

NEWSletter

17th October | 2025



Headteacher's Message

It's been another busy and successful week at Barr's Hill School, with students demonstrating PRIDE across a range of activities both in and out of the classroom.

On Tuesday, our Year 7 and 8 girls football team took part in the Compete and Develop tournament at the AT7 Centre. The team performed brilliantly, scoring 16 goals across five matches and showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. It was a great reflection of their hard work and commitment.

Thursday's Post 16 Open Evening was a real highlight. It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and families to explore what our Sixth Form has to offer. Staff and student ambassadors did a fantastic job of showcasing our extensive course offer and wider opportunities on offer in Post-16.

Our Year 11 boys football team continued their strong start to the season with a 5-1 win in the West Midlands Cup, securing a place in the next round. Their performance was made even more memorable by a visit from Sky Blues players, who came along to work with our students.

Finally, congratulations to our Bridge students who attended their first reward trip to see The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical at the Belgrade Theatre. The trip recognised their efforts in reading and attendance and offered a chance to experience live theatre in a new and exciting way.

Thank you to all staff, students and families for your continued support.

Mrs E Martin

Post 16 Open Evening Success!

Our Post 16 Open Evening on Thursday was a fantastic success, with a great turnout of students and families eager to explore the opportunities available at Barr's Hill Sixth Form.

Visitors were welcomed by our dedicated staff and current Post 16 students, who shared their experiences and guided guests around the site. The evening gave prospective students a chance to learn more about our wide range of A Level and BTEC courses, enrichment opportunities, and the strong support we provide to help every student achieve their goals.

Engaging subject displays, inspiring talks, and lively discussions helped showcase the vibrant and ambitious community within our Post 16. Many visitors commented on the welcoming atmosphere and the enthusiasm of both staff and students.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success — from the student ambassadors to the teachers who represented their subjects with such passion. We look forward to welcoming our future Year 12 students in September!

Barr's Hill Year 7 & 8 Girls Impress with Strong Tournament Performance

On Tuesday 14th October, our Year 7 and 8 girls football team competed at the AT7 centre in the compete and develop tournament, competing against schools across Coventry in friendly games. The team consisted of **Lizzie S, Praise A, Daisy C, Lilijana S, Georgia M, Ava H, Baylei C** and **Peyton A**, all worked fantastically together in the 5 a side games, working as a team and supporting each other.

The girls won 3-0 in the first 3 games, 6-0 in the 4th game, but were unfortunately defeated in their last game against Finham Park, losing 2-1. With 16 goals scored across the tournament, **Lizzie S** secured 9 of them and played brilliantly in her striker role. **Peyton** and **Georgia** rotated as our goal keepers and only conceded 1 goal across the 5 games! Individually, each player worked well and showed great football skills.

Overall, it was an amazing team effort from our Barrs Hill Year 7 and 8 girls football team and we look forward to the next one!



Bridge Reward Trip

On Thursday 16 October, 40 of our Bridge students went on their first ever reward trip, to watch The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry.

The students invited on the trip were those who had earned special recognition through one of our Bridge reward schemes, either showing their dedication to reading by completing the Summer Transition Reading Challenge or the Attendance Card Draw where students who achieved 100% attendance, were entered in to a prize draw, and winners selected at random.

This trip was designed to celebrate their efforts, inspire a love for the arts, and give them a memorable experience beyond the classroom.

Based on Rick Riordan's bestselling novel, the musical tells the story of Percy Jackson - a teenager who on discovering he is the half-blood son of the Greek god Poseidon, embarks on an epic quest. With gods, monsters, prophecies and friendship, it's a thrilling mix of myth, drama and fun.

During the performance students were spellbound by illusions, dynamic scenes, strong performances and inventive stagecraft that brought mythological figures to life.

One of the aims of giving this experience was to reward and motivate: to show students that consistent effort in reading or attendance can lead to opportunities to explore the wider world.

We hope this trip will inspire students to attend future performances, explore theatre, and continue to read widely. It's our intention to offer more such reward trips in the year ahead especially to support and celebrate students doing their best in reading, attendance, behaviour, or other schoolwide initiatives.



Barr's Hill Boys Shine in 5-1 Cup Triumph

Year 11 Boy's continued their winning start to the season with a comprehensive 5-1 win over Aldridge School in the West Midlands Cup. The win sees the boys move into the 3rd round of the competition. Despite going behind early, the boys demonstrated fantastic resilience to come back and take a 2-1 lead into half time. The boys deservedly scored a 3rd goal early in the second half, with two late strikes completing the 5-1 score.

The goals were scored by **Aaron A** (2), **Noble A**, **Benson F** and **Josh P**.

Player of the Match: **Kevin Y** - Led by example at the heart of the Barr's Hill defence, winning his individual battles and hardly putting a foot wrong.

Year 11 Boys next fixture is in Round 2 of the English School Football Association Cup against Redmoor Academy.

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...

5 Minutes

10 Minutes

15 Minutes

20 Minutes

30 Minutes

You would have lost
approximately...

3.5 Days from School

7 Days from School

10 Days from School

14.5 Days from School

22 Days from School

or you would have missed
approximately...

18 Lessons

35 Lessons

50 Lessons

73 Lessons

110 Lessons

You should not take holidays during term time.

Please be punctual to maintain attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity.

Barr's Hill SEND Survey
October 2025

Please complete if you are the parent/
carer of a student with SEND



The Gateway

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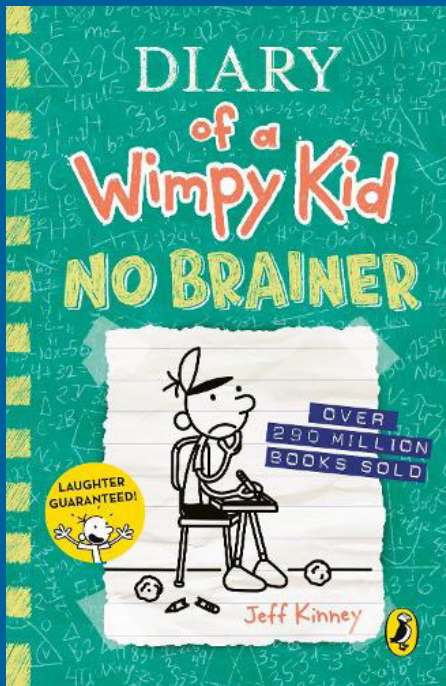


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Monday 13th October - Friday 17th October

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Student Book Review

This week's review has been written by Saif S from IIT.

Book: No Brainer

Saif says: Greg's school is suffering and it closes down but then it reopens because a millionaire donated to it.

Book of the Week

Ada Rue and the Banished

Description: Ada and her parents have moved from the city to a small town for her mum's new job. But when they arrive, it's obvious to Ada that something is not quite right. On her newspaper round, she discovers the Banished, magical people who have been exiled from the town by the sinister mayor.

