



Barlby High Family Forum

Community Bulletin

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A warm welcome...

...to this half term's bulletin for our Barlby High community and to a new academic year.

Our bulletin is published at the start of each half term to give parents and carers an overview of current priorities in school, reminders of upcoming events and activities and any other key information which is relevant to our community. We hope you find this edition useful and would welcome any feedback and suggestions on what you would like to see in our next edition!



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A warm welcome to our new Year 7s

We are delighted to welcome our new students with their parents and carers to our school community. Thank you for choosing our school for your child.

We look forward to meeting you and talking about how your child has settled in during our Year 7 'Keep In Touch' event on the 1st October from 4pm - 6pm.



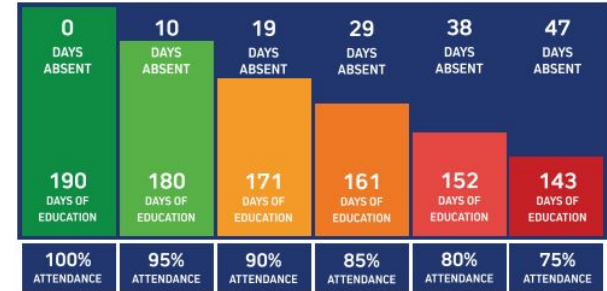
#Attendance Matters

We encourage all students to reach our 97% attendance target! We greatly value your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually.

If you have any concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help.

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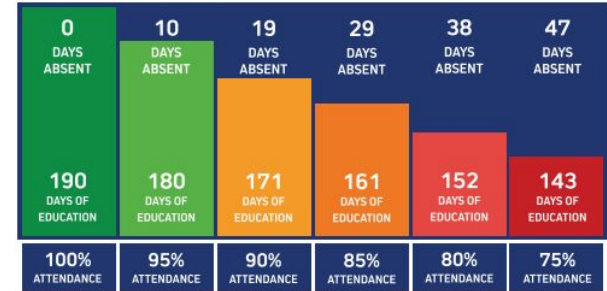
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During September we encourage all students to complete a 100% #SeptemberAttendanceStreak, attending every day during the 16 days of September.

A prize draw will take place on 2nd October for students who reach 100%!

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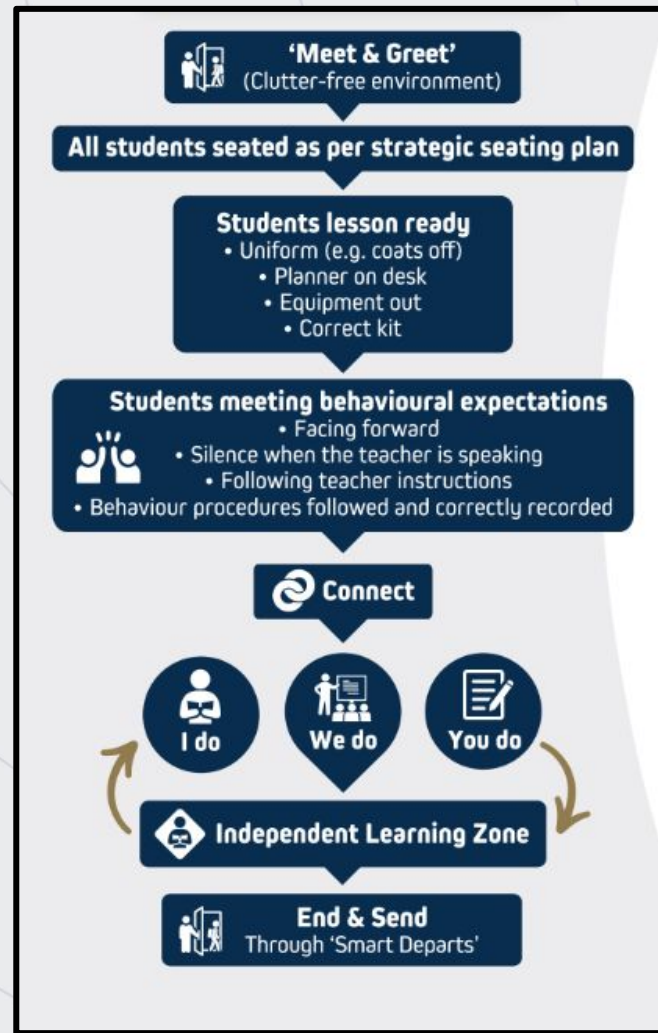
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Our lesson routine

All lessons at Barlby High School and in the Heartwood Learning Trust follow the same routine.

We encourage all students to participate in all aspects of the lesson and try their best to complete all tasks.



Home Learning

Students regularly receive homework which is written in the student planner or logged on Edulink. Additionally, SPARX homework is set every week for Maths and Science for all year groups (due Wednesday at 8am). This year's SPARX homework tasks will go live across Heartwood Learning Trust in mid-September and we will notify you when this happens. Please encourage your child to complete their tasks and be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

The logo for Sparx Science, featuring the text "Sparx Science" in white on a teal background.

Sparx
Science

The logo for Sparx Maths, featuring the text "Sparx Maths" in white on a dark blue background with a small orange triangle in the bottom right corner.

Sparx Maths

The logo for Reading Plus, featuring a stylized graphic of three curved lines in orange, green, and blue above the text "reading plus" in blue.

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Home Learning

For English, Reading Plus homework is set every week for students in Key Stage Three (due Friday at 8.30am). Students are currently taking their Reading Plus Benchmark assessments to gauge their current reading level. Please support your child by talking to them about their assessment and encouraging a positive mindset to be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

The Sparx Science logo features the words "Sparx" and "Science" in white, stacked vertically, against a teal background with a subtle pattern of overlapping circles.

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The Sparx Maths logo consists of a dark blue rectangle with a small grid of white dots in the top right corner. The text "Sparx Maths" is written in white. An orange triangle is visible on the right edge of the rectangle.

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The Reading Plus logo features a stylized graphic of three interlocking loops in orange, green, and blue above the text "reading plus" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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Barlby Clubs

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast					Peer Reading in the Library
Lunch Time		Wool Crafts Club in C1 Badminton Club	D&D Club in S7 Girls' Football for all years		Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball
After School	Key Stage Three Maths Club Y7 & Y8 Science Club (begins October) Home Learning Club in the Bridge	School Musical Drama Club Home Learning Club in the Bridge	Home Learning Club in the Bridge	Sparx Catch Up session (week B) School Musical Drama Club Art Club - C1 Home Learning Club in the Bridge	

Year 11s - Be Exam Ready

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor	Intervention for <u>English</u> , <u>Maths</u> and <u>Science</u> will take place in small groups throughout the week.				
Lunch	Year 11 students have a priority queue in the canteen to enable them to go to lunchtime revision held by class teachers.				
Period 6	Maths	English	Independent study due to staff training	History / Geography	Science
Period 6	Art / Drama / Music	Sociology / BTec Sport / French		Food / DT	Business / Computer Science
Period 6	Small group interventions will be running during period 6 for <u>English</u> and <u>Maths</u> all week, delivered by English and Maths tutors				

What's on in the Library?

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Peer Reading
Break Time	Open for everyone	Open for everyone	Open for everyone	Open for everyone	Open for everyone
Lunch Time	Open for everyone	Open for everyone	Open for everyone	Open for everyone	Open for everyone
After School	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention

Upcoming assembly topics

- Behaviour and Attendance Expectations
- British Values and Barlby Values
- Keeping yourself safe (led by our Police School Liaison Officer)
- SPARX Maths and Science
- Reading for Pleasure
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Celebrating Diversity

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Upcoming assemblies for Year 11

- Bishop Burton College
- York College
- Selby College
- Askham Bryan College
- Fulford Sixth Form

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Upcoming events...

- Y7 Mission Out visit
- The Great European Bake Off
- Publication of the Summer Term 'Wanted' writing competition winning entries
- Y10 Art trip to Skipwith Common to study natural forms
- Y11 Drama Live Stream of Frankenstein
- Y10 performance of Blood Brothers
- Paris Trip 2027

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School Tour & Meet the SENDCo

EVENTS FOR 2026/27

- **24th September 2026** 4.30pm until 6pm
- **8th October 2026** 4.30pm until 6pm
- **28th January 2027** 4.30pm until 6pm
- **16th March 2027** 5pm until 7pm
- **6th May 2027** 4.30pm until 6pm

Please email hello@bhs.hlt.academy to book your place.

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THE GREAT EUROPEAN BAKE OFF

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
COFFEE MORNING

European Day of
Languages!



COMPETITION!

To celebrate the European Day of Languages, the Modern Languages and Home Economics Department invite you to enter the
Great European Bake Off Competition!

Competition Brief:

Design, bake and decorate a cake **with a European theme**. Your cake could represent one European country, or Europe as a whole. (It must be nut-free.)

Bake and decorate your creation **at home** and then bring it to school **Either Thurs 24th September or Friday 25th September**

Cakes that have been decorated for the competition should go to the library to be judged by our panel of experts (!) and any cakes that are donated to be sold but not decorated should also go straight to the library.

Cakes will be on sale at break and lunch time on Friday 25th in the library and will cost 50p **CASH** per slice/ per bun.

We have two places available on the Paris trip which takes place in half term 2027 for Year 9 and Year 10 students. Please contact l.welsh@bhs.hlt.academy for further details

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Ways you can support

We are currently welcoming expressions of interest for our Local Governing Committee for Parent Governors and Trust-appointed Governors.

No education experience is required and the role offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to our Barlby High School community. Please contact hello@bhs.hlt.academy if you are interested or have any questions.

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Welcome from Anouska Gardner | Principal

Thank you for your interest in a position on our Local Governing Committee.

*With support from **Heartwood Learning Trust**, we are continuing to ensure that we are at the forefront of development within our school. We work closely with our parents, carers and staff to develop a strong community school that nurtures **Kindness, Respect and Teamwork**. Our vision is to create a school where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential but also enjoy their time at school. We want our students to flourish and develop a love for learning, igniting their interests both in and out of school.*

It is important to us that students also develop memories and positive experiences that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We have an innovative and creative team of teaching and support staff within our school. The Trust continues to invest in Barlby High School and that investment which goes so much further than the physical building and the resources available to students, brings an improved, stable environment that the students, staff and our community can be proud of.

We want to ensure that all members of our school community can live life to the full, and we would be delighted to have you join us as part of our community.

Welcome from the Barlby High School Local Governing Committee

Thank you for your interest in our school, We are delighted that you are considering becoming a part of our school community.

Our Local Governing Committee welcomes a wide varying range of members and if you have the drive and passion to provide supportive challenge to our school to help us on our journey of continual improvement then we would love to hear from you.

Our ambition is that all our learners should experience “Life in all its fullness” and that we provide “a place to thrive.” Of course this includes the aspiration that all students will achieve outstanding educational outcomes, but our vision goes deeper than this – we want our young people to find their own pathway, follow their dreams and aspirations and ultimately live their lives as fully as possible to achieve their own personal success.

As a governor, you will receive the support and training opportunities to fulfil this role. We would also encourage anyone taking on the role of governor to ensure they regularly visit the school and engage with school activities. Meeting our young people and hearing what they have to say is by far the most effective way to understand the school environment and it enables you to ask insightful questions to help improve the school community as a whole.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team at Barlby High School.



Dates for the diary

- **23.09.26** - Y7 Mission Out Visit
- **24.09.26** - Meet the SENCo Evening 4.30pm-6pm
- **25.09.26** - Flu Vaccinations
- **28.09.26** - Tom Talk to Year 11 students
- **30.09.26** - Y7 & Y10 Photographs
- **30.09.26** - Y5 & Y6 Open Evening 6pm-8pm
- **01.10.26** - Y7 Keeping In Touch Evening 4pm-6pm
- **08.10.26** - Meet the SENCo Evening 4.30pm-6pm
- **w/c 05.10.26** - Y5 & Y6 Harry Potter Week
- **08.10.26** - Maths Competition
- **16.10.26** - Restart A Heart Day
- **22.10.26** - Barlbo's Spooktacular

Family forum

We are keen to develop the home-school partnership for the benefit of all members of the school community.

If you are interested in joining our Family Forum please contact Mrs Welsh, Vice Principal, at school.



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