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### ***Falcons School for Girls supports return of neighbouring Barnes FC***

*Falcons School for Girls* is proud to announce its general sponsorship of returning local football team, *Barnes FC*, who are set to make their comeback to the football scene at neighbouring Rosslyn Park, this 2022/2023 Season.

By supporting the revival of this local historical team, the independent girls' school demonstrates its commitment to pupil wellbeing and to helping drive gender equality through education, with sport being a key platform for change.

As a school that prides itself in nurturing its pupils to become global and local responsible citizens, this exciting new partnership showcases its dedication to the neighbouring community, as Barnes FC's soon-to-be home-ground is just minutes away from the Putney-based school.

The not-for-profit club, who took part in the first ever FA Cup in 1871-72, is setting out to create a friendly, family club and atmosphere, focussing on Youth Team Development and welcoming all ages of the local community to enjoy their matches and events.

The club is set to host Senior Team trials over the coming months, followed by Girls and Boys Junior Teams (from U9 – U18s), ahead of the anticipated season kick-off in August 2022, where Barnes FC (otherwise known as the Knights) will be playing in the Surrey & South-East Combination League.

**Headmistress at Falcons School for Girls, Mrs Sara Williams-Ryan commented,**

*"We are thrilled to be supporting local Barnes FC in their exciting comeback and are very much looking forward to seeing the value they will bring to developing local youth talent! As a sporting school with many high-achieving students, we look forward to engaging with the coaching teams and players to inspire our pupils and of course, will be encouraging our families to try out for the squads and to support the team!"*

**Head of Business & Youth Development at Barnes FC, Jose Rosario commented,**

*"Barnes FC is very proud to partner with the Falcons School for Girls as we share the same values and passion for sports and particularly football. We look forward to working together with the school community to further develop youth talent in the wider local borough."*

Visit [falconsgirls.co.uk](http://falconsgirls.co.uk) for more information and to register for their upcoming Open Morning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10am.

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**Notes for the Editor**

Falcons School for Girls

Falcons School for Girls, based in leafy, residential Putney, is a small, nurturing independent school, welcoming girls aged 4-11 and was rated 'Excellent in all areas' by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in 2020.

The school is renowned for its outstanding pastoral care and expertise in girls' education, coupled with its personalised approach to learning. The school site boasts extensive outdoor space, modern facilities and specialist teaching staff. Academic and Music Scholarships are available.

Peregrines Nursery, also based at Falcons School for Girls, is a co-ed nursery welcoming boys and girls aged 2-4, open 50 weeks per year and offering extended wrap-around care.

Visit [falcons girls.co.uk](http://falcons girls.co.uk) for more information and to register for upcoming Open Days and private family tours.

### Barnes FC

Founded in 1862 by Mr. Ebenezer Morley, the first FA Secretary, Barnes Football Club is 6th oldest club in England and as such, one of the oldest clubs in the world! As one of the founding members of the FA and a home of FA Rules, Barnes FC was competing in the first 14 consecutive FA Cups in the 19th Century.

With support from Sport England, local community sponsors and led by grandchildren of Mr. Kilsby, who was the chair and the longest servant to the club from 1926- 1972, Barnes FC is reviving the history and its importance to the game. The manager is UEFA B qualified (FA Level 3) and has a broad experience working with people of all ages and abilities.

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