

KH/TM/EndOfHalfTerm

20th October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

End of Autumn Half Term Letter

I write to remind you that Friday 23rd October 2026 is the Matrix Trust Day so the school will be closed to all pupils. The half term will end for pupils on Thursday 22nd October 2026. Pupils will return after the half term break on Monday 2nd November 2026 when gates will open at 8.25am.

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We have seen a very busy half term welcoming our new cohorts in Year 7 and 12; Year 11 and 13 undertaking their mock exams; many cross Trust sporting fixtures; guest speakers and career linked visits for a variety of year groups as well as celebrating the success of pupils' personal achievements such as Pupil of the Week. Our school newsletter shares all of our updates and will be available on our school website shortly.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have supported their children to return to school with all of the required equipment and in correct uniform. As you will know, if you have attended our Open Events, it is our intention for our pupils to remain as children for as long as possible; that is why we have a very clear uniform policy, which can be found here: [Uniform - Barr Beacon School](#). We are rightly proud of our pupils who represent our school when they wear their uniform smartly confidently demonstrating that they are part of our community belonging to Barr Beacon School.

When I wrote to you in the summer term, I said I would share details of the upgrade to our Sports Hall flooring which received a £122,985 refurbishment over the summer holiday. Further details can be found on our website here: <https://bit.ly/3Vqj2Fn>

The enhancement to the facility brings opportunities for pupils in their PE curriculum and to the community. The Sports Facilities and Swimming Pool are available to let for community and sports groups – details of how to make an enquiry about a booking can be found here <https://www.communitylettingsuk.co.uk/venues/527-barr-beacon-academy>

Our Autumn menu will be updated for the next half term continuing to offer fresh, healthy options for pupils throughout the week. All pupils entitled to free school meals can access a main meal with a drink during lunch time. The price of a meal deal is increasing slightly following half term and will now be available at a cost of £3.00, this includes a meal and a drink. Other items on the menu will also be subject to a price increase

Please remember to maintain a positive balance on your child's ParentPay account. If you experience any difficulties, please contact your child's House Office or postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

I hope that the pupils have a restful break ready to return for another productive half term.

Yours sincerely,



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