



# Banovallum News

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## Head's Message

A warm welcome to this, the first newsletter of the new school year.

I would like to thank everyone connected with Banovallum for making me feel very welcome and part of the Banovallum community so quickly. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school so far and long may it continue.

I can't believe that we are at the half-term quite so quickly, but it gives most staff and students alike a chance to have a break and recharge their batteries after an intense start to the year. However, if you are in Year 11, it provides an excellent chance to lay the foundations for success in the summer GCSE exams. With the Prelim Exams a matter of weeks away, the half-term holiday offers the opportunity to do some good quality revision. The recent Revision Skills Evening was very well attended and hopefully provided useful tips and information for students and parents alike. I shall put the presentation and other information up on the school website and on Twitter.

This term has also seen the Careers Fair which provided a huge amount of information on the various pathways open to our students, from exciting Apprenticeships with Siemens and other large organisations to A Level studies and University as well as stimulating careers with HM Forces and everything in between. A massive thank you to Mrs Priestner for organising the event; for parents and students for supporting the event and for all

the companies and organisations who exhibited and offered career advice. As a follow-up to this event, careers interviews will be taking place after the Prelim exams.

For Year 7 parents, I am sure the days of Year 6 seem a long long time ago. Our new Year 7 students have settled in fantastically well to life at Banovallum and they are a credit to their parents. They have approached everything they have encountered with enthusiasm, effort and a smile. I am very proud of them and you should be too. Well done Year 7.

The last two weeks have seen a group of Year 11 students take part in the gruelling selection process for Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy. I am always impressed at how much this means to the students and it is always difficult to make the decisions. This year was no different, with a number of discussions taking place between the Senior Leadership Team once the process had been completed. The successful candidates were Amy Bachelor (Head Girl), Josh Chapman (Head Boy), Jamie-Leigh Dixon (Deputy Head Girl) and Jonny Owens (Deputy Head Boy). Congratulations to all of them. I am sure they will be a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. The unsuccessful candidates should also be congratulated for their very strong presentations and interviews. Such was the strength of the field that we will be looking to develop new senior prefect roles for the students concerned.

Thank you for your support in the school's drive to improve attendance. Our attendance was highlighted last year as an area for us, as a school, to improve. I am



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delighted to say that the early signs are extremely promising. Currently, we are at 96% for our attendance: 3% above last year's figures and better than the national figure. Regular attendance is crucial to students' chances of success at school. I would ask you to ensure your sons and daughters attend school as regularly as possible and that you avoid taking holidays during term time, particularly during the GCSE years. 96% is our target for individual attendance. 90% equals one day off a fortnight, 80% equals one day off a week.

I would like to finish my section of the newsletter, by clarifying some points on uniform. I have been very impressed with how smart the students are looking, particularly when I have driven through Horncastle and Woodhall Spa. It fills me with great pride when visitors to the school comment on how smart the students look. However, there are a few areas I would like to address. Skinny style trousers are not to be worn, the style should be traditional tailored school trousers. Similarly, school shoes should be traditional in style and should not be trainers such as Vans, Converse and Adidas. Socks should be black or dark grey and should not be the trainer style. This has been the school policy for a number of years. Please ensure that your son or daughter is complying with the school policy as we enter the second half of the term.

Thank you for your support in this and other matters.

**Mr Edgar**

## Maths Support

Students now have access to HegartyMaths in order to support them in developing confidence in their Mathematical skills.

HegartyMaths complements our teaching philosophy of mastering maths through constant recap of previous knowledge, spaced learning and regular practice. It also encourages independent learning (students can search for their own tasks as well as have work set by their teacher). There are easy to follow videos if students **and parents** needs help and the ability to message their teacher for some quick advice.

There will be an opportunity for parents to see how we use HegartyMaths to support the students with their Maths.

If you are interested in Maths' support please contact the school office.

**Mr Kisubika**

*HegartyMaths is a amazing place to learn new things it shown me the best videos on how to work out the hardest questions*

Happy Student @ Harris Academy Morden



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We now have 48 students in Year 9 and 10 signed up to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. All have received their paperwork, username and log in details to allow them to complete initial online pages.

Students should have started their section that will see them complete 24 sessions, and at least one of the remaining two sections (each needing to complete 12 sessions). Please be aware that one session is at least one hour long (this could be as two 30min sessions) per week. If they miss a session due to illness, holiday or other reasons, they will need to make up the session at the end.

There is a meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for these students and their parents about their expeditions (practice and qualifying). Go Outdoors will also be present with a supply of clothing and equipment that parents may wish to purchase on the night.

**Mrs Fawcett**

## Friends of Banovallum AGM

This will take place in the Library at 6.00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along if you would like to be involved in raising funds for the school.

## Success for girls netball



Congratulations to Banovallum's Year 8 Netball team, who, after winning a tense local derby with Barnes Wallis 19 -17 are the Coastal Netball Champions for 2017. They will now play the winners of the Wolds' league to decide the overall champions. Head of PE, Emma Sheehan praised the students, saying "The girls deserve credit for holding their nerve and showing great resilience in holding off several determined Barnes Wallis' fightbacks. Thank you to staff parents and students who supported the team throughout the year."



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**Operation Wallacea**  
Conservation research through academic partnerships

We continue to raise money for our expedition, in July 2018 to Croatia, with Operation Wallacea. The students will be present at all parents' evenings, selling teas, coffees, and homemade baking. Please come along and support, by making purchases and asking the students about their expedition.

Parents seeking to support Operation Wallacea can continue to raise funds through the [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website. You raise money via your online shopping and selecting the Operation Wallacea option in the Banovallum School section.

**Mrs Fawcett**

## Attendance

We are aiming to not miss school hours at all this year. Remember two weeks of school is 50 hours of learning lost. Think of what you could learn in that time.

On average it takes between 30 and 40 hours of driving lessons to be test ready.

Can you beat 96% attendance this year?

## Attendance Winners

The winner of this half-term's House Attendance Trophy is Hurricane House with 97.46%. Congratulations to all the students in the House.

The winning forms in each House are as follows:

Hurricane:	H-DR – 97.83%
Lancaster:	L-DM – 96.25%
Spitfire:	S-LK – 96.22%

## House Charities

This year's House Charities have been chosen by the students and are as follows:

Hurricane:	Sophie's Journey
Lancaster:	RSPCA
Spitfire:	St Barnabas

Fundraising activities will take place throughout the year and the students will be able to donate via their ePraise points as well.

## Fundraising for the School

As you are aware, school budgets are tightening nationally. However, there are two ways in which you can help the school to raise funds and they won't cost you a penny.

The first way is to register your Co-Op dividend card and enable the points to be converted to money for a local good cause, in this case Banovallum School. These funds will go to the Friends of Banovallum and they in turn will provide funds for enrichment projects.

The second, which should be active after half-term involves directing your online shopping via the [ww.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://ww.easyfundraising.org.uk) website. Every transaction will bring money to the school. Thanking you in advance.



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## Banovallum Alumni

Are you an ex-student who would like to get involved as a mentor or a role model for current students? If so we would like to invite you to an informal reception at The School House, Church Lane, Horncastle on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 6.00pm and 7.30pm where you can meet Mrs Priestner and Mr Edgar to discuss potential opportunities.

Alternatively, if you cannot make that evening, please register your interest via the school website.

**Mrs Priestner**

creative arts



design technology

**D&T:**

We recently welcomed some visitors from St Margaret's CE Primary, Withern into the Design & Technology department for a materials investigation.

The youngsters, ranging from Years 3 to 5 enjoyed getting some hands on experience and finding out how materials react to heat,

force and cutting. They produced several of their own products using a range of tools which built their skills, gave them a taster for workshop practices and was also great fun!



A forge demonstration was given to show how metals are cast, bent into shape, how they behave under heat and then the fun part- how they act when they burn. The students then had the chance to discover some 'smart materials' which react to environmental changes such as: Polymorph, Nitinol, Thermochromic inks and Non-Newtonian Fluid.

Mr Bollan would like to pass on his thanks for a very enjoyable day with some impeccably behaved young people.





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## D&T:

The first items for the Horncastle Primary link project are about ready to deliver to the EYFS area soon which will give the Year 1 and reception pupils the chance to learn outdoors with a garden planter for growing plants and vegetables and an outdoor 'mud kitchen'.

Keep a close eye on our department Twitter account for more exciting products being made by our Year 10 and 11 students for the primary school. This is all possible due to the work of the Horncastle Primary PTA who have supported the purchasing of materials for these projects, allowing our older learners to develop their skills and contribute to the community whilst the younger pupils of the primary gain more exploratory play equipment.



## ART, RMT & MUSIC: St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2017

Three subject areas are combining to contribute to an annual community event at the local church. Music performances both instrumental and vocal will be on show, some artwork completed by the students and some products depicting this year's theme of 'stars' will be on show in the church throughout the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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[@HorncastlEMERGE](#)

If you're aged 11-25 and fancy learning how to design, create and produce a festival then join Egg Box Theatre for their FREE weekly sessions - giving you a chance to create a unique festival in your town!

**TASTER SESSION**  
SATURDAY 11th NOV  
11-3 @ BANOVALLUM SCHOOL  
[bring a packed lunch]

**GROUP SESSIONS @ school**  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 16th NOV:  
3:45-5:15 @ BANOVALLUM SCHOOL

INTERESTED? CONTACT:  
Ms Padden on 01507 522232  
[MPadden@banovallumschool.co.uk](mailto:MPadden@banovallumschool.co.uk)



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## AMSTERDAM 2017



On the 22nd September 29 students and 6 staff left Banovallum School for Amsterdam. The first part of the trip consisted of a coach ride to Hull before boarding a ferry over to The Netherlands. The pupil's behaviour was fantastic and all had a good time either spending time with friends or watching the live entertainment on-board.

After a good night's sleep the ferry arrived at Rotterdam Port. After disembarking and a 90 minute coach ride the group arrived in Amsterdam. Pupils were astounded by the number of bikes and soon realised Mr Young wasn't joking when he told them that bikes were the most dangerous thing in Amsterdam as riders just don't stop! The group enjoyed a canal trip around the city before a small walking tour leading to Anne Frank House. You could see the emotions in pupil's faces as they passed through a building that had once been lived in by a girl whose story they had heard of. The whole experience of being there was overwhelming for some while others stayed silent, just them and their own thoughts.

When I asked pupils what they thought, some told me that although they knew it was a sad story, until they went they didn't understand or appreciate the magnitude of everything that happened across Europe during Nazi rule.

After a quick stop at a tourist souvenir shop the group were on their way back to the UK. After arriving in Hull on the Sunday morning and a competitive game of bowling (Mr Young beat everyone) pupils spent some time visiting The Deep and I think it would be fair to say the penguins were the most popular attraction! Finally pupils visited either Ferens Art Gallery or William Wilberforce House to learn about the abolition of slavery.

By the time we were on the coach home everyone was tired and very little noise could be heard as most pupils tried to get some sleep after a tiring but extremely enjoyable couple of days.

May I take this opportunity to thank staff that were involved with the trip and the pupils for their exceptional behaviour while representing the school.





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Mr Young



26th September was European Day of Languages, and students participated in a quiz and an inter-house form challenge. We have 10 students who speak English as an Additional Language and the canteen put on food originating from the countries of their birth.

Banovallum students were very adventurous and devoured food they would not normally even try!

## Inter-House restructure

The Inter House competition is now a 5 strand competition to involve more school achievements. The five are Subject Competitions, Rewards Attendance, Form Numeracy Challenge and Colours.

Current standings are:

1<sup>st</sup> Lancaster – 110 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> Hurricane – 70 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Spitfire – 60 pts

## Banovallum LGBT

Banovallum LGBTQ+ are delighted to announce that we have just been awarded the Stonewall Bronze Certificate for our work with the school LGBTQ+ community. Our students have worked extremely hard over the last year to launch the group, celebrate LGBT History month, present assemblies, provide support to our school community and stock our school library with LGBT texts. We are extremely proud of what Banovallum LGBTQ+ have been able to achieve since launching in February 2016 and the group will continue to support members of the school and wider community.







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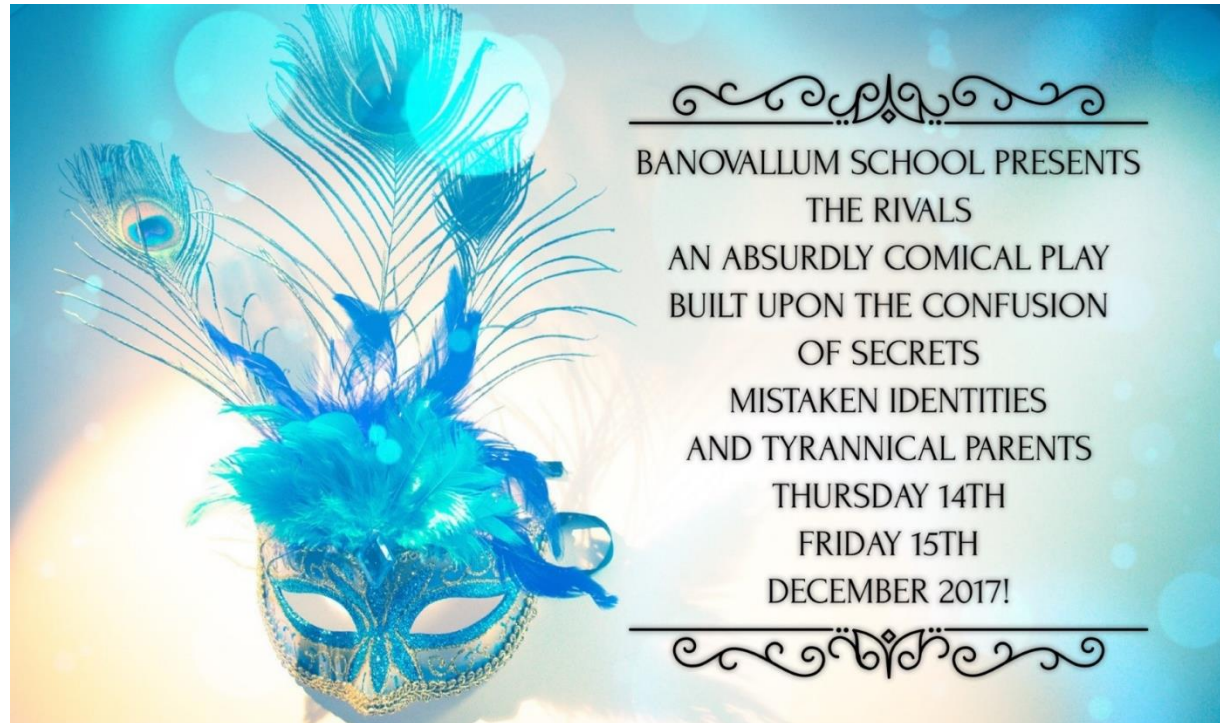
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Students return to school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Year 9 Ghost Walk  
Year 10 Geography Field Trip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Year 10 Geography Field Trip
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Alumni Evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. Parents Ski Trip meeting  
FOBS – AGM – 6.00 p.m.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Boston College Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Year 10 Parents Evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Year 8 Parents Evening
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Fayre
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. School Production The Rivals
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. School Production The Rivals
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. End of Term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Students return to school

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DRAMA & MUSIC: Banovallum School presents Richard Sheridan's The Rivals!

We are very pleased to announce an exciting show will be taking place nearer to the end of term with students from drama and music combining for a school production.

A play that holds a comical mirror up to the social life and absurdities of the artificial yet fashionable 18th Century England. The plot is built on the confusions of secrets, mistaken identity and tyrannical parents.

Students from all years are busy rehearsing so stay tuned for further details on our Twitter account @BanoCADT