

Headteacher's Message



Welcome to a new half term and Happy Diwali to all our staff, students and families celebrating this week.

It was fantastic to see so many parents in school this week for the Year 11 and 13 evenings. I hope that you found them useful as we approach a crucial set of trial exams in both years (Week beginning Monday 8th November for Year 11 and Monday 22nd November for Year 13). Pupils should be revising hard! If you were unable to make the evenings and are at all unsure about how they can best prepare please contact us straight away, we would be delighted to support.

We look forward to our P16 Open Evening which

takes place on 15th November. We would strongly encourage all students and parents to attend. Our fantastic Careers and Pathways Officer Miss Matthews will be in attendance on the evening and happy to talk to any families, but in the meantime bespoke appointments can easily be arranged with her. If you are interested in meeting her, virtually or in person, please contact her via careers@barrshill.coventry.sch.uk.

I wrote to parents this week with the unusual news of an additional bank holiday due to the Queen's Jubilee. We have decided to take this on Friday 3rd December when the school will be closed. We felt this date best as it will give students and staff a welcome short break mid way through the longest and darkest half term of the year.

As we continue to undertake interviews for key student leadership positions it has been lovely seeing students starting to really take a lead in school and make a difference. There have been fantastic examples from the student voice sessions in a recent review, to bake sales raising money for charity to older students organising and leading amazing opportunities for the younger students. Running the 'Young Tycoons' group in The Bridge left a tired looking group of P16 Business Studies students with the opinion that "Teachers are not paid enough", this due to the enthusiasm and volume of questions from the Bridge students, the sign of a good enrichment activity.

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Tapas at Barr's Hill Spanish Academy

On Tuesday 19th October our students enjoyed some delicious tapas during Spanish Academy. Big thanks to the MFL staff and especially Mr Cleaver for his homemade dishes. The menu included; gazpacho, paella, queso manchego, pan con tomate y aceite de oliva, albóndigas, aceitunas, chorizo, gambas, patatas bravas y tortilla española (pictured). This opportunity allowed our students to have a taste of Spain and learn more about Spanish culture. It was brilliant to see our students being inquisitive and trying a number of new foods.

This half term Spanish Academy will focus on Columbia – its culture, traditions, food, music and tourism. Come along to MFL1 on Tuesday lunchtimes to get involved!



Brilliant Basketball

Just before half term our Y8 Basketball team played their first friendly game of the season against Stoke Park. The game was a chance for the team to get some practice in before the league starts in late November. We started off very slow and gave the ball away too many times in the first quarter. We only managed to score one basket and everyone was disappointed with their performance. We were a lot better in the second quarter and created lots of scoring opportunities but were unable to convert our baskets and went in at half time only winning by 2 points. After a half time talk and some tactical changes, we dominated the third and 4th quarter. We passed the ball well and created lots of opportunities and before we knew it the points started to add up.

We won the game 26-14. Khalil R was awarded the Most Valuable Player (MVP) after scoring a whopping 14 points.

Well done to all of the students involved.



Project Rugby Festival



Year 9 students took part in a Project Rugby Festival on the last day of half term hosted by Wasps Community Rugby coaches. The players were playing in their first ever rugby games and performed really well scoring 4 tries in both of their games. Wasps Rugby players Nizaam Carr and Paolo Odogwu were also at the tournament and were extremely impressed with our players awarding Miraj U and Ismail N a signed rugby ball each.

EFL GIRLS CUP

On Thursday 21st October the year 7 & 8 Girls football team ventured over to Coventry Power League to play in the EFL Girls Cup. The competition was set up in a tournament format and our girls were able to compete in lots of games against different schools. The girls have made a vast improvement from last year's tournament and all contributed really well throughout the games. Goals were scored by Susana S, Philipa D and Maryam A. The girl's are looking forward to more fixtures after half term in the local school's league. The girls were given an added bonus of tickets to watch a Coventry City game of their choice at the Coventry Building Society arena. In addition to this the squad are also going to the King Power Stadium after half term to watch Leicester City Ladies Vs Manchester City Ladies in the Women's Super League, look out for this in a future edition of the school newsletter.



Casual Exam Invigilators Wanted

We are seeking to appoint additional invigilators to join our examination team at Barr's Hill School. We are looking for reliable, enthusiastic and flexible individuals. This role is to oversee and supervise examinations as necessary throughout the school year. The successful candidates will also ensure that guidelines and regulations for the integrity and security of the examination papers and procedures are followed during examination sessions

Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to teamwork and have effective communication skills.

Working hours will be variable depending on the examination requirements, but will normally be between 8.00am and 4:00pm.

£9.25 per hour



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