

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

The time is flying by and school is as busy as ever!

The cricket season has got off to an excellent start with our Year 7 team beating Barnwell School by 12 runs on Wednesday. Well done to everyone involved.



As I keep saying, strong attendance is so important. I was shocked this week to receive holiday requests from parents whose children have got under 90% attendance. This means that they have already had a significant amount of time off (more than 10 days absence since September). I will not be authorising such holidays. The attendance team and the Heads of Year will continue to work with you to ensure that every child at the school has good attendance. If you require any support then please let us know. Our Attendance Officer, Ms. Wenderling, is here to help. Her email address is m.wenderling@barclay.futureacademies.org.

April showers appear to have moved into May so students will still need their school coats. We do not want them getting soaked on their way to school or on their way home. Hopefully, the weather will improve.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend! We will see everyone on Tuesday!

Best wishes,

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Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

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PGL YEAR 8 NETBALL TOURNAMENT



The year 8 girls headed to PGL over the weekend for a Netball tournament, in total playing 6 games. They started strong winning their first game 6-1. The girls worked well, and our attacking players put in a good shift, shout out to Emily L, Katelyn B and Lois F. We then played the next few games each time being really close in score, unfortunately we narrowly missed out on the win by 1 goal each time. We took to the courts again on the Sunday, the girls were in good spirits and put out a good performance. The defensive players were on top of their game, both Tallulah C and Gracie FJ made some amazing interceptions, and this resulted in a low scoring game. A special mentioned to Miss Ryan's player of the tournament which goes to Tallulah C for her amazing performance in Sundays Games. The whole team displayed impeccable behaviour highlighting Barclay in a great light, not only on the courts but around the PGL site and when participating in activities. We are extremely proud of the year 8 Girls: Emily L, Katelyn B, Lois F, Isla H, Ellen R, Hannah M, Gracie FJ, Tallulah C, Lexi W, Isabella DF and Charlotte C.



PGL YEAR 9 NETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Year 9 netball team also headed to PGL last weekend for a combination of netball and outdoor activities.

Miss Brooker saw a massive improvement from last year with some very close games. 8-2 to us was our best result of the tournament. It was really nice to see the team really work together and throughout each game, they never gave up. I am glad to see that the set plays are finally paying off making it so much easier to get the ball down to court.

All played some really good netball, but Miss Brooker's players of the tournament is going to Demmi B and Anya. Both girls have come so far in their shooting ability and really impressed.

Throughout the weekend they also took part in some outdoor activities, including giant swing, archery and axe throwing. There were some very loud screams coming from the girls on the giant swing and some very impressive aims in archery and axe throwing. Overall, we are extremely proud of the Year 9 girls, Leah D, Scarlett S, Anya C, Demmi B, Freya H, Kennadi LB and Isla H. Look forward to continuing the netball journey into Year 10.

PGL YEAR 8 AND 9 FOOTBALL TOUR



Last weekend we took some of our Y8-9 students on a football tour. During the course of the weekend students participated in some training sessions which were run by F.A qualified coaches. The sessions focused on developing their technical skills and decision making. They participated in football tournaments with other schools. Mr Dawe and Miss Dowden were impressed with how well our students applied themselves. They responded well to feedback and made positive contributions to their team. The coaches were complimentary on their performance.

The group had participated in some outdoor adventurous activities. This included canoeing and the zip line. They were highly engaged with the activities. Our students had participated in a range of challenges and competitions whilst they were in the canoe. They had shown an ability to work cooperatively. During each evening they had an activity. One the first night they played a round of Frisbee golf. The group had shown their competitive nature and used different strategies to progress through each hole. On their last night they had played some laser tag. As expected, with the group, they had shown high levels of athleticism and thinking outside of the box to support their team.

The weekend was a fantastic experience for all, it was great to see students from different year groups supporting one another and making memories.



YEAR 7 CRICKET

The Year 7 cricket team had started the season on a high by putting in a competent performance against Barnwell. They had won the game by 12 runs.

The had won the toss and chose to bowl first. After 10 overs, Barclay had restricted Barnwell to 26 runs and taking 5 wickets. Rehan had secured three wickets, Naman got one and Jacob got a run out. Viktor had impressed with the ball by achieving 11 dot balls in a row. Viktor and Thiago impressed in their role as wicketkeeper they had shown high levels of consistency to keep the pressure on the opposition. Barclay had 8 overs with the bat and reached 38 runs. Barnwell took 4 wickets. Jacob had impressed with the bat by making a series of impressive shots and communicating effectively with his teammates. Viktor, Thomas and Thiago also made a strong contribution to achieve runs and make some important shots. Mr Dawe was delighted with how well the team worked together. They had shown some excellent communication skills and a good understand of game play. They have been working hard in training and it's brilliant the team have got so many great options.

Batter of the match- Jacob
Bowler of the match- Rehan
Fielder of the match- Viktor

THE BARCLAY BUGLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

This week the school newspaper-[The Barclay Bugle](#)- was reborn. The Year 12 Newspaper team came together to produce an amazing 1st issue exploring Barclay and its identity. It has been warmly received by staff and students and we hope to be able to share with all of you soon. Well, done to all students involved for their effort and hard work outside of their already busy schedules. This extra drive and determination to go beyond is the essence of what's best about Barclay!



BARCLAY COMMUNITY AWARD

Fundraising

Luke. W in Year 11 is taking part in a fundraising event in September. We have been so proud to be able to support Luke through all his fundraising efforts in school and for all the great work he does highlighting worthy causes close to him and his family.

Please find below the link to the just giving page, he will be doing the 10k Thames trek in September raising money for 5 charities that have or are supporting him with his illness.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/NeuroNavigators?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20240425

Barclay Community Award Winners

Spanish exchange

Last week we had the privilege of hosting students on a Spanish exchange trip. The Barclay students who took part were phenomenal. They represented our school in the best possible light. Forging links with communities even further afield!

L. Dexter, 9APO1 A. Humairah, 9APO1 C. Anya, 9APO1 C. Darci-Rae, 9APO2 A. Wilson, 9APO2 E. Lennon, 9APO2 H. Isla, 9APO2 H. Ella, 9APO2 P. Rebeca, 9ATH C. Kimiya, 9ATH D. Leah, 9ATH F. Alfie, 9ATH M. Joseph, 9ATH P. Louie, 9HER1 G. Nichola, 9HER1 K. Elizabeth, 9HER1 W. Alfie, 9HER1 C. Noami, 9HER2 C. Emily, 9HER2 R. Karam, 9HER2 R. Joseph, 9HER2 R. Benjamin, 9HER2 S. Riley, 9HER2 W. Elsie, 9ZEU1 A. Imaan, 9ZEU1 B. Dylan, 9ZEU1 S. Chase, 9ZEU1 S. Natalia, 9ZEU1 W. Lucas, 9ZEU2 F. Temi, 9ZEU2 M. Alfie, 9ZEU2 P. Cordelia, 9HE2 J. Sparrow, 9HE1 J. Charlton

Litter picking

Tom D was awarded this week for his fantastic efforts litter picking during the Easter holidays.

Open evening addition

Brooke B Volunteered their time for the open evening in October

Supporting Year 11

Ishani P and Maya L for helping distribute and put up Year 11 revision materials around school.

Sharing with school community

Gwyneth C-Gave a fantastic talk on Zimbabwe and the Shona language in TED talk club

Swimming service

Tilly P -7HER2 -Tilly volunteered her time on the 25th of Feb to support the younger swimmers and the swim club at the annual Turtle gala. She was given the role of collecting the results from the officials and delivering them across the center to the medals tables.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students for being invited to Feast Friday with Dr Laban. The students were chosen at random from the Feast Friday weekly raffle. All students who have received a Student of the Week award are entered into the raffle.

Year 7

Beau I 7ATH1
Elaine B 7ATH2
Samira B 7APO1
Asad S 7ATH2

Year 8

Oluwafikayomi A
8ZEU1
Hannah M 8ZEU2
Macey J 8ATH2
Jenna W 8ZEU2

Year 9

Regan L 9HER2
Leo P 9ATH
Charlie S 9HER2
Louie J 9ZEU2

Year 10

Annie H 10ZEU
Benedict K 10HERA
Benjamin G 10APO2
Honey C 10ATH

PARENT FORUM

This week the parents' forum was hosted by Mrs. Hunda and Mrs. Smith and looked at support that school can offer for our Overseas families and for those who speak English as a second language. If you do not manage to attend, and would like support or have any questions please contact k.hunda@barclay.futureacademies.org

Next half-term our Parent Forum will be on Navigating BromCom as a parent - homework, - date will be announced soon.

PRE – LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email admin@barclay.futureacademies.org to check stock levels with the size, requirements and arrange an appointment, which will be on Wednesday between 1.30-3pm to collect. Anyone that would like to donate old reusable uniform please hand into Reception.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th June – Year 12 Visit to Krakow, Poland



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that Barclay Academy PTA has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Barclay Academy, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in any bin bag – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

You can fill as many bags as you like and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Barclay Academy on Thursday 9th May. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school office from Friday 3rd May until Wednesday 8th May and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity

Yours faithfully

The Barclay Academy PTA team

