# BARCLAY ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been the usual busy week at Barclay Academy with lots going on!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday. It was a packed event and it made us all realise just how much our school has grown in the last few years. This year, we are able to offer more subjects than ever before which is really pleasing.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, all the Year 8 Religious Studies classes went on a trip to the Stevenage mosque. This is a really good local trip and enables our students to see the place of worship that they have been studying.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 7 football team triumphed over Marriotts with a 2-0 win. Well done to everyone involved and for continuing the winning streak!

On Thursday evening, Barclay Academy competed in the District swimming gala. The fourteen students who took part managed to win an amazing 23 medals! Overall, we came first in the junior girls' competition and second in the boys' competition out of 17 schools. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Thank you for your support with maintaining the high standards for school uniform. This has really improved but we will continue to monitor this.

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

# YEAR 9 OPTIONS



This week Year 9 have been focusing on their GCSE course choices. Thank you to parents and students who attended the Options Evening on Tuesday.

Wednesday was a day of taster sessions learning about new subjects, careers, the Unifrog portal and how to develop the right mindset to achieve.

If students have any questions regarding options they should talk to curriculum staff, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Jenner or Mrs Hackett.

# **CAREERS**

#### FUJITSU SPEED NETWORKING EVENT







Fifteen lucky Year 10 & Year 12 students attended a Speed Networking Event at Fujitsu in Stevenage this week. They had the opportunity to speak with 15 different Fujitsu employees regarding their career choices and career paths.

Both students and Fujitsu staff agreed it was a fantastic event and the gained a lot from it.

# YEAR 8 VISIT TO STEVENAGE MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTRE



Thank you to Stevenage Muslim Community Centre for welcoming our year 8 students to their Mosque this week. Students had a tour of the main features of the place of worship, a short presentation and were then able to ask any questions they had about Islam.

# FANTASTICALLY GREAT WOMEN THEATRE TRIP



On Wednesday, 8 students who are part of 'Herstory' club went to see 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World' the musical. The musical follows the triumphs of Emmeline Pankhurst, Rosa Parks, Frida Kahlo and Amelia Earhart, to name just a few. The show was empowering and uplifting and the girls said they felt inspired by some of history's greatest women. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and the girls were polite and respectful throughout.

## YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



#### Marriotts 0-2 Barclay

The Year 7 football team had continued their unbeaten form in the league with an impressive win against Marriotts. It was a tightly contested game with both teams having their chances. Barclay had the best share. Barclay's efforts paid off after debutant Hadley had scrambled the ball over the line to make it 1-0.

Barclay had continued to apply pressure and were unlucky to not extend their lead due to some impressive defending and goalkeeping. Josh put Barclay 2-0 up with a close range finish by striking the ball to the roof of the net. The team had held the hosts by putting in a strong team performance to shut out Marriott's attacks. Barclay had produced some impressive counter attacks to try to add a third. The game finished 2-0 to Barclay. Player of the match was awarded to Isaiah F for putting in an all-around performance in both boxes. He helped to transition the ball effectively and impressed defensively. Like the whole team, he worked incredibly hard.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

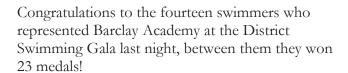


Congratulations to the following students for being invited to Feast Friday with Dr Laban. The students were chosen at random from the Feast Friday weekly raffle. All students who have received a Student of the Week award are entered into the raffle.

Falicite J 7APO2, Hadley N 7ATH2, Olivia D 8ATH2, Zachary H 8HER1, Bradley W 9ZEU2, Sophia K 9HER2, Alessio L 10ZEU, Aleena A 10APO2, Emmy J 11ATH1 and William M 11ATH1.

# SWIMMING SUCCESS





We are delighted to announce the following individual results.

#### Bronze

Junior Breaststroke- Felicity H (Year 8) Junior Fly- Theo B (Year 7) Junior Freestyle- Alexander C (Year 7)

#### Silver

Junior Backcrawl- Gracie F (Year 8) Junior Freestyle- Amelia L (Year 8) Junior Breastroke- Kai C (Year 7) Intermediate Freestyle- Andrew A (Year 9)







Junior Girls won Gold in both the Medley and the freestyle relay with strong swims from Felicity Harris, Amelia Lanni, Gracie Fleming- Jacobs, Maya Wegner and Tilly Pickersgill and the Junior Boys came 2nd in both their relays with Theo Barbet, Alexander Cash, Kai Cheung and Viktor Krasniqi.

All these fantastic performances led to the overall placings of 1<sup>st</sup> for our junior girls and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for our junior boys out of 17 schools.

It was fantastic to see the talent that Barclay Academy has and the students cheering on each other with pride.

# FEELING GOOD WEEK



This week our year 7 Form Captains have made a start on the upcoming project for Feeling Good Week which is 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February. The theme is 'Regrowth' and they have planted four trees within the front area of the school.

More information on Feeling Good Week will follow, watch this space!

Thank you to our Year 7 Form Captains, Mr Bickerstaff, Mr Boyle and Mrs Buttress.





# 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 1st February - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th February – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 28th February - Friday 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 28th February to Friday 1st March - Y7 PGL Adventurous Activities Residential

Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March - Y9/Y10 Malaga, Spain Residential

Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd March - Y11 Revision Retreat Residential

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# MYLOL

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Mys. Ot is a free cooled networking and stating the almed at seens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, metuding second orientation and personal interests. The service bilb itself on "the number one teen dating weakle in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the Mys Ot app is no larger available from Scogle Play or the App State, a Brough the site is still potice. In some countries, potice forces and achools have previously wanted parents about "in site predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

#### FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although seyuch states it is one believely obtained at assers again between 13 and 13, there is no credit le age verification system to prevent a seurge child- or as older oduli – from signing up to the plicitism. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a stem true identity on My101, this rates a serious concern that the site-book!

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

injust, maintains that it monitors all up loaded images for modify or sexual content. It glos quints be to still to detect suspicious keywords. However, these how been numprous reports at suplicit content being found on the plotform, with spens of the posting provocative, semi-made sectures of themselves and engaging in farty or sexually exploit conversation.

#### POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLVING

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#### IN-APP SPENDING

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#### DATA COLLECTION

According to its privace policy. With City collects user date indicating smed addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it seminated to private stage and private stage and private stage of the stage of t

# CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

HyLOL makes it easy to connect with arrangers. In fact, the story invaries finisher emouvages above to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several Irradia stores at a skulls posting as learns on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to enthernolly drangers or invariance, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been porting up with someone who has been porting up with someone who has been porting up with a falle should.

# Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms. Lise MyLOs – particularly the threat of online produces. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and latermation with strangers and emphasize that most people don't realise they to being 'cottlined until it's too late – it really lan't wise for a young person to meet up with sameone they're only spaces to ordine.

#### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has occess to a bank cord or other psyment method, they may be endiced into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile housest and recenting more attention assult we expectedly tempting if their triands also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping as eyo an their online spending.

#### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

NEW MESS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it is important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving our their personal date on this type of platform, topics to them, for example, that they shouldn't daudge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as a commercian be quite convincing when attempting to steel assessment is identify:

### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they're met on Myrch, you could consider unlising 69% or will passion tracking technology to be less their emercatious in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or fence and opt to receive an elect to your phone if your child enters or earts a specified area.

#### Meet Our Expert

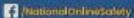




The National College











# Online Safety course for parents

Here is the link to the courses for parents.

https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-11-14

https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-14-18

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP AT BARCLAY

Please see information about the February half-term football camp hosted at Barclay. If interested in attending, please contact the email on the flyer. This would be suitable for year 7 and 8.







# PARENT ENGAGEMENT

We're seeking parent volunteers to:





Inspire our students career choices



Share employment journeys with students



**Encourage Employers to work** with the school

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