

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been a very busy one with the start of the examination season. We are all very proud of how our students have conducted themselves. We wish them all the very best as they enter the second week.



We now have just one week before the May half-term holiday. This half-term seems to have flown by and, of course, we have had two bank holidays. We still need to maintain our high standards as we commence the last half-term of the school year and this includes school uniform. As I mentioned last week, students should not be wearing trainers to school and they should not be wearing hoodies. Thank you for your support with this.

Hopefully, we will start to get some warmer weather and so it will be more important than ever for students to have a water bottle with them. We cannot keep supplying students with plastic or paper cups and they should not be leaving lessons to get water. Please can you check that your child has a water bottle for school.

We will be having some building work taking place over the summer holidays to increase the number of toilets in the school. This will include reconfiguring where the existing toilets are and a new set of toilets at the other end of the Maths corridor. I know that some of you have been in contact because, unfortunately, students have to queue for the toilet at busy periods. We are taking action because of this and because the school is still growing.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

SPORTS: PGL TRIP

Over the weekend some of the year 8 girls and boys took part in a sports weekend at PGL Liddington. The girls took part in a weekend of netball games and outdoor activities. The girls came away with the team of the tournament for their determination and respect. The girls also had the chance to meet international netball player Imogen Allison.

The boys spent the weekend, having FA coaching sessions. They also took part in

different outdoor activities like canoeing. They were also given the chance to arrange some football matches with schools from across the UK.

It was a wonderful weekend with the students enjoying all the activities that PGL offered. Thank you for Miss Brooker, Mr Dawe and Miss Dowden for accompanying the students.





MUSIC WORKSHOP

Today a group of Year 10 and 9 students took part in a music workshop with IE Music. The workshop involved students learning about song writing techniques. Students worked as part of groups to compose songs in a variety of different genres and in the afternoon performed to each other and were able to ask the workshop leader questions about life in the music industry and different career and educational pathways within the industry. We are looking forward to some of the students showing their songs in the summer showcase in July.

GARDENNG CLUB

The Barclay Garden Club held their annual plant sale and has currently raised over £200. We will provide an update with the total raised next week and also the charity we have chosen to support. Thank you to everyone who has purchased plants so far, it means a great deal to all the students who attend and get to enjoy the green space.

Also, the Garden Club utilised the vouchers gifted following their RHS level 5 award to transform old beds.

They have created and planted a dry garden, pollinator bed and mixed bed.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

This week we have embraced Mental Health Awareness Week, all students have reflected on the theme 'To help my anxiety' within their form time and local support has been shared, if you missed it, here it is again:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half Term Holidays

PRE – LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is

Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email admin@barclay.futureacademies.org to check stock levels with the size, requirements and arrange an appointment which will be on

Wednesday between 1.30-3pm to collect.

Please can I remind all parents these are 2nd hand items and we depend on donations so we may not have what you need.

Anyone that would like to donate old reusable uniform please hand into Reception.





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Does your child find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?



Join the Educational Psychology Service at a online two-part workshop for parents and carers. We will:

- ▶ Learn more about anxiety
- ▶ Explore what feels helpful for your child and family
- ▶ Discuss working together with schools to help young people attend
- ▶ Share your thoughts and ideas with each other
- ▶ Identify what help and support are available
- ▶ Connect with other parents and carers with similar concerns
- ▶ Consider how we can look after ourselves when things are hard

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Session 1
Tuesday 20th June
1.30-2.30pm

Session 2
Wednesday 28th June
1.30-2.30pm

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Is emotionally based school non-attendance a concern for your school or setting?



Join the Educational Psychology Service at an online two-part workshop for schools. We will:

- ▶ Learn more about the factors which trigger and maintain anxiety
- ▶ Consider the issue through a trauma-informed lens
- ▶ Explore the assess-plan-do review cycle for pupils experiencing this issue
- ▶ Discuss partnership working with parents and young people
- ▶ Share good practice amongst schools
- ▶ Identify what is in place for parents, young people and schools

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