BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Academic Review Day yesterday afternoon. The attendance was very good and I hope that everyone found it useful. It was nice to have the opportunity for in person face to face meetings.



Well done to the Year 7 football team who beat The Nobel School 2-1 at the beginning of the week. On Wednesday, the Year 9 team beat The Knights Templar School 5-0. These were both great results! Congratulations to everyone involved!

Next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, we have the school production of Oliver Jnr. We also have a matinée performance on Tuesday afternoon for some of the local primary schools. I have just seen the costumes that we have hired and it all looks wonderful.

Students must bring their blazers with them to school. The weather is turning colder and they will be expected to wear them in the school building and for line up.

As I have mentioned before, excellent attendance is crucial. I will not be authorising term time holidays and fines will be issued by the local authority. We have a two week half term coming up and that is when holidays should be taken. I keep telling the students that we must have high standards and that goes for everything.

Only one more week before the half-term break.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

SPORT: DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION



Year 8 boys and girls table tennis team won the district championships held here at Barclay this past Wednesday. They competed against other schools across the district and won every game to become table tennis district champions. They will now compete representing Stevenage in the county championships in December. Well done to Reece, Ediz, Adrian and Jack in the boys' team and Ava, Brooke, Tilly and Gracie in the girls' team.

Year 10/11 boys also became the district champions in table tennis this week, winning the district competition without losing a game. Year 10/11 girls' team achieved second place giving Barclay an overall achievement of first in 3 out of 4 district competitions in table tennis and second in one. A very successful event for us. Well done to Jai-Dea, Isaac, Travis and Tommy for the boys and Lexie, Amelia, Daisy and Honey for the girls.



SPORT

Year 7 Football-

Barclay Academy 2–1 Nobel School

The Year 7s had started their league season in entertaining fashion by edging past Nobel. The Year 7s had started brightly after Dylan had scored a rocket of a free kick from distance. Barclay were unlucky to not add to their tally in the first half. Nobel had started brightly in the second half and their efforts paid off after scoring an equaliser. They had continued to pile on the pressure. Goalkeeper, Harrison made a series of impressive saves to keep the game level. In the last 15 minutes, Barclay regained control of the game, and this led to Bobby scoring a late winner. The team and the spectators were over the moon.

Man Of The Match was awarded to Harrison for pulling off some remarkable saves. This gave the team an opportunity to win the game.

Year 9 Football

Knights Templar School 0-5 Barclay Academy.

The team had progressed to the next round of the district cup after a comfortable victory over Knights Templar. A hat trick from top scorer Alfie R and goals from Ryan and Oliver secured the win. The boys played some of their best football to progress the ball up the pitch. Mr Dawe was delighted to see how much the team continued to grow. The game featured a debut to Blake who played in goal. Well done to our Year 8s: Charlie and Ethan for putting in a competent performance.

Man of the Match goes to Gabriel. His quality and composure helped the team progress the ball effectively.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS STUDY TIME IN HALF TERM

We still have spaces for year 11 students to come in during October half term to study, they will need to book onto what they would like to attend, they can do this by following the steps on the email from Mrs. Rooke, these will be supervised by members of staff, and we would strongly encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.

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.

Alex B 7APO1, Elliott L 7APO1, Emma H 8HER2, Shannon C 8ZEU1, Ruhan B 9ZEU2, Roxie B 9APO1, Imogen H 10HER and Amelia C 11ATH1.

PRE - LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

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

Please email <u>admin@barclay.futureacademies.org</u> 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 12th October – Individual Academic Review and Steps to Success Afternoon 2pm – 5pm

Wednesday 18th October – School Production of Oliver Jr. 7pm

Thursday 19th October – School Production of Oliver Jr. 7pm

Wednesday 8th November – Year 7 Disco

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



Wednesday 18th October Thursday 19th October 7pm, School Hall

Tickets:

Adults - £4

Students (under 18) - £2

Tickets are available on School Gateway and then collected from Reception



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