

BPSS Secondary Newsletter February 2025



WELCOME

.... ..to our first newsletter of 2025. We hope you and your school community had a lovely break.

Despite the cold and wet weather, it's been great to see that fixtures have still been being played. We've been enjoying seeing the results come through for the various league and cup competitions in football, basketball and netball. Deadlines for some of these competitions are fast approaching. We hope your students have enjoyed taking part in them this season and look forward to seeing some of you at the various up and coming league and cup finals.

KS3 and KS4 Girls Badminton festivals were our first events of 2025, taking place at QEG's, we've also had our secondary Boccia competition which took place at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre, Ten Pin Bowling and Volleyball festival. Full write ups can be found further along in the newsletter.

We hosted the secondary PE HoD meeting on the 23rd January, there were some useful discussions on exams. Thank you to those who attended we hope you found it worthwhile.

The Middlesex Cross Country Championships took place on 4th February at Harrow School. Well done to those who represented the borough and good luck to the athletes who have been selected to represent Middlesex Schools at the English Schools event.

We have lots of events taking place in February and March. If you do wish to attend these please ensure you book on via the website [HERE](#). Please do read the event descriptions to ensure you bring the appropriate students to the events.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact if there is anything we can support you with.

All the best,

The BPSS Team 😊

KEY DATES

February

11th – Yr7 Netball Tournament @ Cophall School

28th – Year 7 Boys Football Festival @ Compton

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March

6th – Trampoline Competition @ Hendon LC

10th - 17th – Barnet Dance Festival

19th & 26th - Netball Playoffs @Cophall School

27th – NFL Flag Football @ Whitefield

BPSS UPDATES

Boccia (SEND)

111 SEND students took part in the Boccia competition hosted at Burnt Oak LC. It was great to see the sports hall full with 27 teams. Well done to all the players for improving their skills throughout and working hard for their school. Thank you to the amazing leaders from St James who encouraged the schools and explained the game to ensure a fair and consistent competition. Congratulations to our secondary winners SMSJ.

Volleyball Festival

Well done to the 53 students who attended the event on the 5th February at Hendon School. Students played multiple games throughout the morning and displayed exceptional play. The teams created a buzzing atmosphere supporting each other and their opponents. Thank you to Hendon School for hosting the event and thank you to Stuart from Willesden Volleyball Club who supported at the event. Well done to all the students who took part.



KS3 & KS4 Girls Badminton Festival

66 girls attended this year's festival at QE Girl's. The intent of the festival was to give the players as many matches as we could against other schools, giving them valuable experience outside of their school setting. It was brilliant to see the girls talking and working together to score, officiate and support the other players, as well as displaying some incredible badminton skills. Congratulations to the players from St Michael's, JCOSS and QE Girls'.

Ten Pin Bowling (SEND)

It was wonderful to see Ashmole, East Barnet, TTA and Friern Barnet School in attendance at the North London Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling competition at Hollywood Bowl on the 31st January. The teams were competing for a space to compete at the London final in March. The students showed great team work and great bowling skills knocking the pins down to gain points for their schools. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to Ashmole who came 2nd.



New Age Kurling (SEND)

New age Kurling is a popular sport in the Borough, as it is very different to other sports and easy to pick up. After being shown by the Compton leaders the rules and how to play, the teams started their matches. There were lots of blocks and knocks. The atmosphere was fantastic, with everyone cheering when they witnessed an amazing shot. Well done to all the teams who attended.

PARTNER NEWS AND UPDATE

Junior NBA 3v3 Competition and Free Resources

If your school would like to enter our Barnet 3v3 Basketball Competition please can you ensure you complete the information on this email and enter your school details on the NBA website - [Jr. NBA 3v3 - NBA Classroom](#) **BY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025**. Once signed up you'll be able to access a wide range of basketball resources.

TCS Mini London Marathon in schools – London Borough Challenge!!!

The free TCS Mini London Marathon in schools invites schools to enter their children and young people to run, jog, walk, or wheel 2 miles in their school setting.

It might be called mini, but it is a big event, and over a million children have taken on the challenge since 2020. What's more, your school gets a trophy for taking part!

The borough with the most pupils taking part will receive the coveted **London Trophy**, so sign up now! Two miles of exercise in your school or setting any day/days between 22 April and 2 May 2025

Entries are now open. [Mini London Marathon in schools - TCS London Marathon](#)



Curriculum Review online sessions

Your opportunity to get involved and contribute. Please sign up and have your say [HERE](#) or visit the AfPE website.

Barnet Elizabethan Rugby Club

The club are recruiting for players to join their boys and girls teams, please pass onto any students who may be interested in joining.

WE ENCOURAGE DIRTY PLAYERS
Want to be part of a new era of Rugby in Barnet?

- Paving the way for our new state of the art clubhouse
- Producing England Players
- Saracens Academy Players
- RFU Qualified Coaches

BERFC
BYNG ROAD EN5 4NP
berfc.co.uk

Ages 6 to 18 years
all genders welcome

Sunday a.m (Sep-May)

No experience necessary

A focus on friendships
and player development

TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

Free Basketball Coaching Program for 16-30 year olds



LONDON COACHES PROGRAM

Enhancing skills, employability and health through basketball

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Basketball England coaching qualifications and membership
- Face-to-Face workshops and coaching clinics
- Mentoring support
- Coaching licence and insurance
- FREE** 12-month program

APPLICANTS' PROFILE

- Resident of one of the 32 London boroughs
- 16-30 years-old
- Basketball experience is not essential

LIMITED PLACES - Scan the QR to apply now!

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For more information contact
LONDONCOACHESPROGRAM@BASKETBALLENGLAND.CO.UK

Saracens Foundation Dance Class



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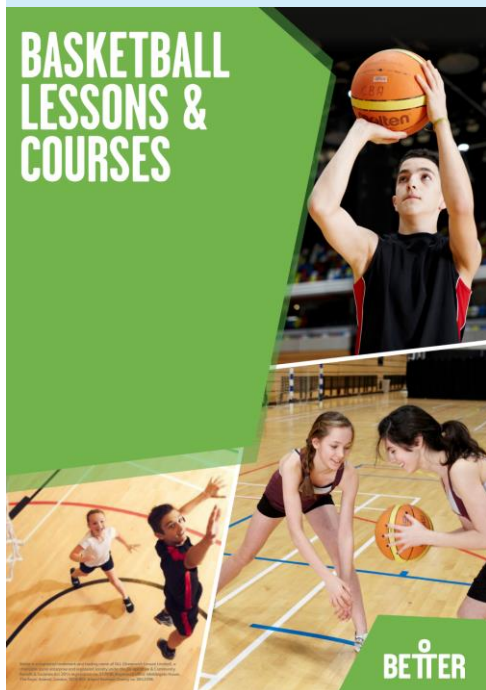
JUNIOR HUB - DANCE CLASS!
FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
AGED 8-14
MONDAY 4:45PM-5:30PM
STONEX STADIUM, BARNET

Please email clarefloyd@saracens.net or call
07984590397 for more
information!

We know your pupils always enjoy the dance stations at BBN1's; Saracens are still running their **FREE** inclusive dance hub sessions at StoneX Stadium). For pupils aged 8-14years.

On top of this they are also offering free taster sessions, to come into schools and deliver to the appropriate group of pupils to promote the sessions. If this is something you would like to take up, please email Clare directly - ClareFloyd@saracens.net

Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre Basketball lessons



For children aged 7-15 years old, every Monday 17.00-18.00 (11-15 yr/old)

Lessons will be delivered by a qualified coach and have to be booked in advance. Book online www.better.org.uk

CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Secondary T1 Rugby Training

It was great to see so many teachers at the online training session; Delivered by the RFU the current T1 delivery was explained to teachers, and they had an opportunity to ask any questions to the experts.

If you have any questions about T1 or any of the upcoming rugby events, training and coaching please email Caroline (cconnell@st-james.barnet). For more support please complete this survey [Click Here](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities for your Students and Staff

Please see a range of educational and sporting apprenticeship opportunities [HERE](#) for your school staff and students. Please pass onto any students and staff who would be suitable. For more information please contact Vanessa – vpender@eastbarnetschool.com





Apprenticeships Opportunities for school leavers

A guide for school leavers, parents and carers



Career Pathways

High-quality apprenticeship training, inspiring careers through sport and education in a school or community setting

Why an apprenticeship?

- For students considering taking a gap year
- A stepping stone into teaching
- An alternative pathway to higher education
- Earn while you learn and train.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



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APPRENTICESHIPS IN SCHOOLS



COMMUNITY ACTIVATOR
Level 2
13-15 months: Including one month for End Point Assessment (EPA)



TEACHING ASSISTANT (PE FOCUS) Level 3
13-15 months: Including one month for End Point Assessment (EPA)



SPORTS COACH Level 4
19 months: Including five months for End Point Assessment (EPA)

PE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING APPRENTICESHIPS

Make sustainable improvements for your school through developing a whole-school approach to PE, health and wellbeing to support school sport and physical activity.

We deliver an Ofsted 'Outstanding' rated apprenticeship programme that focuses on meeting the current needs of pupils and schools. Learners will be trained by qualified PE teachers and sector specialists to work within a school to develop and take on responsibilities for leading sports in a school or community setting.

Benefits of PE, Health and wellbeing apprenticeship training for your school

Apprenticeships provide additional opportunities to expand your sports provision and create a professional development pathway for an existing member of PE staff or to increase the capacity of your staff team by employing a new PE, health and wellbeing apprentice.

Course Content:

Level 2: Community Activator

- Deliver project based tasks to support whole school health and wellbeing agenda
- Work with the wider community to enhance the physical activity offering to pupils.
- Increase opportunities and capacity for extra-curricular and wrap around provision

Level 3: Teaching Assistant | PE Focus

- Work with teachers to understand and support assessment for learning
- Develop knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to the PE TA role
- Gain new ideas and strategies for use in the PE setting to address the health and wellbeing agenda

Level 4: Sports Coach

- Develop knowledge, skills, and behaviours relevant to the PE curriculum.
- Enhance teaching and curriculum planning skills
- Gain knowledge and skills to drive the development of the whole school PE and school sport strategy

Visit: sportingfuturestraining.co.uk | Tel: 01438 791068

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