

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents



Dear Parents / Carers,

The final week of the spring term has been a busy one with lots going on!

On Monday afternoon, Maralyn Turgel, from the Holocaust Learning Trust, came into school to talk to Year 10 students about how her father survived the horrors of the concentration camps. This formed part of their studies into Nazi Germany but it is also important that we learn about the atrocities that took place during the Second World War.

On Tuesday, Year 12 students went to the UCAS fair to look at universities and in the evening a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students went to see the England under 21s football match at Craven Cottage. Yesterday, a group of Year 12 students went on a visit to the University of Cambridge.

Please can you ensure that any missing items of school uniform are replaced over the next two weeks and that your children have proper school shoes with which to start the summer term. Hopefully, the weather will be getting warmer so there is no excuse for hoodies which are not allowed. There should also not be any chewing gum in school. Lastly, it is very important that parents support the school with the no mobile phones policy. This means that students are not allowed to have their phones out at any time during the school day and they should not be phoning or messaging you without permission. Mobile phones will be confiscated and we expect parents to support this policy.

Sadly, the weather prevented us from holding the Race for Equality at the end of the day. Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule this for after the holidays.

Have a lovely Easter!

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**

Principal

## YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY VISIT

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A lucky group of Year 12 students visited the University of Cambridge on Thursday. They were introduced to the world of being a student at Oxbridge with tours, sample lectures, lunch and student Q&A's. An inspiring day for all and we are looking forward to supporting students with their Oxbridge applications over the next few months.



## YEAR 12 UCAS VISIT

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Year 12 went on a visit to an UCAS Discovery Exhibition, in Excel London where they had the opportunity to meet with over 100 universities, colleges and apprenticeship employers face-to-face and to find out about different options and pathways. They were able to attend and listen to live expert talks and had access to the latest advice and information on different career choices. The students had a great day and gathered a lot of information to support them with their future career plans.

# SPORT

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Some news missed off from last week's Newsletter we would like to share with you.

On Monday last week, the Year 7 Netballers played against JHN. It was a intense but friendly game. JHN unfortunately went away with the win. The girls showed great resilience throughout the game. It has been a pleasure to see the Year 7 team growing this year and well done to all for staying committed to it, even though we have had some challenges. Player of the match goes to Emily L for some great shots. Look forward to seeing you progress next year.

On Tuesday last week, the year 8 girls against Thomas Allynes. The girls played really well in the first half and were winning at the break. TAA came back with some strong players. Final result was 12-2 to TAA. It was a very positive and friendly game and well done to all that played. Players of the match goes to Poppy and Ellie for some create interceptions.

## ROWING CLUB

Our Barclay Rowing club has been busy this half-term, with pupils consistently looking to progress in their technique and distance. Pupils who reached the 5k mark were awarded with rowing caps and are now pushing forward to their 10k mark. Below is a photo of the ever-growing rowing club. This is a unique offer and one that is not widely available away from our school setting, pupils will very soon be looking to test their progression by rowing on the water.

If you wish to join rowing club, it is on Tuesdays every week in the gym.





## STAFF V 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM FOOTBALL



On Wednesday the teachers took on the sixth form pupils in a much-anticipated football match. The game started very cagey, with both teams defending very well, a trend that would continue for the remainder of the match. Late in the first half, the teachers had a chance, Mr Bickerstaff with a fantastic ball over the top of the sixth form defence to Mr Buckley, who shot just wide. Although good football was played, not much action attacking wise in the first half, 0-0 at half-time.

The second-half started very much the same until the teachers got a corner. Mr Buckley swung the corner in which was capitalised on by Mr Bickerstaff, who knocked the ball into the goal for the teachers to take the lead, 1-0. From kick-off, as he has done many times in the game already, Mr Birch, our goalkeeper, had to make a quick save after the teacher's first goal to keep them 1-0 up. Again, great defending from the teachers, Mr Dawe and Mr van Vuuren would not let anything past them. In the last 10 minutes of the game came the moment of the match, Mr Baldwin with an amazing shot from 30 yards out floated into the back of the net, 2-0 to the teachers. The sixth formers did pull one goal back at the end of the match, Louis Munduwafa with the goal to leave the game at 2-1.

The full-time whistle went, the game ended Teachers 2-1 Sixth Form Pupils, and teachers maintain their undefeated strike for this year. Man of the Match goes to Lucas Bond in Year 12 and Mr Dawe for the teachers.

## HISTORY

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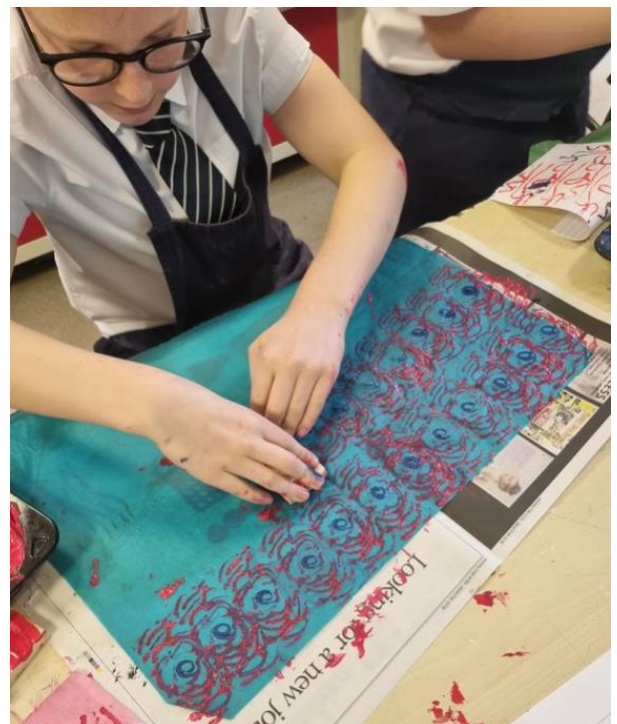
On Monday, Maralyn Turgel from the Holocaust Educational Trust visited Barclay Academy. Our Year 10 History students were engaged by her family's first-hand experience of World War 2. Her father was held in German concentration camps. Maralyn is a second-generation speaker. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to further their understanding of the Holocaust topic before studying it later in their GCSE's.



# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

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This term, with some inspiration from patterns & shapes in the 1960's, the students learnt about a resist dyeing technique called '**tie dye**'. Using elastic bands and natural fabrics such as cotton, they created some unique surface designs. They also developed their **design skills** by creating prints using a '**block printing**' method. These exciting patterns were then printed onto some dyed fabrics & paper. Well done to our New Designers!





# GARDENING CLUB

## WOODLAND TRUST HEDGE PLANTING

This week Year 7 took part in a hedge planting activity with Mr Bickerstaff. The Woodland trust provided us with different species to plant and nurture a new hedge to improve our school's biodiversity and restore lost habitat. The whole year group behaved immaculately and now have something they can watch grow and be proud of over the coming years.



## LEVEL 5 RHS AWARD



The Garden Club have received their level 5 RHS award. This is in recognition of the hard work they have put into maintaining and transforming the garden space. They also had to demonstrate community engagement and share the knowledge they have acquired. Dr Laban and Mr Bickerstaff presented the plaque to the participants which will be proudly displayed in the front of the school. They have also been awarded £200 worth of garden vouchers which will be directed to a project of their choosing. Lots more to come from the garden after Easter including our annual plant sale. Excellent work gardeners!.

# LEARN LIKE A CHAMPION

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A reminder that all pupils at Barclay are expected to learn like champions within the classroom.

Pupils started this half-term in LLAC looking back of the academic year to date and set themselves learning targets for the second part of the year. It is vitally important that all pupils reflect on their learning and give themselves credit for their strengths and plan how they are going to improve upon their areas for development.

LLAC this half-term has been recapping on the importance of engagement within the classroom. Pupils have been reinforcing the importance of being present within the lesson, not just physically present, but present within the learning process. Good conduct within the class is not enough to learn and progress and then retain information, pupils must engage in all tasks to fully benefit from their lessons.

Pupils also recapped the term accountability and how they must demonstrate accountability within the classroom. Pupils are accountable for their actions within the classroom and pupils looked into the impact of positive accountability and then the impact a lack of accountability has on learning.

Year 7s looked into the term mind-set and the importance of demonstrating a growth mind-set and not a fixed mind-set. Mind-set is your beliefs and attitude. A growth mind-set is adopting a positive outlook on learning new things or understanding what we need to learn to improve. Pupils were discussing the importance of demonstrating this type of mind-set to all challenges in life and in lessons.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of Summer Term

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Coronation Activities

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – PGL Football & Netball Trips

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Start of External Summer Exams for Year 11 & Year 13