BARCLAY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER Friday 19th January 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all of you for your support with the push that we have had on school uniform. When I was on the gate this morning, it was noticeable that a massive improvement has been made since we have been back from the Christmas holidays. I was pleased to see that the vast majority of students were wearing a proper school coat in this cold weather. The plimsolls policy has certainly ensured that students remember to put their school shoes on in the morning!



We are still continuing to do a big push on attendance and punctuality. A separate letter has gone out to all parents of students in Year 11 this week stressing that good attendance is directly linked to achieving good GCSE results. Students cannot afford to have lots of time off school. As you know, I want all our students to be knowledgeable and aspirational young people and they need the best possible grades to give them choices in life.

The weather is supposed to get a bit warmer next week thank goodness!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban Executive Principal

SIXTH FORM PE VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE





Nine Year 12 sport students travelled to the University of Bedfordshire last week. Students jumped upon the opportunity to work with experts in their field using state of the art equipment at the University. Staff talked about all the courses on offer including careers that can lead from studying within the field of sport.

Students had a brilliant time and left feeling motivated and informed about possible future goals.

Thank you Mrs Smith for organising.

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.

Year 7: Ythan A & George L. Year 8: Leia L & Keavy J. Year9: Langley L & Cynthia M. Year 10: Abel P. and Year 11: Giselle C.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING REMINDER

Tuesday 23^{RD} January -6pm to 7pm In the Hall

PTA WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The PTA ran a prize draw last term for the chance to win a $\pounds 10$ Amaxon voucher for anyone that signed up to the easy fundraising app.

We did the draw at our meeting on Tuesday so have our winner, but the Easy Fundraising app only allows us to see the first name and initial of surname, so all we have to go on is Faye C. Please can Faye make contact with PTA or Reception. Thank you.

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

- 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 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

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.



DARCLAY ACADEMY PRO YEAR & DASCO 5-6:30pm 13th February 12

Tuck shop with drinks, sweets, hot dogs, crisps, glow sticks and lights. Cash only

Tickets - £2 can be purchased on school gateway

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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

EMAIL: B.JENNER@BARCLAY.FUTUREACADEMIES.ORG

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that Barclay Academy has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Barclay Academy PTA, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to https://bag2school.com for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please fill a plastic bag or bin liner with your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! 2024

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to reception on either the 24/1/24 or 25/1/24 and help us have a really good collection. Please do not bring items before these dates as we will not have the capacity to store them.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Tierney Kirsty Homfray-Cooper

(PTA Co-Chairs)