

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th March 2023



Dear Parents

Dear Parents / Carers



It has been another busy week at Barclay Academy with lots going on.

I was very pleased to be able to welcome our prospective Year 7 pupils and their parents on Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to have a very full school hall. We have been asked by the Local Authority to take additional students this year so Year 7 will be full and oversubscribed. As you know, our school has gone from having over 600 students to over 800 students in the space of a few years. Next year, the school will have 900 students.

I was delighted to be able to accompany the Year 8 trip to Hampton Court Palace on Wednesday. These sorts of trips are essential because they bring what they are learning in class to life. Year 12 historians also visited Hampton Court on Thursday and took part in a workshop.

Congratulations go to our Year 8 Football Team who finished as champions of their league. They achieved this by beating Nobel 4-1 at home. The team won every league game! Congratulations also go to the Year 10 football team for their resounding 3-0 victory over Highfield. Well done to Vinni and Travis for scoring the goals and well done to everyone involved!

Today, I welcomed the historian and author, Dr Kate Vigurs, to the school as part of our work to celebrate Women's History Month. Dr Vigurs gave assemblies on her research into the female secret agents who served during the Second World War and she spoke to the Year 9 History Club about careers in History.

Next week, we have two days of national teacher strike action on the Wednesday and Thursday. The Sixth Form will be once again open and so Year 13 will come in for normal lessons. Year 12 will be on work experience. All other year groups will have online lessons depending on which of their teachers is not on strike. A further letter giving more details will be sent out next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**

Principal

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# HAMPTON COURT PALACE TRIP

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On Wednesday, 156 year 8s visited Hampton Court Palace in London. Students got to walk in the footsteps of Henry VIII as they explored the Great Hall, his apartments and admired the iconic artwork of Hans Holbein. It was great to see students in awe of the grand staircase in William III's apartments and the rest of the Baroque-inspired architecture. Despite the weather, students enjoyed exploring the maze and beautiful gardens of the Palace. All of the students had a fantastic time and were very respectful of the palace and other guests.



## CAREERS

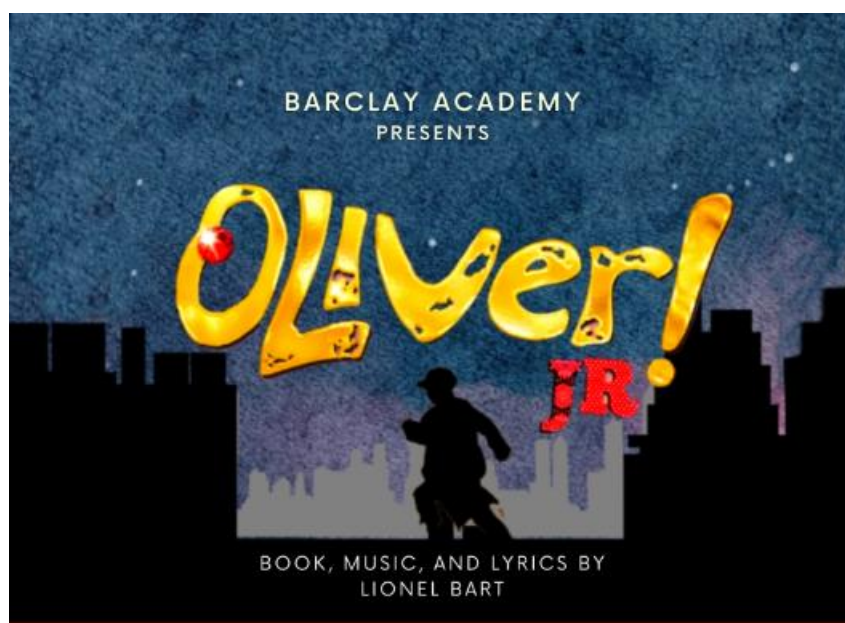
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Year 12 students took a trip to Future Academies Pimlico to attend a workshop supporting early applications to Oxbridge, Medical, Dentistry & Vet Schools.

The workshop was introduced by Barclay Academy Chair of Governors Paul Mullins followed by a talk from a representative from The University of Cambridge who spoke about University life and application processes for Oxbridge.

Participants then had access to highly decorated academics and industry professionals from a variety of sectors including: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Law, IT & Engineering. Speakers introduced students to the world of their profession and then guided them through application processes

Students left with the skills and knowledge of the work they need to put in over the next few months with the support of Barclay Academy to ensure their applications are the best they can be.



**CONSIDER YOURSELF  
PART OF THE CAST?**

**AUDITIONS**

**13TH MARCH**

**3:05-4:15**

**DRAMA STUDIO**

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# SPORT

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## **Year 8 Football:**

Congratulations to our Year 8 Football Team who have finished their league campaign as champions. They had done so by beating Nobel 4-1 at home. This had meant the team had won every league game.

The team had continued to do what they had done so well on this season. They had come from behind to win the game. The team had found themselves a goal down within the early stages when Nobel had scored a volley from outside of the box. However, this was short lived as Alfie R had scored a hat-trick within 20 minutes to dismantle the visitors.

The first goal was scored by a penalty kick. Ryan had got fouled inside the box and then Alfie stepped up to send the goalkeeper the wrong way. His second was scored from an angle after a well-placed through ball. Alfie had completed his hat-trick after receiving another excellent pass in which he expertly flicked it over the goalkeeper with his right foot to then finish it off with his left.

The visitors then spent the majority of the game trying to pull a goal back. Nobel had struggled to break down Barclay's defence. Cameron had pulled off a good save to frustrate the hosts. Late into the second half Alfie had delivered a free kick into the box which led to Louie scoring. This was the captain's first goal for the team. The team were delighted for him.

After the final whistle, the boys were delighted with what they had achieved this season. Mr Dawe was incredibly proud of them. He knows how committed they have been. They have a great bond and through thick and thin they have supported each other. The team have grown individually and collectively. This was their first season playing 11 a side.

## **Year 10 Football:**

The Year 10 Football team had sealed a 3-0 win against Highfield School. Despite what the score line suggests, Barclay's opponents had frustrated them and even hit the woodwork in the early stages. After a nervy spell, the team had made some good runs and linked up well. However, they couldn't finish off their attacking moves. Barclay went into half-time at 0-0.

The second half started well. Jai-Dea had perfectly placed his corner kick to the six yard box. This was met by Travis who scored a bullet of a header. The goalkeeper had no chance. Shortly after, Vinni had scored a magnificent goal from range after catching the goal keeper off their line. A quick fire double had knocked Highfield back after their encouraging start to the game.

George helped to wrap up the win after a great run. He had carried the ball from out wide to then slot in Vinni for a one on one verses the goalkeeper. Vinni had continued to do what he does best when he is left alone with the keeper. He had slotted it past them to make it 3-0. At full time the boys were delighted with themselves.

# BARCLAY KARTING CLUB - FULBECK

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Barclay Karting Team had a successful race meet at Fulbeck, Lincolnshire last weekend. Congratulations to Oliver J, Josh P and Evan H who all achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in their respective race categories. Cameron H-C earned 6<sup>th</sup> place in class 11, Harrison W 7<sup>th</sup> place in class 11 and Harley G 8<sup>th</sup> place in class 7. Well done to everyone who raced.



# RED NOSE DAY

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## FRIDAY 17 MARCH

- Year Group cake Sale competition
- Beat the goalkeeper

To raise money for Red Nose Day we will be having a year group bake off sale.

Donation for cake sales cash only and at lunch there will be a beat the goal keeper competition £1 cash entry with a prize every time.

Please can you donate either home baked or shop bought cakes.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Y12 Work Experience

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day Fundraisers

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Y10 Work Experience

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – PTA Quiz Night

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 12 trip to UCAS Discovery Exhibition

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 7 Parents' Evening



Barclay Academy PTA presents

**£5 PER  
PERSON  
ADULTS ONLY**

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

**BARCLAY SCHOOL  
6:30 FOR 7PM START**

**THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023**

**TEAMS OF UP TO 8/ CASH BAR WITH DRINKS AND SNACKS  
TICKETS ON SCHOOL GATEWAY**





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

### SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

### APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

### STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

### SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

### TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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