



"It is astounding what power being kind-mannered, polite, and considerate has in transforming your life."
— Bryant McGill



Headteacher's Message

It's been another busy week filled with activities and exciting opportunities for our students.

We kicked off our first Post 16 student event of the year with a vibrant Meet and Greet in the Gym, designed to help students step outside their comfort zones and build new friendships.

We're also proud to share that The Bridge has now appointed 33 student leaders and subject ambassadors - an incredible achievement that reflects the enthusiasm

and leadership of our Year 7 students.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 students raised an impressive £100 for Macmillan Cancer Support through a charity cake sale led by the Student Leadership Team. A huge thank you to everyone who baked and donated so generously in support of this important cause.

As we look ahead, a reminder that Year 11 and Year 13 Trial Exams are fast approaching. Students should continue their revision at home to ensure they are fully prepared. There will be a Year 11 Parents' Evening on Monday

20th October, giving parents and carers the opportunity to speak directly with mentors and teachers about progress and next steps.

Our Post 16 Open Evening takes place on Tuesday 14th October and Year 11 careers interviews begin on Monday 13th October, where students will meet with a Level 6 qualified advisor to explore future pathways and options using our online careers platform, Unifrog.

It's wonderful to see so much happening across the school - well done to everyone involved!

Mrs E Martin

Post 16 Launches the Year with a Fun-Filled Meet and Greet!

Students in the Post 16 Hub enjoyed a fantastic lunchtime event as part of the first student-led activity of the year — a lively Meet and Greet. The aim was to bring students together, helping them step outside their usual friendship groups and connect with peers they might not normally have the chance to talk to.

The event took place in the Gym and was full of energy and laughter. Students and staff enjoyed delicious samosas, pastries, and muffins, with some students even bringing in cultural dishes to share. There was also plenty of action, with a group of students - joined by Mr Austin - taking part in some friendly basketball games.

Post 16
Select

Everyone left the event with smiles on their faces, and the Post 16 team is already looking forward to planning the next social event!

The Bridge have now completed interviews for student leader positions and are delighted to announce that our new Bridge Student Ambassadors are in post!

An incredible 33 students have taken on leadership roles this year - a fantastic achievement and a reflection of their enthusiasm and commitment. In addition, many more Bridge students are now proudly representing their subjects as Subject Ambassadors.

Well done to all our new ambassadors - we can't wait to see the positive impact you'll make across the school!

The Book Fair is Coming to Barr's Hill!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is nearly here! It will be in the library from 15th-22nd October so come along to find the best new books and help to earn free books for our school!

Come along to the library during the fair and get your hands on some brilliant new titles!



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

Year 11 Careers Interviews Begin This Week

All Year 11 students will have a scheduled careers interview with a Level 6 qualified advisor during the week commencing Monday 13th October. Appointment details have already been shared with students.

During these one-to-one sessions, advisors will discuss students' Post-16 and Post-18 options, career interests, and any concerns they may have about the year ahead. It's also a great opportunity for students to ask questions and explore their future pathways.

To support these conversations, students will be encouraged to use our online careers platform, Unifrog.

Parents and guardians can also access Unifrog at www.unifrog.org/code using the sign-up code BRHLPARENTS.



Year 11 Raise £100 for Macmillan Cancer Support

A huge thank you to all the Year 11 students who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning charity cake sale! Together, we raised £100 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There were so many kind and generous donations, with students baking delicious cakes at home and bringing them in to support this wonderful cause. The event was organised and led by our fantastic Year 11 Student Leadership Team, who did an excellent job bringing everyone together for such an important charity.



Year 11 Parents' Evening

On Monday 20th October, we will be holding our Year 11 Parents' Evening. All students are invited to attend with their parents or carers to discuss their progress and preparation for the upcoming Trial Exams.

Students have been given letters with further details, and mentors or tutors will be in touch over the next couple of weeks to arrange an appointment time.

Business Breakfast: Exploring Careers in Architecture

On Tuesday 21st October we will be hosting a Business Breakfast with Lauren Carpenter, a practicing architect and the Course Director for Architecture at Coventry University. Lauren will be joined by colleagues from Coventry University who will talk about routes into architecture and answer all questions about the career.

The event will take place in Conference Room 2 from 8.20am - 9.10am with breakfast, hot drinks and juice provided.

If you are interested and would like to attend, please scan the QR code to register.
If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Matthews.



Getting to school on time
really matters. Did you know...



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If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

You should not take holidays during term time.

Please be punctual to maintain attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity.

Barr's Hill Coventry Rugby Pathway Secure Thrilling Away Win at RGS Worcester!

The Barr's Hill Coventry Rugby Pathway team produced a stunning performance to overcome Royal Grammar School (RGS) Worcester in a thrilling encounter, taking home a hard-fought 36–31 victory on RGS's own turf.

From the opening whistle, both teams showed their quality in attack and defence, but it was Barr's Hill who edged ahead thanks to a combination of resilience, teamwork, and individual brilliance. The standout moment of the match came from **Jack McC**, who scored one of the tries of the season with an electric burst of pace and footwork that left the opposition defence grasping at thin air.

Equally impressive was **Jack L**, who put in a truly heroic shift - absorbing heavy tackles time and again while driving his teammates forward with relentless energy and determination. His leadership and physicality were key to maintaining momentum during the game's most challenging moments.

Meanwhile, **Caelan** embodied the team's spirit throughout, showing incredible grit and determination to keep Barr's Hill in the contest. His defensive work rate and refusal to give up inspired those around him and ensured the team stayed competitive right to the final whistle.

In the end, Barr's Hill's composure and teamwork proved decisive, securing a memorable win against strong opposition. The result is a testament to the players' hard work, unity, and belief in one another - a proud moment for the entire Coventry Rugby Pathway programme.

Final Score: Barr's Hill Coventry Pathway 36 – 31 RGS Worcester

A superb team effort, well rewarded with their first win of the regular season - which we hope will be the catalyst for a successful rest of the year!





TASTE OF AMERICA

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Loaded Burgers £2.10 with Wedges £2.58

Pepperoni Pizza £2.10

Southern Fried Chicken with Spiced Wedges £2.58

Mac & Cheese £2.10 with Wedges £2.58

Cheese & Sweetcorn Pizza

Corn on the Cob £1.00

FOR DESSERT

Blueberry Muffin £1.10
Key Lime Cup Cake £1.10



Monday 13th October 2025



Barr's Hill School

10.15 - 11.15

SEND Coffee Morning

SEND Coffee Morning -Monday
13th October



This session aims to provide an additional opportunity to talk to our team of specialists within Student Services, ranging from SENDCo to Numeracy Specialist teacher. Come and join us for coffee, cake and time to talk about your child's needs, provision and Q&A.

We will also have representatives from the Mental Health in Schools Team and information from the Satellite Family Hub.

This session is aimed at parents and carers of students with SEND, across all key stages.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 8th October using the above QR code.



Book your ticket using the below QR Code below:

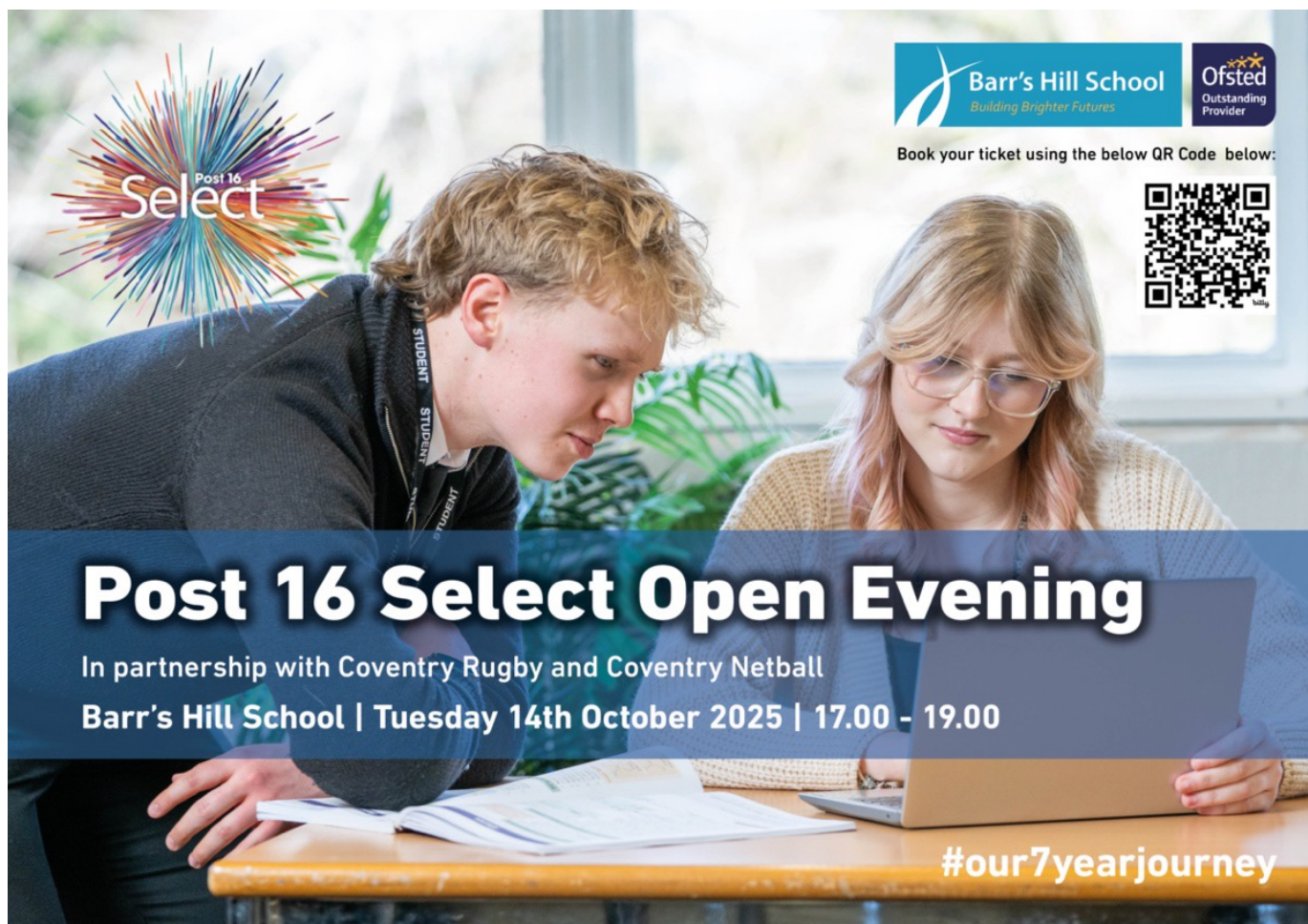


Post 16 Select Open Evening

In partnership with Coventry Rugby and Coventry Netball

Barr's Hill School | Tuesday 14th October 2025 | 17.00 - 19.00

#our7yearjourney



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How can we rise up to the challenge?



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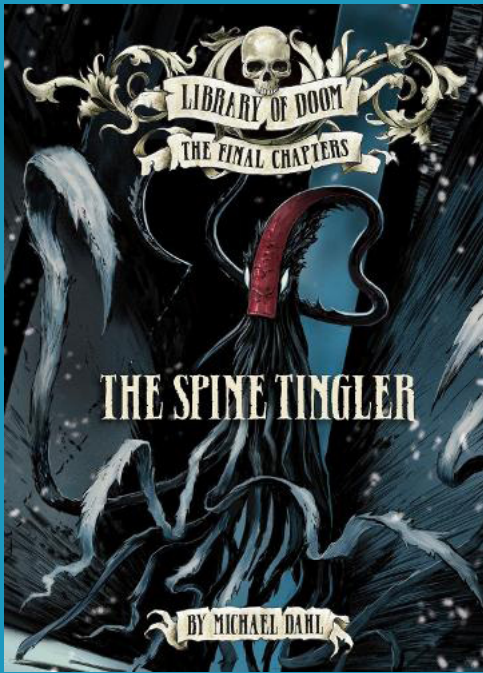
50P per strip

Wednesday 1st October - Wednesday 8th October

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Student Book Review

This week's review has been written by Gracie S from 7L.

Book: Library of Doom

Gracie says: There is a girl walking along the dark pavement. She sees a sign that says Do Not Enter and she did and there were monsters inside.

Rating: 5/5

Book of the Week

A Gathering Midnight by Holly Race

Description: For Londoner Fern King, Annwn is her second home – the dream mirror of London, the city she loves. An astonishing world, a world where Dreamers walk in their slumber, their dreams playing out all around them. And Fern, along with her twin brother Ollie, is now a Knight, a trusted guardian and protector of those Dreamers – and every night is spent in Annwn, fulfilling that previously only-imagined destiny to guard those who sleep. But Annwn, this dark and golden city, is a fragile place. There are those who seek to control and to ruin it – mistrust and secrets are rife, and as the delicate symbiotic balance between Annwn and our own world begins to topple, rips begin to appear between the fabric of the worlds. And Fern and Ollie will have to do all in their power to protect this place that has become so precious to them ...

