

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents



Dear Parents / Carers,

Despite no longer having the Year 11 and Year 13 students at school, it has still been a busy week with Year 10 undertaking their end of year mock examinations. Well done to all the Year 10 students who have conducted themselves admirably.



It was wonderful to welcome the students to the Sixth Form induction day today. Like the rest of our school, the Sixth Form is growing rapidly and it will be nearly twice the size it is currently in September. I hope they all had an enjoyable and useful day.

Next week is a strange one because we have an INSET day on Monday and then national strike action on both Wednesday and Friday. School is closed to all students on Monday because we have a teacher training day. The trips to Kidzania on Wednesday and Chartwell on Friday will still go ahead as planned. The Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition will also go ahead. Only Year 10 students and Year 12 students will come to school on Wednesday and Friday other than those going on the trips. Year 12 students will come in on Wednesday and Friday as normal. Year 10 students can arrive from 9am with their first lesson starting at 9.20am. This is to give us time to work out which teachers are available and what lessons we can put on. All other year groups will remain at home but they will have online lessons in the same way that we did last time. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will get an additional amount of money on their accounts in the same way as before.

If there are any questions then please get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend! Best Wishes

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

SPORTS

On Monday a group of Year 7 and Year 8s students took part in an all-day cricket event being held at the Stevenage Cricket Club, hosted by Nobel. It was a great day out with the girls experiencing and learning how to play cricket. It was a great event for the girls who some of which had never played cricket before. It was also nice to see the girls interact with students from other schools. Well done to all girls involved, Y7 player of the tournament goes to Brooke B for some great batting and Y8 players of the tournaments goes Leah and Subana for some impressive catches and bowls.



On Wednesday, Barclay took part in the District Athletics Competitions held at Ridlins. It was an event that all students worked hard for by showing up to other competitions after school during the summer term. We have a number of students representing Barclay across Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. It was great to see the students out of their comfort zone, participating and interacting with other schools across the district. We are delighted to say that Team Barclay came back with 4 medals (2 golds, a silver and a bronze).

Ava B in Year 7 managed to take home 2 gold medals after exceptional performances in the 1500m race and the Shot Putt. Ava has worked really hard this season in Athletics, always trying to better herself. Miss Brooker looks forward to next year when she will try and retain her titles.



Alfie H in Year 8 also came away with 2 medals, a silver and a bronze. Alfie H had a point to prove after last year finishing in 6th in the Javelin, he has worked hard all seasons and, on the day, threw an impressive distance, landing him a silver medal. He also wanted to make a point in his 200m race. Alfie was up against some very fast and very tall individuals but kept focus and managed to pull out a 3rd place finish in the final.

Special mention goes to Hermionie in Year 9 as well for narrowly missing out on medal in the long jump coming 4th, with the student in 3rd jumping one millimetre more.

A mention goes go out to Miss Crouch, Miss Jenner and Mr Baldwin for coming down to support and help run the event.

Look forward to the athletics next season.

ART EXHIBITIONS



This week in art we had our A-Level and GCSE exhibitions. All students worked super hard on their portfolios which were displayed at school with some amazing feedback. Here are the highlights from both showings



GARDENING CLUB



The Garden Club received a further £100 voucher from the RHS for taking part in the Big Seed Sow earlier in the year.

They have also been putting the money raised from the plant sale to good use purchasing a new storage bench and perennial plants for the borders. Next week they head off to explore Kew Gardens and hopefully bring back some ideas they can put into practice here at Barclay.



Overdue Library Books

Please can you check at home, in your school bags and lockers for any overdue Library books and return them to the Library as soon as possible.

Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STAFF INSET DAY - MONDAY 3RD JULY

KEW GARDENS TRIP – TUESDAY 4TH JULY

YEAR 11 PROM – TUESDAY 4TH JULY

STRIKE DAY – WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

KIDZANIA VISIT - WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION DAY 2 – THURSDAY 6TH JULY

HISTORY HOLOCAUST CONFERENCE – THURSDAY 6TH JULY

FREUD MUSEUM - THURSDAY 6TH JULY

STRIKE DAY - FRIDAY 7TH JULY

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION DAY 3 – FRIDAY 7TH JULY

CHARTWELL TRIP – FRIDAY 7TH JULY

RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT TRIP MONDAY 10TH JULY

GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 1 – MONDAY 10TH JULY

LATIN TRIP – MONDAY 10TH JULY

GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 2 – TUESDAY 11TH JULY

GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

LEGOLAND VISIT – WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

TRANSITION DAY – THURSDAY 13TH JULY

GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 4 – THURSDAY 13TH JULY

SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY 14TH JULY – **SUN CREAM AND WATER BOTTLES ARE ESSENTIAL**

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM TRIP – MONDAY 17TH JULY

VERULAMIUM VISIT - THURSDAY 20TH JULY

LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 21ST JULY 12 NOON

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.



Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme

HAPPY



Department
for Education

HERTS SUMMER PARKS

12-16yrs

COMING SOON TO
STEVENAGE
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS

FREE ACTIVITIES

WHERE?

King George V
Playing Fields
86 Sish Lane
Stevenage
SG1 3LS

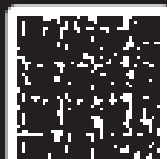
Climbing Wall
Bubble Football
Graffiti workshop
Arts and Crafts
Frisbee Golf
Basketball
And much more!

WHEN?

Tue 1 August
Tue 8 August
Tue 15 August
Tue 22 August
4pm-7pm

Free food vouchers available if you attend activities

Register your
interest here



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Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL