Frier Barnet School is an Arts College

Frier Barnet School has become Frier Barnet’s first specialist performing arts college.

The 750 pupil school, which has already been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award by the Arts Council, has a tradition of excellence in drama, music and dance. To achieve its new status, the school has raised £50,000, which was matched by another £100,000 from the Government for capital works.

Facilities provided by the extra money that specialist status brings will be available to local primary schools, drama and arts societies. The school will also develop links with the new Arts Depot. Projects which can now be considered include recording and dance workshops.

Headteacher Geoff Gosling said, “We have a comprehensive school of pupils, and are not trying to create a ‘Fame School’. We will continue to function as any other, offering the full National Curriculum, but we want to develop in all our children an appreciation and understanding of the arts that they will be able to carry with them throughout their lives.”

12 Things You Didn’t Know About…

Each month we grill a member of the local community with 12 quick-fire questions.

This month it is the turn of GLA member Noel Lynch, whom many will have met in the past as proprietor of The Bargain Centre or at The Advice Centre.

1. Name: Noel Lynch.
2. DOB: 20/1/1947.
4. Star sign: Capricorn the mountain goat. Tenacious and determined.
5. Where are you from: Kilmalkin in Co. Limerick, Ireland.
7. Best part of the Job: Being able to grill people like Ken Livingstone, Richard Rogers the architect, Sir John Stephens (Met. Police) and Barbara Cossini of the Olympic bid.
8. Worst part of the job: I miss working in the shop and volunteering in The East Finchley Advice Centre.
9. Any famous lookalikes? A member of the public once asked if I was Dr. Kelly- this was a few weeks after he died.
10. Peculiar hobbies? I’m making a rap CD. It’s being produced by Charles Bailey who was responsible for putting Tony Benn on CD.
12. Claim to fame? My shop supplied the props to Channel 4 hit comedy – Father Ted.

What’s On...

E-mail your listings to the-archer@lineone.net

Sunday 14 March: Live music at East Finchley Methodist Church High Road, N2 (opp. Crofton Ave at 6 pm from the Lauderdale Guitars Featuring solos, duets and ensembles – including music by Debussy, Sarti, Piazzolla & Napoleon Coste. Free admission. Collection in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society

Tuesday 16 March: Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society presents, How does your garden grow?, an illustrated talk by Patricia Benn on CD.

Wednesday 17 March: The London Oratory Choral Society present Schubert’s Mass in G Major D167, Haydn’s Stabat Mater and Mozart’s Divertimento in D K136 at Church of St Jude-on-the Hill, Central Square, NW1 1TQ. Tickets, £12 (£5 concessions) available on the door or from the FCS Box Office on 020 8445 9666.

Sunday 25 April: Camden Hall Residents’ Association are holding their annual ‘Garage Sale’ in Abbots Gardens from 11am to 2 pm. Residents will set up their ‘Stalls’ in their front gardens up and down the road. Bring your friends and family and enjoy going round the stalls to see what bargains there are to be found.