Barnhill
Community High School



Excellence in Learning, Commitment to Care

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"Leaders have high expectations and pupils rise to this"
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Headteacher's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Barnhill Community High School. As a high performing, oversubscribed, inclusive secondary school and sixth form serving the Hillingdon community, Barnhill is a place where every student is valued, supported, and inspired to succeed.

We are proud to provide an exceptional learning environment where students feel a strong sense of belonging, develop confidence in their abilities, and are encouraged to pursue their ambitions. Guided by our ethos, **"Excellence in Learning, Commitment to Care,"** we nurture a culture of high expectations, mutual respect, and opportunity for all.

At Barnhill, our core purpose is to ensure every student receives a remarkable education that enables them to thrive both academically and personally. We are committed to helping young people become responsible, compassionate, and successful future leaders who are equipped to make a positive contribution to society.

We are proud to serve our diverse local community and celebrate the many achievements of our students year after year. Together, we create a school where everyone belongs, everyone is supported, and everyone is empowered to achieve excellence.

Mr J Jones
Headteacher

Our Ethos

The Barnhill Ethos is founded on our shared values of **Respect, Wisdom, Aspiration, and Community.** We believe in the transformative power of education and the opportunities that learning creates for every young person.

At Barnhill, we show **respect** for ourselves, for others, and for the diverse perspectives and experiences that strengthen our school community. We seek **wisdom** through a love of learning, intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to personal growth, recognising that knowledge empowers individuals to make informed and positive contributions to society.

We foster **aspiration** by encouraging every student to aim high, embrace challenge, and fulfil their potential, both academically and personally. Our high expectations inspire our students to achieve excellence and pursue ambitious futures.

Our strong sense of **community** lies at the heart of everything we do. We believe that success is built through collaboration, kindness, and belonging, creating an environment where every individual feels valued, supported, and able to thrive.

Together, these values guide our commitment to developing confident, responsible, and compassionate young people who are equipped to contribute positively to their local, national, and global communities.



Our Mission

At Barnhill, we believe that every student can succeed. We deliver an exceptional education that supports the academic achievement and personal development of every young person, transforming their life chances. Our students are inspired to be ambitious in all that they do, are equipped to achieve excellence and contribute positively to society as future leaders and active citizens. Our ambition is to continue to be the school of choice for our community and a model of excellence for others to follow.



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Personal Development & Wellbeing

We pride ourselves in providing an exceptional, holistic education that enables each child to experience wider opportunities beyond the classroom, encouraging personal development and positive wellbeing.

Our personal development programme supports our students to develop the knowledge and skills they need for participation and success in later life. Wellbeing is at the heart of personal development, fostering a sense of belonging, with students receiving the care and support required from talented and committed staff to achieve and thrive, in school and beyond.

The school is grounded in the strength of relationships between staff, students and families who are the foundation of all great communities. Barnhill is tremendously diverse in terms of the academic and cultural backgrounds of its students and we celebrate this diversity. We very much look forward to the start of a seven-year journey during which we will educate your children and support their academic and personal development & wellbeing.



"Positive and respectful relationships underpin the Barnhill community."
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Academic Excellence

Excellent dynamic and adaptive teaching ensures all students make outstanding progress in their examinations and secure world class destinations.

Leaders continue to be determined for all students, and with a sense of pride, our students rise to this. The school has been in and around the top 5% of schools in England since 2018, with English, Maths and Science outperforming our local and many national schools, remaining significantly above national averages for all students. It is our deeply committed and explicitly passionate subject experts who lead our curriculum areas to achieve these exceptional outcomes.

Professional development is underpinned by national research ensuring the learning in the classroom is both inclusive and ambitious, enabling all students to thrive and achieve success across the curriculum. Barnhill was last inspected by Ofsted in February 2024, judged as Outstanding in a full inspection, where inspectors commented ***"Pupils achieve well and are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps." Ofsted 2024***

"The ambitious curriculum is well-designed and implemented."

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Learning at Barnhill

The school's ethos is based upon having respect for the power of learning and the fulfilment that wisdom brings. Its curriculum is ambitious, designed and sequenced well to build the foundations, moving seamlessly onto complex concepts with students mastering the learning. The success of our students is based upon excellent adaptive teaching delivered with passion by subject experts. Planning is underpinned by appropriate challenge and support required by learners to succeed. Students experience a knowledge-rich curriculum, are encouraged to read widely, articulate their thinking, debate and apply knowledge in a variety of contexts.



"The curriculum is well-sequenced so that pupils embed important concepts before applying them to more complex ideas."

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Enrichment Opportunities

At Barnhill, we recognise the importance of personal development both inside and outside the classroom. Our enrichment programme seeks to develop opportunities for all our students and recognising the vast experiences students should be encouraged to participate in. Our enrichment opportunities include:

- a range of clubs which run either side of the school day, and at lunchtimes; educational visits to places such as theatres, cultural centres and museums;
- talks delivered by external speakers on a range of subjects which might include, medicine, finance and matters of social interest; and
- through school events such as competitions, workshops and showcase activities.

"I really am proud to be part of a school with so many wonderful opportunities."
Olivia, Year 8



"All pupils benefit from carefully planned provision that extends beyond the academic curriculum"
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Facilities

The School is a purpose-built modern secondary school with computer suites, interactive whiteboards and spacious classrooms.

Dance and Drama

The school offers a dance studio with a sprung floor, and a well-proportioned drama studio. These departments also make use of the spacious main hall for school productions, shows, festivals and concerts. This shared space is also used for assemblies and some indoor sports.

Sports Facilities

Our sports facilities are excellent. The outdoor facilities include 3 full-sized 'Astro' pitches, a multi-use games area (MUGA), an area of hard-standing which holds netball and basketball courts, and a generously spacious playing field which accommodates 4 full-sized football or rugby pitches and a six-lane running track.

Our indoor facilities include a gym and a vast sports hall which can accommodate up to a full-sized basketball pitch which is used for football, badminton, basketball, cricket nets , table tennis and trampolining.



"Every opportunity is taken to support pupils' character development."

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Music Facilities

Students have excellent facilities which include: a recording studio with separate control room, and a live room; 8 practice room spaces; 2 music classrooms with Mac suites with Logic Pro X and MIDI pianos; and a concert hall with a grand piano.

Curriculum Areas

The school makes the fullest use of its various curriculum areas which include well-appointed IT suites, food tech rooms, art studios, science laboratories, DT workshop and engaging form room environments. The school have recently upgraded some technologies within the DT department to enhance the curriculum offer.

Canteen

Students are able to enjoy their lunch in a light and bright canteen which offers both indoor and outdoor seating areas.

School Development Priorities

Excellence in Learning, Commitment to Care.

An ethos that makes students excellent learners with good characters, who are ready to enhance modern society.

The Barnhill Curriculum; An academic and pastoral curriculum founded in the best of human knowledge and human achievement. Every child's need is catered for, with an inclusive approach, regardless of their starting point. Teaching and Learning is transformational. It inspires a thirst for learning, and challenges students to think, reflect and aspire to greatness. The impact of the Barnhill curriculum means students make progress and succeed in line with the highest performing schools in the country.
Their success is measured by the academic achievements, personal development and transition to world class universities, apprenticeships and employers.



"Leaders at all levels are reflective and systematic in securing further improvements for the school."

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