a highly-praised transition programme which 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 The Bridge.

### EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENTS attending Barr's Hill School enjoy an extensive extra-curricular and enrichment programme. Performing arts is a real strength of the school and students

benefit from a dedicated professional drama teacher and a bespoke drama studio. Students recently participated in a sparkling musical performance of "Blood Sisters" which was very well received by a highly-appreciative audience.

When it comes to sport, students have a wide choice, ranging from basketball to rugby, football and badminton. Students are encouraged to take part in competitive sports and activities both inside and outside of school.

Marius Panek has been selected for Coventry Elite National basketball team and Tobi Nwazili has been selected for the Coventry Elite Basketball Academy.

## AT A GLANCE...

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