

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

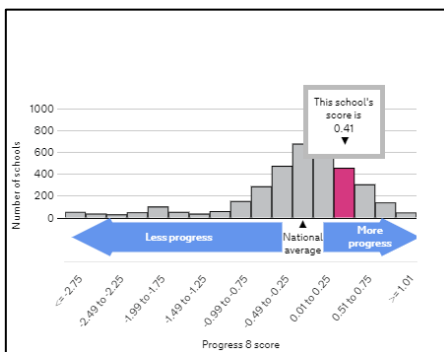
Friday 21st October 2022



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am not sure where the time has gone? This half-term has gone by extremely quickly.

Yesterday morning, the Department for Education published the GCSE results for all secondary schools on the government website. Our progress 8 score of +0.41 was excellent and puts us in the top third of all the schools in Hertfordshire. Our grade 5 and above in both English and Maths results were superb and the 67% we achieved was well above both the national and Hertfordshire averages. We are very proud of these results and, with your continued support, we can go on to ensure that future year groups also achieve strong GCSE and A-level grades.



This week's school production of Philip Pullman's 'Grimm Tales' was excellent. Thank you to Mrs Calvert for all her hard working putting this together and well done to all our students who took part. I am delighted that we are once again able to put on productions because this is the hallmark of a strong and successful school.

As our students know, my number one priority is to ensure that they feel safe and happy at school. This feeds into my second priority, which is to ensure that they receive an excellent education. We have relaunched our behaviour expectations in the corridors because, now that the school has 800 students, the corridors are much busier at change of lesson time. Please do contact your child's Head of Year, or any of our pastoral team, if there is anything concerning you or your child. We are here to help.

Please make sure that items of school uniform are purchased if necessary during the half-term break. Everyone should have their top buttons done up so please ensure that they have the correct size collar so that this is more comfortable. Students will need a school coat as we enter the winter months so please ensure that these are black or navy blue.

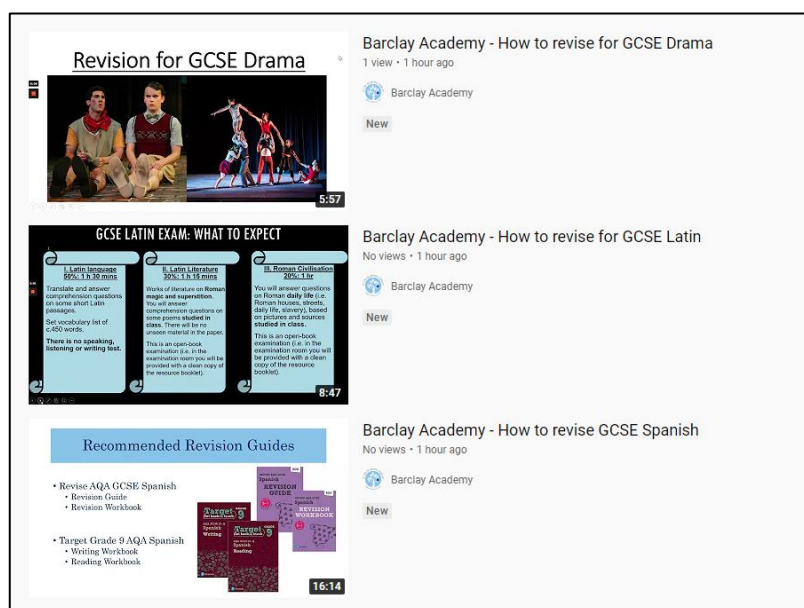
Everyone now has a two week break. School returns at normal time – 8.25am – on the morning of Monday 7th November. On Friday 11th November, it is Armistice Day and all students who belong to a cadet group can wear their uniform to school on that day. We will also be attending the Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial in the Old Town.

Enjoy the half-term holiday! Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

YEAR 11 REVISION VIDEOS



The screenshot shows three video thumbnails from the channel 'Barclay Academy':

- Revision for GCSE Drama** (5:57): A video showing students in a drama rehearsal.
- GCSE LATIN EXAM: WHAT TO EXPECT** (8:47): A video with three sections: 'I. Latin Language 60%: 1 h 30 mins', 'II. Latin Literature 30%: 1 h 15 mins', and 'III. Roman Civilization 20%: 1 h'. It provides detailed instructions on exam format and preparation.
- Recommended Revision Guides** (16:14): A video listing revision resources for AQA GCSE Spanish and Target Grade 9 AQA Spanish, including Revision Guides, Revision Workbooks, Writing Workbooks, and Reading Workbooks.

To aid the year 11 students in revising effectively in each subject, each department has created a video explaining the exam, the content involved and effective revision strategies or revision materials. This can be accessed via the Barclay Academy YouTube channel.

A direct link has also been put onto the noticeboard for year 11 on Satchel one.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyIlg2IcLLDCNrxI7a2h2rqQ>

SPORTS

On Wednesday, the year 7 girls took to the football pitch for their very first time. The first game saw us draw 2-2 against a very tough opponent in Hitchin Girls School. For our second game we came away with a 5-1 win against JHN. It was a great afternoon and well played to all that were involved. Players of the match go to Olivia Dobbs for excellent goalkeeping and Brooke Booth for a number of spectacular goals.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24th October – Friday 4th November – Half Term Holidays

Monday 7th November – Return to School

Monday 7th – Friday 11th November – Y11 Mocks

Friday 11th November – Y10 WhatCareerLive @ London Olympia

GRIMM TALES

This week, the Drama department have put on a production of Grimm Tales a packed audience over two nights. Grimm tales tells the tale of traditional fairy tales but with a twist. It was wonderful to see students from Year 7-13 working together to put on such a fantastic play. We would like to thank Mrs Calvert and Dr Mawford for all their hard work in directing the show and Ms Davies for her wonderful set design. There will be more photos to follow after half term.



BARCLAY ACADEMY PTA

Wednesday 9th November at 6pm in the Library

Please come along to our first meeting of the year. We are keen for as many possible to attend; share your thoughts over a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit, and help us to support the school in raising much needed funds.



We are still in need of a treasurer and a secretary, so if this is something that you think you may be able to help with, please contact the school.

If you would like to help with the PTA, but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact k.hackett@barclay.futureacademies.org so we can add you to the group.



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