



BARNES SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE
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Monday, 23rd October 2023

Dear Parents,

With the festive season right around the corner, I would like to wish you a *Happy Dussehra* (with the school scheduled to remain closed on the auspicious occasion, i.e. Tuesday, 24th October 2023) as I take over as Principal of the school.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to you for your unconditional support & cooperation, which helped our School Management, the Directors of the Bombay Education Society, rely their faith in entrusting me with the responsibility of taking over from my predecessor, Mr. Ainsley Edgar.

The congratulatory messages and words of encouragement and wisdom that I have been receiving since last week have been overwhelming and left me truly humbled as I realize the responsibility that lies on my shoulders to carry forward the fascinating legacy of Barnes, as it nears completion of 100 magnificent years of its birth.

An institution of this magnitude requires a team of dedicated workaholics. My team and I assure you of our absolute commitment and devotion to continue with the excellent work ethics passed on to us from all the former Principals, each of whom had something rare to contribute to Barnes in their own unique way, each of whom built things that will outlast us, and thus multiply its rich heritage.

Visit of Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok, Sikkim

Our student exchange program continues to flourish with 30 students and 2 members of staff of Tashi Namgyal Academy, Sikkim, presently staying on our school campus since their arrival on Thursday, 19th October 2023, their date of departure being Thursday, 26th October 2023.

They have been very appreciative of the Barnes hospitality, with their visit to City Centre Mall & an industrial visit to the Lokmat Times Printing Press on Saturday, 21st October 2023, Trimbakeshwar & Someshwar on Sunday, 22nd October 2023 and their itinerary including a visit to Devi Mandir as well as a friendly Basketball Match.

Reporting to school on time

Parents are requested to kindly ensure that their child / children reach school on time so that they are in time for the school assembly and do not miss out on important announcements regarding holidays, events, changes related to academics, sports, or cocurricular activities.

Please make your children aware of the importance of being punctual.

At the same time, please do not allow children to ride scooters or motorbikes, particularly if they do not have a driving license.

With a majority of industries and businesses investing in & taking definite steps to become carbon neutral by cutting down their carbon dioxide emissions as much as possible, it would be appreciated if we could advise / counsel our children to contribute to saving the environment for a better, cleaner and healthier present and future.

Android / Smartphones not permitted

Please do not provide android / smartphones to students to carry to school. If it is absolutely unavoidable for them to carry a phone, they may be furnished with a simple, basic phone, just enough for them to make phone calls.

These regulations are being put in place to reduce the chances of distraction of students from using android phones, which offer easy & unlimited access to videos, movies & much more. I am sure it will help our students devote more time and undivided or undistracted attention / concentration towards studies & sports.

Diwali Break

The Diwali Break begins from Friday, 10th November 2023, with Thursday, 9th November 2023 being the last working day and school will reopen from Monday, 20th November 2023, with the boarders to return on Sunday, 19th November 2023.

Ex-Students' Reunion

Our former students will be back for their annual reunion from Thursday, 23rd November to Sunday, 26th November 2023, to relive their days in school, rekindle friendships and continue to find ways to contribute to the growth and betterment of their alma mater.

All Maharashtra Anglo-Indian Schools 10th Inter-School Athletic Olympiad & Debates

With a healthy and successful track record of holding the All Maharashtra Anglo-Indian Schools Inter-School Football & Basketball Tournament since the past 6 years consecutively, Barnes has now been presented with an opportunity to host the 10th edition of the Inter-School Athletic Olympiad & Debates, scheduled on Friday, 15th December & Saturday, 16th December 2023.

The Bishop's Schools, Pune, The Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai, Christ Church School, St. Peter's School, are some of the reputed schools that would be competing in this prestigious event, which includes races, relays, Long Jump, High Jump & Shotput.

Winter Break

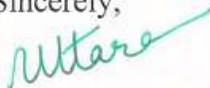
The winter break will begin tentatively from Thursday, 14th December 2023 and the school will reopen on Monday, 8th January 2024, with the boarders to report back to the hostel on Sunday, 7th January 2024.

School Website & Social Media Platforms

Parents are once again reminded to visit our school website, www.barnesschool.in, regularly, as well as our Facebook (facebook.com/barnesdevlali) & Instagram (facebook.com/barnesdevlali) pages to keep abreast of the latest school activities, sporting events, school circulars regarding participation in competitions, quizzes etc.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Uttara Kulkarni
Principal

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