Barlby High Family Forum

Community Bulletin

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A warm welcome...

...to this half term's bulletin for our Barlby High community.

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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Dates for the diary

- **w/c 09.11.26** Mock Exams for Y11
- **11.11.26** Y9 Remembrance Day at Selby Cemetery
- **w/c 16.11.26** Mock Exams for Y11
- **17.11.26** Operation Sceptre VR Event
- **23.11.26** Y7 Singing Assembly
- **25.11.26** Y10 performance of Blood Brothers
- **w/c 01.12.26** Key Stage 3 assessments begin
- **01.12.26** Festive Evening and Tree Lighting
- **03.12.26** Y10 & Y11 Mock Interviews
- **10.12.26** Y11 Parent and Carer Evening
- **w/c 14.12.26** Barlbo's Christmas Cracker
- **18.12.26** School closed for Teacher Training Day

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Upcoming Events

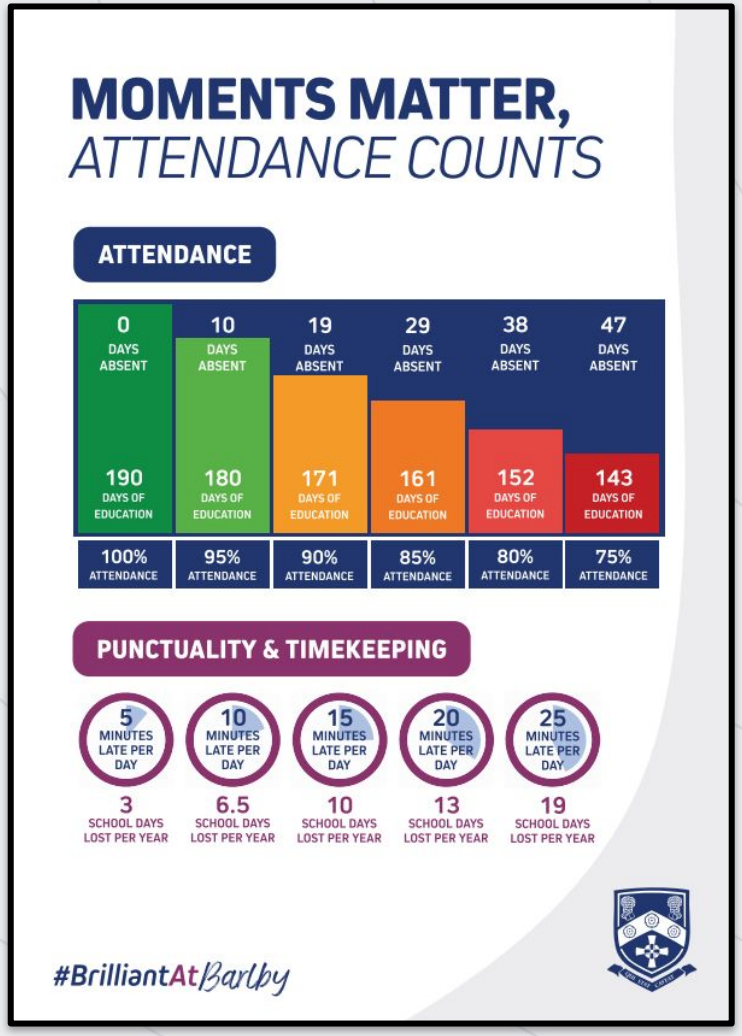
- **05.01.27** Students return to school
- **14.01.27** Y10 Parent and Carer Evening
- **18.01.27** Y10 / Y11 theatre visit to see Macbeth
- **26.01.27** Y10 theatre visit to see A Christmas Carol goes wrong!
- **05.02.27** School closes for half term at 3.15pm
- **07.02.27** Paris Trip

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#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.



#Attendance Matters

We run a variety of initiatives to improve student attendance.

Over the next half term, we encourage all students to aim for 97% attendance in order to win a ticket to the Barlbo's Christmas Cracker special event!



#Attendance Matters

We know that some students have genuine barriers to attendance so we want to reward students for any attendance improvements!

Students receive 5 achievement points or 10 prom points for every full week of attendance and a ticket to our Friday attendance games.

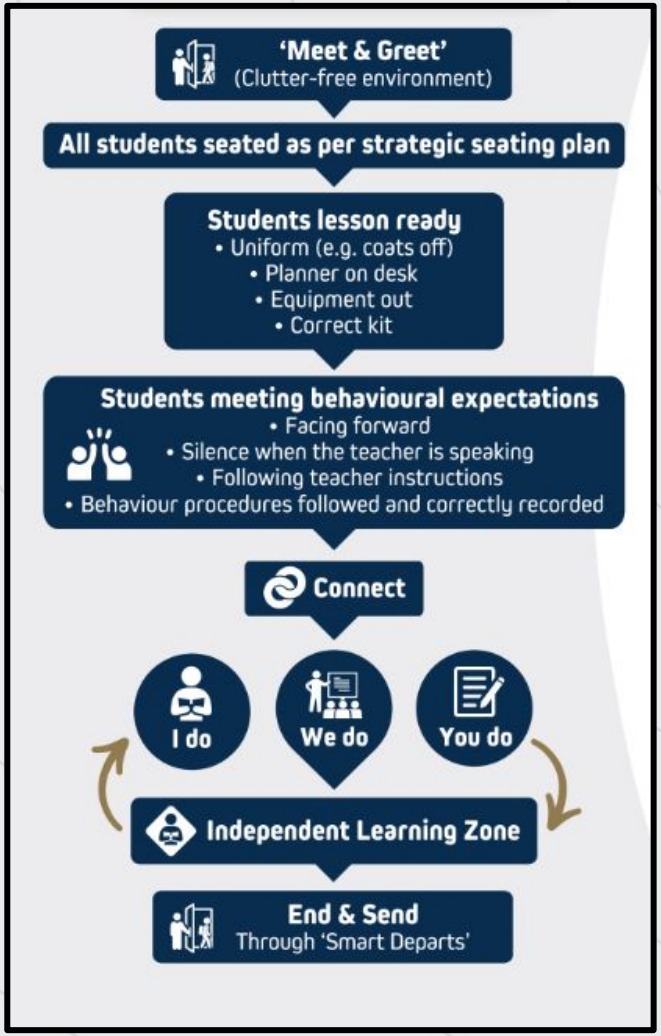
#BeInToWin on our Surprise Attendance Days to have a chance of winning a prize from our #BrilliantAtBarlby prize box!



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.

SPARX homework is set every week for Maths and Science for all year groups (due Wednesday at 4pm).

Please encourage your child to complete their tasks and be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

Sparx Science

Sparx Maths

reading plus

Home Learning

Reading Plus homework is set every week for Year 7 - 9 students and is due on Friday at 8.30am.

We are incredibly proud that we are in the top ten nationally of Reading Plus schools for the average number of reading lessons our students have completed. Keep up the great work #TeamBarlby!

Please encourage your child to complete their tasks and be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

Sparx Science

Sparx Maths

reading plus

Equipment

All students should have the following equipment with them in school each day:

- School planner
- Black pens
- Red pen
- Whiteboard pen
- HB pencil
- 30cm ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Reading book
- **Glue stick**
- Yondr pouch (provided by school)

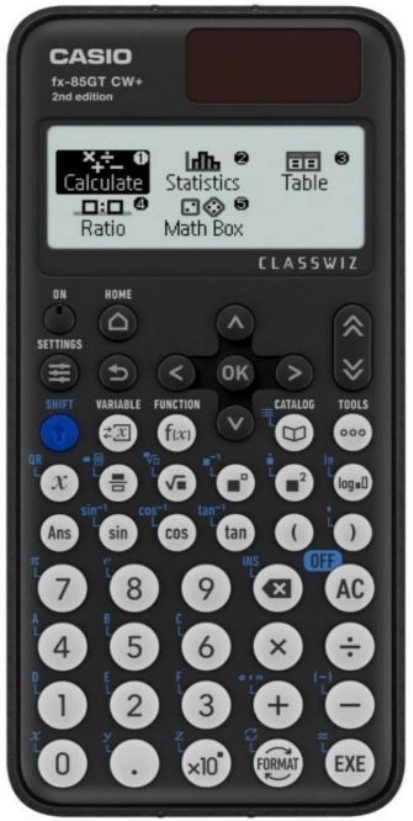


Calculators

Our maths department strongly recommend this calculator:

Casio fx-85GTCW+ Scientific Calculator

This calculator includes a number of features which support maths success. It is available from online retailers including Amazon and in some supermarkets.



Barlby Clubs

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time					Peer Reading in the Library
Lunch Time	Lego League (Key Stage 4 by invitation)		Key Stage 3 Volleyball Sparx Catch Up Pride & Allies Club Art Club		Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball
After School	Key Stage Three Maths Club Y7 & Y8 Science Club Home Learning Club in the Bridge	School Musical Drama Club Model Making Club in C4 Home Learning Club in the Bridge	Home Learning Club in the Bridge	School Musical Drama Club Home Learning Club in the Bridge	Art Club

Year 11s - Be Exam Ready

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor	Intervention for English, Maths and Science 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 English and Maths 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 Y11, Y10, Y8 & Y7	Open for Y11, Y10 & Y9	Open for Y11, Y8 & Y7	Open for Y11, Y10 & Y9	Open for Y11, Y8 & Y7
Lunch Time	Open for Y11, Y10, Y8 & Y7	Open for Y11, Y10 & Y9	Open for Y11, Y8 & Y7	Open for Y11, Y10 & Y9	Open for Y11, Y8 & Y7
After School	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention

A space for homework, reading and mindful activities (jigsaws, chess, colouring)

Upcoming assembly topics

- Anti-Bullying Week
- Remembrance Week
- Democracy and the Rule of Law
- Going Missing and Vaping (led by our PCSO)
- Sexting (led by our PCSO)
- Winter around the World
- Launch of Y10 Work Experience
- Book Buzz for Year 7
- Celebration Assemblies

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Get ready for FEAST this Christmas

FEAST provides holiday activities with healthy meals to children and young people in the Christmas holidays. All families are welcome to join in, with fully funded places for eligible children and young people.

Christmas vouchers go live on Monday 23 November. Eligible families will receive a voucher by email or text through HolidayActivities, with a link to browse activities and request places.

You can request places from Monday 23 November, but providers will only begin confirming bookings from Wednesday 25 November. This gives all families time to look at the activities and request places before any are allocated, helping more children and young people take part. You'll receive confirmation if your child has a place.

Not sure whether your child is eligible? Visit the FEAST eligibility page for more information.

- For more information about FEAST, visit the website
- For FEAST queries not answered by our online FAQs, email: hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

For support with your HolidayActivities account, contact support@holidayactivities.com

Ways you can support

We have two important Careers Events coming up for students and would like to know if you can offer us any support.

03.12.26 Mock Interview Day for Y10 & Y11: Interview and ask students a prepared set of questions and complete a short evaluation of each student

18.02.27 Careers Fair: Host a table top stall with information about how to apply for and progress in your sector

Please contact a.lister@bhs.hlt.academy if you can support us

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Ways you can support

We always welcome 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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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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