

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,



It has been a very busy week at Barclay Academy! I cannot believe we have finished one half term already. The time has flown by!

The school performance of Oliver Jnr was brilliant. It was such a wonderful production and it was an absolute pleasure to watch. Well done to all the students who took part both on the stage and behind the scenes. They are all a credit to the school. My thanks go to Mrs Calvert and Mrs Rooke for directing and organising such a fantastic success. Congratulations and thank you to everyone.

Please make sure that you use the half-term to buy any items of uniform or equipment that your children need. Students will now have to wear their blazers at all times unless they are given permission to take them off from their teachers. Students will now need a proper school coat that is either black or navy blue. Hoodies are not allowed in school. A school jumper should be worn if the weather is cold.

It has been a very successful first half term of the year. Our Year 7 students have settled in really well. Please remember how important attendance and punctuality both are. Excellent attendance is the key to success.

Have a lovely half-term break. We return at normal time – 8.25am – on Monday 6th November.

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

GARDENING CLUB



On Wednesday Barclay Garden Club visited Lister hospital to collaborate with staff onsite to take part in an activity to improve green spaces outside of maternity.

This is hopefully the first of many visits to the hospital site to allow our students to share their expertise and passion and make a valuable contribution to our wider community.

They as always were exemplary and showed off Barclay at its best. Well done to them all!



CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY

On Wednesday 28 year 7 and 8 students risked the wet weather for a trip to Church Farm Ardeley. They were lucky enough to get up close with a range of farm yard animals to experience feeding them and communicate with them through a variety of imitations from the students. The students got to support the farm shop by identifying apples that could be used for juicing, pig food or selling in the local farm shops. It was a day enjoyed by all.



CAREERS

Year 7 were lucky enough to attend an assembly hosted by Airbus employees on Friday this week. Students heard about World Space Week 2023. This year's World Space Week focused on 'Space and Entrepreneurship'. Year 7 learned about the many modern pioneers who are taking space to the next level! We are extremely grateful to Mr & Mrs Siddiqui from Airbus who presented to Year 7.



OLIVER! JR







Over this past week, 47 Barclay Academy students participated in the school production of *Oliver Jr.* On Monday all students attended a technical and dress run, on Tuesday they performed a Matinee performance to 250 primary school children, and then there have been two evening shows with the final performance ending last night with an audience of over 260 people. It was absolutely incredible!

Our cast range from Year 8 to 13, and all participate in KS3, 4 or 5 drama, music and/or dance. All auditioned last April and received their characters and scripts last May. Some of our students successfully juggled their end-of-year exams with their rehearsals, others have taken on additional roles both on stage and as part of the backstage team to support the running of the show. For the past 6 months they have attended after-school rehearsals twice a week and have attended two weekend rehearsals.

Our students have shown dedication to learning both their dialogue and lyrics to the songs, practiced both at school and at home, and have shown the resilience needed to be part of a Musical Theatre production. Their work ethic, attendance to rehearsals and resilience have been exceptional and these are just a few of the qualities that they have shown consistently over the past six months. We are so incredibly proud of them – and they should be so proud of themselves!

SPORT



On Monday, the Year 7&8 and Year 9 netball teams took on Nobel and Marriotts. It was the first games of the netball season and the teams definitely showed signs of improvement from last year.

The Y7&8 team worked really well together despite having never played together. There were definitely signs of good play. A special mention to Emily L for some great shooting.

The year 9s like always showed motivation and commitment throughout, with some great attacking plays.

On Tuesday, the netball teams were back in action against Thomas Alleyne's. Both games were very competitive and showed some good plays. Special mention to Gracie for receiving the player of the match, which was chosen from the opposing school. We are not focusing on the results, but instead focusing on what we need to work towards for our upcoming matches.

For all those that attend netball training, don't forget training will now be on a Monday after half term.

On Wednesday Barclay leaders were involved in a primary school Boccia tournament. The event was run by Stevenage Sporting Futures. This was the second leadership event for these leaders who have all shown great commitment to help out this year. A special mention goes to Subana, Dylan, Louie, Leo and Ryan who received some fantastic feedback from the local school's teachers.

KART CLUB – WHILTON MILL

Kart club last weekend went to Whilton Mill for their most recent meet. It is a popular track for members of the club and there were some great results from all the drivers. Well done to the following positions. Charlie W Class 11, Evan H Class 15, Cameron H-C Class 12, David S-I Class 11, Josh H Class 11 and Oliver J Class 11. Congratulations to Henri S for being voted MSUK Novice Driver of the Day.



YEAR 7 DISCO - DATE CHANGE

Please note the Year 7 disco will now be on Thursday 7th December. Tickets are for sale for £2 on Gateway.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL



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.

CHARLIE B 7ATH1, RONNIE F 7ATH2, LILLY BG 8HER2, JOSEPH C8HER1, GEORGE E 9APO2, TEMI F 9ZEU2, GEORGIA S 10ATH, LOLA W 10HER, AMRITR 11ZEU AND JACKSON T 11APO.

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

Thursday 9th November - Sixth Form Opening Evening 5pm to 7pm

Tuesday 14th November – PTA AGM 6pm

Friday 17th November – INSET DAY

Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 11

Thursday 30th November to Tuesday 5th December – Book Fair

Monday 4th to Friday 8th December – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 13

Tuesday 5th December - Carol Concert Evening Year 7

Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 8th January – INSET Day

Thursday 18th January – Year 13 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 23rd January - Year 9 GCSE Options Evening

Thursday 1st February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th February – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 28th February – Frodau 1st March – PGL Adventurous Activities Trip Year 7

Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March – Malaga Spain Trip Year 9 and Year 10

Thursday 7th March – Year 12 Parents' Evening

Monday 11th to Friday 15th March – Year 12 Work Experience Week

Thursday 14th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March - Year 10 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 26th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (October-December 2023)

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Wednesday 22 nd November 6pm
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Wednesday 15 th November 6pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Monday 9 th October 10am Tuesday 5 th December 10am
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tuesday 3 rd October 6pm Thursday 7 th December 6pm
Supporting your Child's Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their resilience.	Friday 27 th October 10am Monday 18 th December 6pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Tuesday 7 th November at 10am
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Monday 13 th November 6pm
School Transitions A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services-and-referral-information/our-services-a-z/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-service/>



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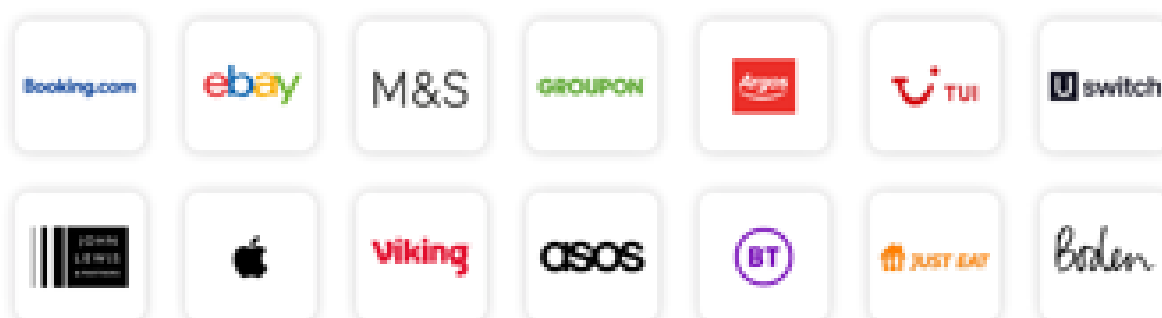
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