

Barnes School & Junior College E-Magazine

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We often celebrate the winners, the toppers, the athletes—but what about the silent strategists? The ones balancing a hundred tabs in their mind, juggling deadlines, exams, and the occasional existential dread?

Meet the students who's been quietly building a study empire, wall by wall, page by page. While others scroll, they schedules. While chaos breaks out during submissions, he's already marked check boxes. Their secret? A wall of handwritten hacks, a battle plan against procrastination, and just enough humor to survive the madness.

"It's not about being perfect. It's about showing up, even when you'd rather vanish into your blanket."

His message to fellow students?

"You don't need to be the fastest. You just need to outlast the confusion."



Jokes In The Corner

Time For The Jokes From the
Magazine, Because Someone Needs To
Entertain You.

Why did the biology student go on a diet?
Because they had too much cell-f esteem.

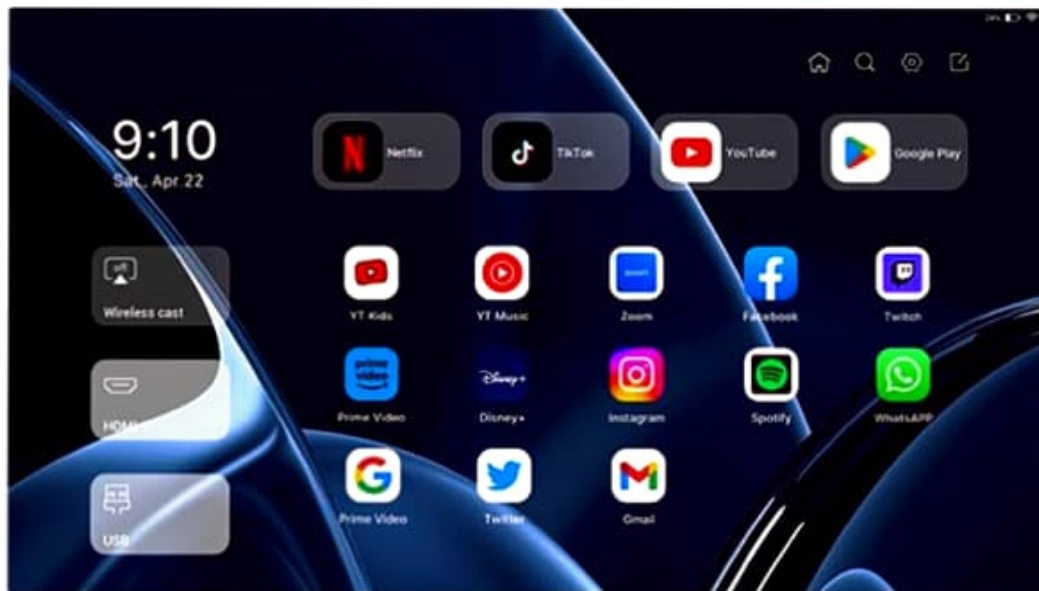
What's a teacher's favorite type of music?
Class-ical.

Why don't school clocks ever get bored?
Because they always have second hands.

My report card came with a free subscription...
To disappointment.



**School is
Upgrading**



**New Smart
Screens
Have Been
Installed**

Tips For Exam Prep

From someone in the trenches of ICSE land:

Use the 2-Minute Rule: If it takes less than 2 minutes, do it now. Finish it before your brain starts complaining.

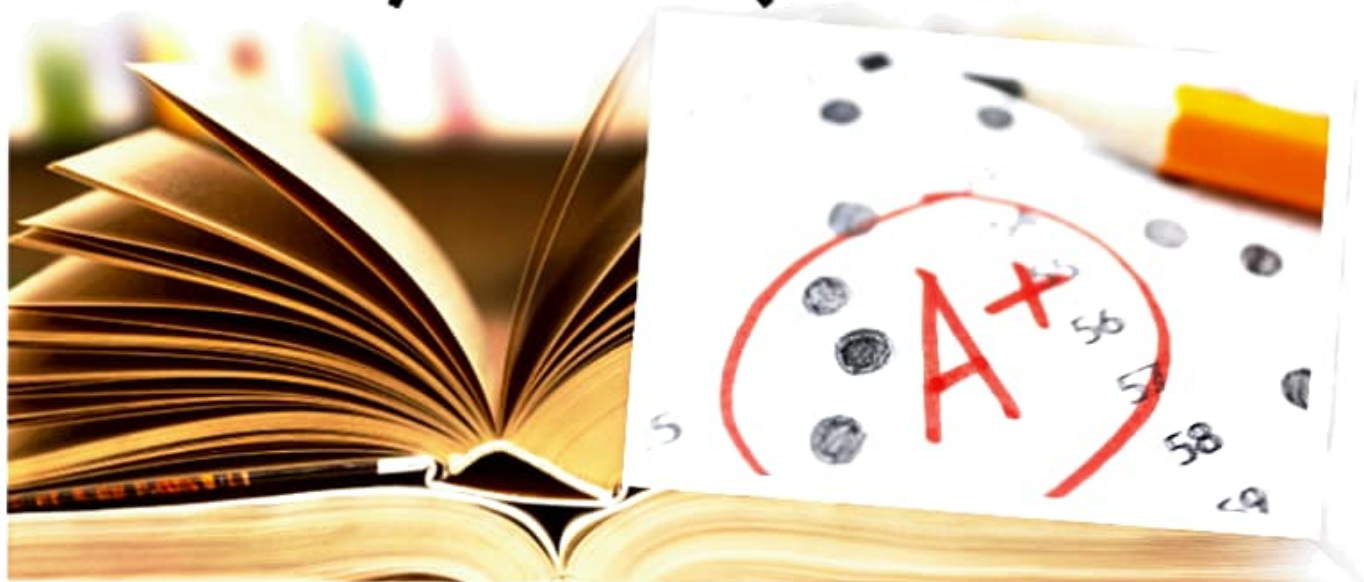
Spaced Revision Works: Revise Day 1 topics on Days 3, 6, and 10. It's boring—but boring works.

Don't chase motivation—build discipline. You'll get more done angry than inspired.

Make a "Done List" instead of just a "To-Do List." The brain loves success. Feed it.

If it's scary, do it first. Homework included.

*How to prepare
for exams*



Best Thought

"Success is not about being the smartest person in the room. It's about being the one who refuses to stop trying, even when the answers aren't clear.

Real growth happens when you fail, try again, and keep going—especially when no one's watching.

It's not about perfect scores, but about the effort, the resilience, and the lessons learned along the way.

The best students aren't the ones who never stumble.

They're the ones who never stay down."

— Literally no one famous, but you can pretend it's from someone who writes bestsellers and owns a vineyard





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***Interview
Feature: "The
Strategist" – An
Interview with
Yash Sood***

The Strategist

Q1. What motivates you every day to push through school, study, and still stay creative?

> Honestly? The fear of missing deadlines, disappointing myself, and the terrifying idea of coaching classes. But seriously, it's about proving to myself that I can handle the pressure and still stay me. Also, coffee helps.

Q2. How do you deal with procrastination?

> I stopped trusting motivation. I built systems—timers, walls full of notes, reward checklists. I treat studying like a mission, not a mood. Procrastination still tries to win sometimes, but I've made it my rival, not my ruler.

Q3. How do you manage time between studies, school projects, and now being a part of the magazine?

> I split time into study blocks, use quick review techniques, and track progress like it's a sport. I also limit distractions, especially tech (which I now use only under strict conditions—thanks, parents). It's about staying one step ahead.

Q4. If you could give one piece of advice to every student reading this, what would it be?

> You don't need to be perfect. You just need to show up. And if it feels impossible—remember, even rockets go through turbulence before lift-off. Be kind to yourself, but don't let yourself off the hook.

Q5. What's your dream goal?

> To become someone whose mind makes impact—either by creating, leading, or solving. But right now, the dream is to survive this unit test and avoid any sentence that starts with, "Pack your bag, we're going to coaching."



New Teachers: Welcome to the Torchbearers

This year, Barnes School and Junior College is proud to welcome a dynamic group of educators who bring fresh knowledge, vibrant energy, and a shared love for shaping minds.

Ms. Sunila Santosh, Biology and Chemistry teacher, ready to turn lab coats into lab legends.

Ms. Bhavana Mahajan, introducing the world of Fashion Designing to our curriculum—where creativity meets curriculum.

Ms. Reshma Singh, stepping in to make History feel less like a textbook and more like a story you can't put down.

Ms. Shweta Pandey, our new Mathematics teacher, here to prove that X really does mark the spot (and solve for it).

Ms. Deepali Bodke, joining the Primary section with the patience of a saint and the heart of a storyteller.

Ms. Manisha Bari, bringing warmth, structure, and probably the best handwriting in the Primary division.

Ms. Kashish Thakkar, also a Primary

teacher, ready to craft the foundations of future prodigies.

Ms. Karen Simmons, our new English teacher, here to sharpen grammar, vocabulary, and literary appreciation with precision.

Ms. Kesiah Simmons, joining us as the school counselor—because mental strength is just as vital as marks.

Let's give them the warmest Barnes welcome—inside the classroom, and beyond.



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a two-lane asphalt road stretching into the distance. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong orange and yellow glow that reflects off the wet-looking surface of the road. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. On the left side of the road, there is a green field. In the top right corner, there is a dark blue rectangular box containing white text.

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**“A Journey
Through Barnes”
- An Interview
with Hetika
(Headgirl
2024-25)**

A Journey Through Barnes



Q1. Hetika, were you a boarder or a day scholar and what year did you join?

I was a boarder and I joined Barnes in 2020.

Q2. What was the reason you selected Barnes for your education?

My mother was looking for a boarding school that offers extracurricular activities. When we heard

about Barnes and visited the campus, I instantly fell in love with the place. Another reason was that my grandfather lives in Mumbai, so we were looking for a school nearby—and Barnes had it all!

Q3. Tell us a little about life in the girls' dorm.

In the dorm, we had our share of fights, but we always stood by each other when it mattered. Over time, we became more than friends—we became family.

Q4. What major changes have you observed in the school over time?

Barnes has grown a lot, especially in sports like basketball, football, and badminton. The food in the mess has also improved. I still remember looking forward to Saturday dinners—Chinese nights were a favorite! For boarders, Ma'am Uttara introduced remedials, which helped all of us academically.

Q5. You were the Headgirl in 2024–25. How was the experience?

It was the first time Ma'am Uttara introduced voting for the head positions, and it was a great way to connect with the student body. My friends from Grade 10 helped me make posters and banners during the campaign—they deserve a lot of credit. After becoming Headgirl, I realized not everyone will meet your expectations, but you must learn to adjust. The responsibility was huge, but so was the growth. Ma'am Uttara guided me every step of the way.

Q6. What were your study methods?

I believe revision is key. Before starting a new topic, I always revised the previous one. Homework was essential—especially for Accounts, which I found tough at first. Practicing the sums given by sir helped me a lot. Also, sleep is super important, especially during boards. A well-rested brain is a productive brain.

Q7. Any message for current Barnes students?

Hard work is the key to success. Stay confident, believe in yourself, and grab every opportunity. Make the most of your time here.

Onward Barnes, Upward Barnes.



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"The Dal Was Watery, But the Memories Were Rich"- Interview With Mr. Siraj Sheikh



SUTTON HOO HELMET c. AD 600
ANGLO-SAXON/THE BRITISH MUSEUM

The Dal Was Watery, But the Memories Were Rich

This month, we interviewed Mr. Siraj Sheikh, the current transportation in-charge at Barnes School and Junior College—and a proud alumnus. Mr. Sheikh studied at Barnes from 1974 to 1986, experiencing both boarding and day school life. He began as a boarder from Nursery to Grade 1 before transitioning into a day scholar.

Q: How was your journey at Barnes?

During my time as a boarder, I stayed in the Haig-Brown block. The food we had back then was very different from what students get today—the dal was watery, and chapatis weren't served at all. We mostly ate bread. Despite the poor quality of the food, we genuinely enjoyed every meal. Of course, bullying was part of school life; seniors often bullied juniors, and boarders sometimes picked on day scholars. Still, there was a strong bond between all of us, even though the boarders usually had the upper hand.

Q: Did you play any sports during those years?

Yes, I played two sports: hockey and cricket. I was very passionate about hockey, but unfortunately, I broke both my legs and had to stop. That's when I took up cricket instead.

Q: Was football as popular back then as it is now?

Not at all. Boxing was much more popular in my time—it was a major sport at Barnes, enjoyed by almost every student. Football didn't have the same appeal. I sincerely hope the school brings boxing back, because it was truly loved by everyone.

Q: As a day scholar, how did you travel to and from school?

Back then, we didn't have school buses like students do today. I used government buses to commute. School buses were only introduced in 2010, long after I had graduated.

Q: How has the school changed since your time?

One of the biggest changes is in the teaching staff and their methods. Today's teachers are incredibly skilled, no doubt, but the teachers in my time were mostly Anglo-Indians, and their style of teaching was very different. I personally preferred their way of handling students. Another significant change is the introduction of smart boards. They make learning much easier and more interactive—for both students and teachers. It's a major improvement over the old chalk-and-blackboard system.

Q: Lastly, do you have a message for the current students?

Yes—cherish your school days. They go by faster than you realize. I'm proud to have had the chance to study here, play sports, and receive a quality education. We still remember our teachers with fondness and gratitude. Honestly, I don't

The Dal Was Watery, But the Memories Were Rich

remember much of what I studied in college, but I remember everything I learned at Barnes. I will always be grateful to the school.

Onward Barnes, Upward Barnes.



A person is shown from behind, performing a yoga pose (Urdhva Dhanurasana or Upward Bow Pose) on a sandy beach. Their arms are raised and bent, with hands near their head, and their back is arched. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect that silhouettes the person and casts a warm glow. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. In the distance, the ocean waves are visible, and a small sailboat can be seen on the left side of the horizon.

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**Balance,
Breathe, Believe:
Celebrating
Yoga Day 2025**

Barnes School and Junior College, Devlali, celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21st with a vibrant and uplifting programme that brought together students, teachers, and staff in a collective expression of wellness and unity. The event commenced in the early hours of the morning, with the school grounds transformed into a sea of yoga mats and eager faces. Under the guidance of certified instructors, participants explored a range of yoga asanas, breathing techniques, and mindful meditation practices. From the energetic Surya Namaskar to the calm of deep-breathing pranayama, each segment was met with enthusiasm and curiosity, particularly from younger students who embraced the experience with joyful energy.



The celebration went beyond just physical exercise—it served as a powerful reminder of yoga's role in nurturing both mental and emotional resilience. Informative talks and demonstrations helped reinforce the importance of balance, focus, and inner peace in today's fast-paced world. The collective spirit of participation echoed the event's global significance, while also strengthening the school community's commitment to healthy living. The atmosphere was one of harmony, reflection, and shared purpose—an inspiring start to the day and a meaningful tribute to India's timeless wellness tradition.

Balance, Breathe, Believe

A group of students in green and yellow shirts are working in a garden. One student in the foreground is using a small black tool to dig in the soil. Other students are visible in the background, some kneeling and some standing, all engaged in the activity. A building with arched windows is visible in the far background.

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**Growing Green,
Leading Clean**





**Last
Letter,
First
Laugh**

A middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a white shirt and a dark vest, is speaking at a wooden podium. He has his right arm raised in a gesture. The podium features a plaque with a state emblem. A microphone is positioned in front of him. The background consists of yellow and brown vertical panels. A blue cloth with a large blue floral decoration is draped behind the podium. To the right, a white cabinet also displays the state emblem.

**Talk It Out,
Don't Black It
Out**



Middle School Prize Distribution Ceremony

Saturday

12/04/2025

6.30 pm

www.barnesschool.in

Shine On, Middle Schoolers!

Today, we come together to celebrate the hard work, resilience, and achievements of our students. This ceremony honors not just academic excellence, but the growth, creativity, and character that make our middle school community truly special. Each award represents a story of effort, curiosity, and determination. We applaud every student for their journey, and we look forward to even greater milestones ahead.





Earth Day

A group of children are performing on a stage. Five children stand in a line, each wearing a pig mask. From left to right: a boy in a white shirt and blue pants; a boy in a pink shirt and blue pants; a boy in a red shirt and blue pants; a boy in a white shirt and blue pants; and a boy in a red shirt with 'M' patterns and black pants, who is holding a microphone. To the right, an adult in a grey shirt and black jacket is also holding the microphone. In the foreground, a child is sitting on an orange bucket, wearing a yellow mask with a wide smile and a white shirt. The background is a plain white wall.

Voices of the Houses : A Cultural Celebration

FRIENDLY BASKETBALL

MATCH

**25
APRIL**

BARNES

VS

ASHOKA



Minds in Motion: Science & Robotics Expo

THE ULTIMATE FORMULA FOR *SUCCESS*



IDEAS

+



EXECUTION

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CONSISTENCY

=



CHAOS



CONSISTENCY

+



IDEAS

-







EXECUTION

=



PROCRASTINATION

 +  -  = 
EXECUTION CONSISTENCY IDEAS ROUTINE
The Formula for
Success:
   
IDEAS SUCCESS
Decoded by
Jennifer

The Formula for Success: Decoded by Jennifer

Q-1 were u a dayscholar or a boarder?

Boarder

Q-2 What year did u join?

I joined Barnes in the year 2023

Q-3 how did u manage bbfs and studies?

as a student-athlete effective time management was crucial for balancing my academic responsibilities along with my atheletic commitment moreover i was fortunate to have supportive classmates who provided assistance in catching up on my school works especially during tournaments

Q-4 which was ur fav subject?

although I don't have a specific fondness for one subject I've really enjoyed how my teachers have made learning fun and interactive in every subject nonetheless, as a student-athlete i have to admit i do love p.ed as it allows me to combine my passion for sports with my academic pursuits

Q-5 how was adjusting to a new state , new people?

I've had the opportunity to travel frequently for tournaments which has helped me become quite adaptable and i enjoy meeting new people and exploring new places so adjusting to the new environment wasn't a major issue for me

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Q-6 mention about ur injury and how everyone was supportive about it

n november 2023, during a football match in Delhi, I suffered a knee injury that didn't immediately reveal its severity it wasn't until february 2024 after an MRI scan that we understood the extent of the damage. Throughout my recovery, I've been overwhelmed by the support of everyone around me my friends, coaches, teachers, classmates, and dormmates who consistently reassured me that I'd regain my strength and mobility. After undergoing surgery in August 2024, I returned to school two months later and one person who stood out for her unwavering support was my bestfriend Veronica Shullai, a friend I've known since joining Barnes. Her presence made a significant difference the whole time i was in barnes and throughout my injury i don't know how I would have coped school without her also I'm deeply grateful to my physiotherapist, Ashwini ma'am, who guided me through the healing process with dedication and care I'm thankful to everyone who stood by me during this challenging time their kindness and understanding of the situation i was in has been nothing but a beam of light for my road to recovery

Q-7 what was a special memory for you in barnes?

barnes might not have been my typical school experience due to all the time i had to spend away but the memories i made there are unforgettable from cracking jokes in Mr.Terence's class to getting motherly advice from Ma'am Pallavi and let's not forget Ma'am Edna's constant reminders to behave in the dorm we definitely kept her on her toes but

I'm sure she's still smiling about our antics. Exam times were stressful but it was bearable thanks to my friends, Kimaya would try her best to get us to focus while Mili Vero and I would chat away but the best memories I've made in Barnes would be the ones I've made in the dorm it felt like home...chaotic but wonderful and magical in its own way those late night conversations pranks and laughter will forever be engraved in my memory

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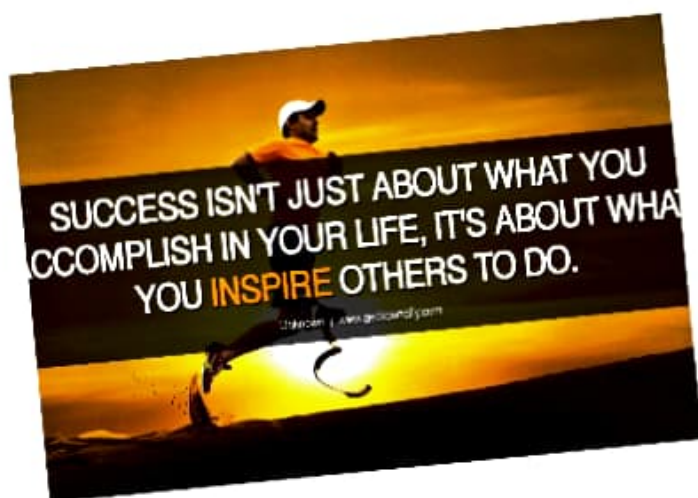
Q-8 What do you aspire to become

No matter what path I take in life or what I achieve, I aspire to be a good person who fears God and lives with integrity my goal is to live a meaningful life that leaves a positive impact on those around me regardless of what others might think ultimately I want my legacy to be one of love, kindness and service to others

Q-9 One message you would like to give to the students currently studying at Barnes

As you walk through the halls of Barnes, remember to cherish every moment and make the most of your time here, create unforgettable memories, because before you know it, you'll be saying goodbye. But remember, even as you move forward, Barnes will always be a part of you, and you will always be a part of Barnes. There's no place like it - it's the school you'll grow to love and as you go on to achieve great things, don't forget the lessons you've learned, the friendships you've made, and the laughter you've shared within these walls, carry the spirit of Barnes

with you and let it guide you towards a brighter future and who knows, maybe one day you'll return to Barnes, not just as a student, but as a successful individual who has made a difference in the world. For in the end, Barnes is not just a school, but a home that will forever be stored in your heart. ONWARD BARNES, UPWARD BARNES!



The Formula for Success: Decoded by Jennifer



The End

**Signing Off, But
Never Stopping**

Signing Off, But Never Stopping

As we wrap up this edition, we know the story doesn't end here. Next month, the pages will turn again—with new ideas, fresh voices, and more moments worth remembering. The deadlines will return, the submissions will pile up, and someone will forget to send their article until 11:59 PM. But through it all, we'll keep showing up—scribbling our way through the chaos, finding meaning between the lines. Until then, take a breath, take a break, and we'll meet you right here next month. Same story, new chapter.

