## **BARCLAY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER** Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

We had an extremely successful Open Evening last night. I have never seen the school hall so packed and it was heartening to hear from prospective parents how our reputation has improved amongst the local community. Thank you to all the students who came back to help. We received excellent feedback regarding how wonderfully our students conducted themselves.



As I mentioned last week, I will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning next Friday – 29th September. This will be from 9am until 10am and it will be held in the school hall. If anyone is available to come in and support this worthy cause then please do come along.

Following on from the coffee morning, Year 7 will have their Harvest Festival assembly. If anyone is able to bring in some tins or jars of food then they will be gratefully received. We will once again be donating them all to the local foodbank.

Please could you all be considerate when parking in Walkern Road and nearby roads. I know that it is not easy because our school and the neighbouring roads were all built before there were lots of cars but please be mindful of the local community.

It is lovely to see the progress during rehearsals for the school production of Oliver Jnr which takes place at the end of this half term. Students have worked incredibly hard and we wish them good luck during their rehearsal this weekend. Tickets for the show will shortly be available via School Gateway.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

**Executive Principal** 

### PARENT FORUM

#### Tuesday 3rd October 6pm in Barclay Library

Our next Barclay Parent Forum .The Parent Forum at Barclay Academy brings together parents, carers, school staff and other members of the school community. It is a group of parents and carers who meet once a half-term term to discuss school-related issues

A Parent Forum provides a valuable way for us to listen to the ideas and concerns of families and seek their views; helping to make sure the needs of children and their families are met.

Pease refer to your emails for further details and to confirm attendance.

#### Y8 FOOTBALL



Our Y8 football team started their season off with a decisive 6-0 win away against Fearnhill, well done to all who played.

#### KART CLUB - CAMBERLY

Well done to at the members of the Kart Team who attended their first meet of the season at Camberly race track. All drivers performed extremely well. Congratulations to Charlie W for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> in class 11, Oliver J for 1<sup>st</sup> and Josh H for 2<sup>nd</sup> in MSUK Class 11.



Y11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

On Friday 15th, Year 11 set out to conduct a fieldwork investigation in Chesham to find out how the drainage basin characteristics of the River Chess changed as they travelled along the river. At Site 1, the students listened carefully to teacher instruction and considered how best to study the river's characteristics. After a quick stop in Amersham for lunch, they headed to Site 2 in Rickmansworth to get into the river and try out the data collection methods for themselves. With excellent weather, good water levels and brand-new equipment, the students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and collected some high-quality data they could analyse back in class.

Overall, it was a highly successful trip that has given Year 11 a strong start to their preparations for the Geography Paper 3 exam. They should be pleased with the effort they have put in and take good care of their data-collection booklets for use as a revision resource.







#### 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.

Ruby B-A 7ATH1, Amelie-Rose C 7ATH2, Isabella C 8APO, Oliver B 8ZEU1, Dylan C-C 9APO2, Jordan C 9APO2. Subana A 10HER, Seth A 10HER.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am to 10am

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Garden Club trip

Tuesday 3rd October - Parent Forum 6pm - Library

Wednesday 4th October to Friday 6th October – Battlefields Year 9

Thursday 12th October - Individual Academic Review and Steps to Success Afternoon 2pm - 5pm

Monday 16th to Thursday 19th October - School Production of Oliver

Monday 6th & Tuesday 8th October - Battle of Bosworth and Battle of Naseby Year 8

Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th October - Year 9 Options Sessions

Wednesday 8th October - Astronomy Cinema Visit Year 9

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 9th November Sixth Form Opening evening 5pm to 7pm
- Friday 17th November INSET DAY
- Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December Virtual Mock Interviews Year 11
- Thursday 30th November Years7 to Year 11 Vaccinations
- Monday 30th November to Tuesday 5th December Book Fair
- Monday 4th to Friday 8th December Virtual Mock Interviews Year 13
- Tuesday 5th December Year 7 Carol Concert Period 5/6 & Evening
- Thursday 14th December Y11 Parents' Evening
- Monday 8th January INSET Day
- Thursday 18th January Year 13 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 23rd January Year GCSE Options Evening
- Thursday 1st February Year 9 Parents Evening
- Friday 9th February Year 9 Vaccinations
- Thursday 15th February Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March PGL Year 7
- Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March Year 10 Spain Trip
- 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



#### 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.



#### **SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023**



# FAMILY FUN RUN



Sign up today to run or walk the 1.8K race with your family and friends.

There will be prizes for the best fancy dress and a medal for all finishers.

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