# BARCLAY ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been an unusual week with the national strike action on Wednesday. I want to say how pleased I was with our Sixth Formers who were excellent on that day. As you know, there will be further strike action across the country in March and we will let you know the plans for those days nearer the time.



Congratulations go to Mr Bickerstaff and the Gardening Club for achieving the Royal Horticultural Society's level 5 award. Well done to everyone involved! This is a great accolade for our school.

Next week, work will be starting on the installation of new school gates next to the bungalow. This work has had to be done to enhance the security of the school and to stop people speeding into the car park. There will be an entrycom access control system for those who need to drive into the school car park. Going forward, parents will have to drop their children off in Walkern Road and they will have to walk up the entrance road to get into school.

Please can you ensure that your children arrive in full school uniform each day. Students are only allowed to wear trainers for medical reasons and, as I have mentioned many times before, hoodies must not be worn to school. It is very important that we have high standards and this includes school uniform. Sanctions will be applied if students are not in correct uniform. If there any problems with this then please contact your child's Head of Year. We understand that we are living in difficult times so we are here to help. Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

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**CAREERS** 

#### A PLEA TO ALL PARENTS

Are you or the company you work for able to support Barclay Academy Students with Work Experience Opportunities?

Year 12 students – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Year 10 students – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Email Mrs Jenner if you can, she would love to hear from you! b.jenner@barclay.futureacademies.org





Work experience allows students to gain employability skills & insight into the work place and knowledge of specific industries. Young people who partake in work experience maximise their chances of finding employment & improve their communication skills.

#### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Connecting you to the UK's top Apprenticeship Employers



Schools, colleges, employers, career advisers and thousands of students come together online to celebrate Apprenticeships in support of the Government-run National Apprenticeship Week.

Throughout the week, top employers and organisations come together to showcase their opportunities to thousands of attendees, who are actively seeking an apprenticeship.

www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk

### THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE



"The Parent Perspective" is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance.

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/

## **SPORT**



The **Year 8 Football** team sustained their first defeat after falling just short against John Henry Newman in a friendly. The game finished 2-1 after a late strike from the opponents. Despite the game being a friendly, the game was as competitive as they come. The boys can take a lot of positives from the game as they managed to hold their own against a team in the division above. Mr Dawe was impressed with the team's attitude. They were great ambassadors for the school. Well done to Alfie R for extending his scoring streak to three games. A big thank you goes out to George A who supported with officiating the game. Next week the boys will be looking to bounce back. They will be hosting St Chris in the league.

The **Year 10 Basketball** played their second game of the season against The Priory School. After a positive start to their league campaign by beating John Henry Newman, it wasn't meant to be against a strong Priory team. The game finished 40- 26 to the opposition. It was a disappointing result after playing one of their best ever quarters. They put in a dominant performance and finished the quarter 12-4 up. The team know what is required for the next game to get their campaign back on track.

Well done to Aice for making his debut. He had an encouraging performance and had scored multiple free throws.



# UNIFORM SHOP

Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm to 3pm only.



# GARDENING VISIT TO RHS HYDE HALL



Mr Bickerstaff and Mrs Jenner took the Garden Club to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex today. They took part in a range of horticultural activities and even got stuck in helping the gardeners prepare areas of the garden for spring. It was an excellent opportunity to be led by world leading horticulturists and learn crucial skills.

They explored all aspects of the garden and hope to create an area inspired by their visit for the Barclay garden later in the year. In association with the RHS they hope to have some exciting news to share in the next couple of weeks, so watch this space!





### RHS SCHOOL GARDENING AWARD LEVEL 5

Following their community work with Almond Hill Junior School Barclay Academy Gardening Club have been awarded the RHS School Gardening Award Level 5. This is an incredible achievement and along with a plaque they have received a £200 voucher which will be spent on a new project in the Spring.

Finally, thanks to their efforts and awards they have been asked to be one of 5 UK school gardens to showcase their work throughout the coming year with the RHS. They will be sharing their tips, successes and failures to inspire and encourage others, from the most experienced gardeners to any new growers, to give gardening a go! They are beginning with the RHS Big Seed Sow so visit the RHS website to sign up and get the resources and information to join in.

## Dates for your Diary

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







# GET INTO TEACHING

with Future Teacher Training

Join us online, from the comfort of your own home, at our next webinar to find out how you can start your teaching journey with us.

# Thursday 9th February 2023 5-6pm

To register your interest to attend scan the QR code or click on the link provided in this post.

- www.futureteachertraining.org
- @futurettraining

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THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY | 5-6:30PM | £2 PER CHILD PAYABLE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY I SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO BUY