

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th January 2023



Dear Parents

Dear Parents / Carers



Monday and Tuesday were dominated by a review conducted by two school improvement consultants. This follows on from the excellent review we had from the Local Authority before Christmas. I am delighted to say that they were both very pleased with what they saw and they were impressed with the teaching and learning and what we have to offer at Barclay Academy. They were particularly impressed with the fact that, in terms of progress, we are the most improved school in Hertfordshire as well as being in the top 1% in England. We are all very proud of this achievement and, with your continued support and encouragement, I know that we can continue to go from strength to strength.

I was very pleased to see that the Year 7 girls' football team was triumphant on Tuesday with their 5-0 victory over Phoenix Academy, which is one of the other schools in our Trust. Well done to all the players involved! What a great result!

As you are no doubt aware, there will be a day of strike action next Wednesday which involves most of the teaching staff. This means that we will be closed to most students because we will not have enough teachers in school on that day. A letter will go out with more information but we will be open for Sixth Formers and there will be details of provision for Year 11.

As always, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

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CLUBS

Day	Time	Year Group	Title	Staff	Location
Monday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr 7, Yr 8 & Yr 9	Oasis	RBU	EN4
Monday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Newspaper Club	GPH	EN7
Monday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Dance Club	TCL	Drama Studio
Monday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Creative Writing Club	JB1	MA5
Monday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Hockey Club	ABA/LHR	Astro
Monday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Table Tennis	MBU	Gym
Monday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Girls Football Club	EBR	Astro
Monday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Cookery Club	CGR/KHU	Tech 9
Monday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Music Practice & Ensembles	SRK	Music Block
Tuesday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr10 & Yr11	Coding Club	CBA	Tech 6
Tuesday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Barclay Performing Arts Company	TCL	Drama Studio
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Rowing Club	MNA	TE7
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	Yr10 & Yr11	Football Club	CJV	Astro
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.00pm	All	Chess & Board Games Club	HWA	EN2
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Basketball	JDA	Gym
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Art Club	EDA	Art Block
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Violin Ensemble	Miss Abrams	PA7
Wednesday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr 7, Yr 8 & Yr 9	Oasis	RBU	EN4
Wednesday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Vocal Group (Audition Only)	SRK	PA7
Wednesday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr 10 & 11	KS4 GCSE Music Composition	ACO	PA2
Wednesday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr7 & Yr8	Geoscience Club	KHA/RDI/SCO	SC9
Wednesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Myths & Legends Club	KMA	EN2
Wednesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	Yr7 & Yr8	Football Club	JDA	Astro
Wednesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Guitar Ensemble	Mr Ellis	PA7
Wednesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	Invite Only	Cheerleading Team Training	DMR/PJO	Hall
Wednesday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Woodwind Ensemble	Mr Sallows	PA7
Thursday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr 7, Yr 8 & Yr 9	Oasis	RBU	EN4
Thursday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr 7, Yr 8 & Yr 9	Lego Club	ABA	HU6
Thursday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Yr 10 & 11	KS4 GCSE Music Composition	ACO	PA2
Thursday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Rainbow Club	SCO	6th Form
Thursday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Zen Doodle Club	CGR	IT7
Thursday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Volleyball	MBU	Gym
Thursday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Science in the News - Space, The Environment, Medicine, Technology and much more.	KLA	SC6
Thursday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Science Homework Club	KHA	TE8
Thursday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Drama Club	TCL	Drama Studio
Thursday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Netball Club	EBR/ECR	Playground
Thursday	5.00pm to 7.00pm	Invite Only	BKT - Kart Club	CFE	Tech Block
Friday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Choir	Mrs Wells	PA7
Friday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	All	Anime Club	CCR	MA4
Friday	12.50pm to 1.20pm	Y9	History Club	MJA/MLA	Hu5
Friday	3.10pm to 4.10pm	All	Gardening Club	MBI	Area behind 6th Form

SPORT



On Tuesday, the Year 7 girls took part in the first Future Academies Football Final. All 8 players had an amazing game, and we came away with the win over Phoenix with a score of 5- 0. Thank you, Laureate for hosting. Player of the match goes to Maycie-Angel for outstanding team effort.



The Year 7 Basketball team picked up their first win of the season by beating Fearnhill 28- 7. The team put in an all rounded performance by limiting Fearnhill's opportunities and creating plenty of our own. The team were unlucky to not add more points to our total. Well done to Ethan and Hulk who put in impressive displays on their debuts. Amongst the scorers were Owen, Ethan, Rheyaz, Lee, Jason and Jerrell.

GARDENING

This week the Garden Club invited Almond Hill's Newspaper club to visit for a tour of the garden and also to take part in planting activities. This is to help them achieve the highest level of RHS garden award. They needed to share their expertise with other groups in the community.

Our club led an activity to create spring displays for them to take back to their school and the Almond Hill students were also able to plant seeds to take home to nurture and grow. The students from Almond Hill then posed questions to the gardeners to write a report on their visit which we can't wait to read.

This week they will be visiting RHS Hyde Hall to take part and witness first and various horticultural techniques and activities. They also have some exciting news to share in the next few weeks. So, watch this space!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd February – Y8 Parents' Evening

Monday 20th February – **Tuesday 28th February** – Y11 Mocks

Monday 27th February – **Tuesday 7th March** – Y13 Mocks

Monday 13th March – **Friday 17th March** – Y12 Work Experience

Monday 20th March – **Friday 24th March** – Y10 Work Experience

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms



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