

BARNES SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE
CIRCULAR NO 21 / 2024-2025

Friday, 21st March 2025

BS/CIR/2023-2024/21

Dear Parents,

We are grateful to you for trusting us with the education of your child as we near completion of yet another academic session and await the beginning of Academic Year 2025-2026 from Tuesday, 1st April 2025.

Practices and systems designed for the betterment and benefit of our students, as listed below, will continue:

1. Convocation Ceremonies

Students of UKG moving to Grade 1 will have vivid memories of their graduation from Pre-Primary to Primary School via the Convocation Ceremony held on Saturday, 22nd March 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Similarly, students of Grade 4 will have their Convocation Ceremony on Friday, 28th March 2025.

We look forward to the parents of students of UKG and Grade 4 to join us on Saturday, 22nd March 2025 and Friday, 28th March 2025 respectively for the Convocation Ceremonies, followed by dinner, to honour their children on completion of their Pre-Primary and Primary years of education.

2. Books distribution / sales

The school will be facilitating the distribution / sale of books in the premises on the following dates, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm:

Friday, 28 th March 2025	Books available for Nursery to Grade 4, Acad. Year 2025-2026
Saturday, 29 th March 2025	Open House (from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm) Books available for Grades 5 to 8, Acad. Year 2025-2026
Monday, 31 st March 2025	Books available for Grades 9 & 11, Acad. Year 2025-2026

3. Open House & Art & Craft Exhibition

- Open House for all classes (except 10 & 12) on Saturday, 29th March 2025, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Art & Craft Exhibition on Saturday, 29th March 2025, to be held in the Junior School Staff Room. Parents are cordially invited for the same.

4. Fee Payments

Fees to be paid on time as per the payment schedule:

Fees	Due date
1 st quarter	By 10 th April 2025
2 nd quarter	By 10 th July 2025
3 rd quarter	By 10 th October 2025
4 th quarter	By 10 th January 2026

Please call the school office (7888095545 / 0253 – 4034261) in case of queries / clarifications regarding the amount of fees to be paid

5. New Academic Year

- Beginning of the New Academic Year from Tuesday, 1st April 2025 – the school will function till 12:30 pm
- Submission of books to the respective class teachers, on Tuesday, 1st April 2025, as per the schedule given below (students, dressed in uniform, may accompany parents):

Class	Timings
1 A, 2 A, 3A & 4 A	8:30 am to 9:30 am
1 B, 2 B, 3 B & 4 B	9:30 am to 10:30 am
1 C, 2 C, 3 C & 4 C	10:30 am to 11:30 am
1 D, 2 D, 3 D & 4 D	11:30 am to 12:30 pm

6. Schedule for Pre-Primary

Class	Timings
Tuesday, 1 st April 2025	No School
Wednesday, 2 nd April 2025	Submission of books by parents, accompanied by students, who return home after submission
Thursday, 3 rd April 2025	School begins for Pre-Primary

7. Discipline – punctuality, adherence to school timings

A point that we would like to include in every circular, as a constant reminder, about parents supporting the school to maintain discipline, ensuring that students reach school on time, by 7:50 am (since the school gates will be closed at 8:00 am), using helmets while riding, following traffic rules and staying away from riding or driving without a driving license.

8. Android / Smartphones strictly not permitted

Please do not provide android / smartphones to students (boarders & day scholars) 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, which however, needs to be kept outside the office occupied by the Vice Principal earlier (in case of day scholars) on their arrival to school, or Wardens / Matrons (in case of boarders).

9. Uniform

- Blazers for students of Grades 5 & above (for the period from August to February)
- Blue cardigans for students of Grades 1 to 4, during winters
- Physical Education kit – students to come in blue & white on Mondays, whereas on the other days of the week in their PE kit if depending on the day they have a PE class

During winters: PE kit, i.e. blue track pants for boys & girls

Shoes

Class	Timings
Juniors	Shoes, with velcro
Senior Boys	Shoes with laces
Senior Girls	Shoes with buckles

For Girls

- Cycling shorts compulsory
- Pants for girls during winters, instead of skirts
- Track pants for winters
- Shorts during summers

The track pants etc for girls has been requested and parents are requested to provide their feedback / suggestions before the next PTA Meeting.

10. Continuation of Zero Period from Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

- To be used for practice of extracurricular activities exclusively

11. Summer Break

- Saturday, 3rd May will be the last working day – the school will function till 11:30 am
- Summer Break from Sunday, 4th May 2025 to Monday, 9th June 2025
- Boarders to report back on Monday, 9th June 2025
- School to reopen from Tuesday, 10th June 2025 – the school will function till 12:30 pm

12. Unit Tests

- One Unit Test on Tuesday & the next one on Friday, with regular school in between so that students get enough time to study.
- Parents need to ensure that students attend school & do not sit at home.

13. Continuation of Commerce for Grades 9 & 10

The option of Commerce Stream for Grades 9 & 10 that was introduced last year continues.

14. Fashion Designing

- To be introduced as a subject for Grades 9 & 11.

15. Grievances / Clarifications

- Parents are requested to please address grievances or clarifications that they seek at the class level through a message to the Class Teacher or Subject Teacher, by introducing oneself and mentioning the grievance or clarification sought. If it is not resolved by the teacher, then it may be escalated to the Section Head.

16. PTA Meetings

Parents are requested to kindly attend PTA meetings and be an active part by providing suggestions, healthy discussions and uniting knowledge & efforts for the success of our students.

Quote of the Day

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

Thomas Henry Huxley

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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