

NEWSletter

Headteacher's Message

This week, our school community has been buzzing with activity, from charitable initiatives to festive celebrations. Our Responsible Behaviour Ambassadors are leading the charge by selling treats to support the Hub Toilet Twinning project—every purchase makes a difference! Meanwhile, our Year 9 Hub is spreading positivity with a Tree of Kindness, inviting staff and students from all year groups to share messages of gratitude and encouragement. Year 11

enjoyed a well-deserved reward of hot chocolate and Christmas treats as recognition for their hard work in the recent trial exams.

Governor Elections – Your Vote Matters!
Yesterday, your year group hubs sent out the ballot for the upcoming governor elections. We're thrilled to have received three fantastic applications and now it's over to you to have your say. Don't forget to cast your vote! You can select a maximum of two candidates, so take a moment to review their applications and make your choices. The deadline for voting is 20 December 2024. Let

your voice be heard and help shape the future of our school!

A reminder that students will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 12.30 however they are welcome to get their lunch before they leave if they wish. School will restart on Monday 6th January at the normal time.

Mrs E Martin

Support the Hub Toilet Twinning Project!

Our Responsible Behaviour Ambassadors are stepping up to make a difference!

They've organised a treat sale to raise funds for the Hub Toilet Twinning project. Swing by, grab a delicious treat, and contribute to a great cause.

Every little bit helps!



I am grateful...

Why? People feel valued and appreciated when they know they have made a positive impact. It is also polite and kind to thank people for their help or support.

Fundraising for Toilet Twinning Project

On Sale in your hub by Responsible Behaviour Ambassadors

Item	Price
Lion Bar	60p
Kit Kat Chunky	60p
Kit Kat 2 Finger	30p
Double Decker	60p
Crunchie	60p
Haribo	25p
Freddo	30p
Selection Box	£2.00
Santa Hat	£1.00

I am grateful...



Toilets, Sanitation and Training. A life-saving trio.

- Students have told us that raising money is a great way to raise the issue in a fun way
- Each hub will raise money to fund toilets in another part of the world where good sanitation is the difference between life and death!
- We can be even more grateful when we consider other people's situations
- Let's appreciate and value our toilets and keep them outstanding

Every day, over 700 children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene.



On Tuesday 3rd December, our highest achievers in Year 10 and 11 were joined by Emma Lézé, Schools Liaison Officer for Clare College University of Cambridge for a breakfast meeting. Emma delivered a presentation outlining how students can best prepare themselves to successfully progress to top universities worldwide, including the University of Cambridge, with informed post 16 choices. Students also learnt about life at University of Cambridge and Student Finance as well as had the opportunity to ask Emma any questions they had.

All students were a credit to Barr's Hill demonstrating PRIDE throughout. Despite the early start, it was great to see students engaged. Emma was extremely impressed with the insightful questions asked throughout and thought it was clear how well prepared our students were for their future choices.

Year 11 Celebrate Hard Work with Festive Treats!

Year 11 enjoyed a festive reward of hot chocolate and Christmas treats this week, in recognition of their efforts during the recent trial exams. Well done for all of your hard work Year 11!



Christmas Tree of Kindness

Our Year 9 hub has a special Tree of Kindness! Staff and students from all year groups are invited to add a note of gratitude or a message of kindness. Let's spread positivity and festive cheer together!



Year 8 & 9 Boys Basketball Team off to a Strong Start!

The Year 8 & 9 boys basketball team has made an excellent start to the 2024 season, winning their first three games before narrowly losing their most recent match. Their early success has been driven by a combination of individual performances and strong teamwork. **Haider** and **Ayomide** have been instrumental in leading the team, consistently taking control of the game when needed and providing leadership on both ends of the court. **Derick** has been a reliable and consistent shooter, contributing crucial points in each game. **Olivier** has played a key role as a lockdown defender, often neutralizing key opposition players and contributing to the team's strong defensive efforts. **Dimitri** has been a standout with his relentless hustle, never slowing down and always putting in maximum effort. **Mustafa** has dominated the rebounding battle, securing nearly every loose ball and fighting for second-chance opportunities. **Cristian** has remained calm and composed under pressure, making smart decisions in critical moments. **Luca** has been the team's support player, always encouraging his teammates and contributing to the team dynamic. **Judah** has been a constant source of energy, running tirelessly up and down the court and providing the team with an extra boost when needed.

With nearly half of the season completed, the team is in a strong position to push for the county finals. If they continue to build on their good form and work together, the team is well-placed to make a serious challenge in the second half of the season. The performances of all players, coupled with the leadership shown by **Haider** and **Ayomide**, give every reason to believe that the team can maintain their momentum and achieve further success.



Last week saw our Year 7 Rugby team play in their first fixture of the school year against Westwood Academy. Our team was put under pressure immediately by a strong Westwood attack which resulted in the team working together brilliantly in defence and putting in some impressive tackles. Eventually after a sustained attack Westwood were able to score their first try breaking through a committed Barr's Hill defence. The game continued in a similar fashion with a number of Barr's Hill students tackling abilities making it difficult for Westwood to breakdown the defence. With the continued pressure Westwood were able to score a couple more tries before half-time. Our students were much better in attack in the 2nd half with a number of players coming close to scoring. We finally had a break through when JJ went on a brilliant run, beating a number of opposition defenders and scored a brilliant try.

The whole team should be proud of the resilience and commitment then demonstrated throughout the game, and gain confidence from this for our games and tournaments coming up after Christmas.



Autumn Term 2024 - 2025

Sport Enrichment



	Lunch	After School	Late Session
Monday	Y7 Futsal (LGA)	Y9 - 11 Fitness (MWI) Girls cricket (LAU) Dance - Gym (Suzanne) Y7 & Y8 Football (PBA) Girls Football KS3 - Old pitch (KLL) Badminton (JRU)	Elite Basketball (Coach Marcus) U16 National League 5:30 - 7pm
Tuesday	Y10 Futsal (JRU)	KS3 Basketball (Coach Marcus SH) Netball - (Cov rugby) Sky Blues Football Open	4:15 - 5:00 KS4 Open Session Elite Basketball Team Training 5 - 7pm
Wednesday	Y11 Futsal (MWI) Y11 Basketball (MUGA -HIS)	Y9-11 Fitness (PBA) Y9 -11 Football (JHY, JRU, P16) Rugby Y8 & Y7 Old pitch (MWI) Girls Cricket (LAU) KS3 Girls Trampolining (LGA)	Elite Basketball Community Session 5 - 6pm KS3 6 - 7 KS4
Thursday (SLT)	Futsal Y8 (JHY) Y9 Futsal (LAU)	Basketball Y8 & 9 - SH (LAU) Girls Basketball - Gym (LGA) Health & Fitness (MWI)	Elite Basketball Team Training 5 - 7pm
Friday	KS3 Badminton (KLL SH)	Y9 - 11 Fitness (PBA) Basketball Y9 - 11 (NMA) Basketball Y10 - SH (NMA)	
Saturday	Coventry Elite 9 - 2 including 2 matches		

A reminder of the amazing sport enrichments available to our students! From basketball to football, netball to badminton - there's something for everyone. Stay active, build skills, and have fun!

Barr's Hill Girls Cricket Team Gears Up to Defend Their Championship!

As the season kicks off and the Barr's Hill Girls Cricket team look to defend their Coventry Schools Championship, the team is showing promise with their preparations, having partnered with Coventry Girls Cricket Club for specialized training sessions. The team has been working hard to fine-tune their skills, build cohesion, and enhance their knowledge of the game ahead of what promises to be a competitive season.

Under the guidance of coaches from the Coventry Girls Cricket Club, the players have been exposed to a range of drills designed to develop both their technical abilities and match awareness. Whether it's refining their batting technique, improving their bowling accuracy, or mastering the finer points of fielding, the girls have been dedicated to elevating their performance.

One of the key aspects of these training sessions has been the focus on game strategy and cricket IQ. The team has been learning how to read the game more effectively, adjusting their tactics based on opposition strengths and conditions. This knowledge will be crucial in their bid to retain the Coventry Schools Championship title, a feat that will require both skill and mental sharpness.

The collaboration with Coventry Girls Cricket Club has not only allowed the team to gain valuable insights from experienced coaches, but it has also fostered a sense of camaraderie and shared learning. The players have been able to bond with one another, enhancing their communication and teamwork, which are essential in cricket.

The girls have been showing significant progress in all areas of the game. Their growing confidence and understanding of the sport are evident, and they are more than ready to defend their title.

As the season unfolds, we hope the girls can replicate the successes they have experienced so far!



Culture Day 2025

CULTURE DAY
FEB 14TH

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY,
EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

PART OF OUR MULTI-FAITH
CALENDAR



As a multicultural school, we value and celebrate our diverse community. Culture Day allows us to learn about traditions, languages, and beliefs, helping us thrive in a multicultural world. Let's embrace and appreciate our differences!

Creative Workshop with Highly Sprung Performance

This week, 25 students from Years 7, 8, and 9 had the incredible opportunity to work with Emily Robertson from Highly Sprung Performance.

The group is collaborating to devise a unique play, Snow Queen, using physical theatre techniques. This hands-on workshop is inspiring creativity, teamwork, and storytelling skills, offering students a chance to explore new ways of expression.





Library Ambassador Book Review

This week's review has been written by Harriet Brown from 7L

Book: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Harriet says: Percy Jackson is a 12 year old son of Poseidon who has the whole weight of the world on his shoulders. It is the best Greek mythology fantasy book series ever.

Rating: 5/5

Book of the Week

Nevertell by Katharine orton

ZPD: 4.8

Description: Born in a Soviet prison camp, Lina has never seen the world outside until the night she escapes with her best friend, Bogdan. As the pair journey across a snowy wilderness, they are pursued by a vengeful sorceress and her pack of shadow wolves. The children will need every ounce of courage – and a whisper of magic – if they are to survive...

