

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd March 2023



Dear Parents



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been an unusual week with the teacher strike action on Wednesday. I want to say how pleased I was with our Year 11 students and our Sixth Formers who were all excellent on that day. As you know, there will be further strike action across the country on 15th and 16th March and we will let you know the plans for those days nearer the time.

Congratulations go to the Year 7 Basketball team for their thrilling 16-14 victory over Highfield School. Well done to everyone involved!

It was World Book Day yesterday and I would like to thank Miss Buttercase and the team for putting together activities for the week. Reading is a massive priority for our school and the Local Authority was very impressed with our approach when they visited before Christmas. We have invested a lot of money in new books for the library so that we have a wide choice to interest everyone.

On Wednesday, Year 8 students will be going on a trip to Hampton Court Palace as part of their studies on the Tudors in History. I am really pleased that this is going ahead because it is important that our students visit places that will bring what they are learning at school to life.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

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CAREERS

National Careers Week 2023 takes place 6th to 12th March 2023. Year Groups will participate in a variety of Form Time Sessions spread across the week. Opening students eyes to the world of work and the huge amount of opportunities out there for young people.

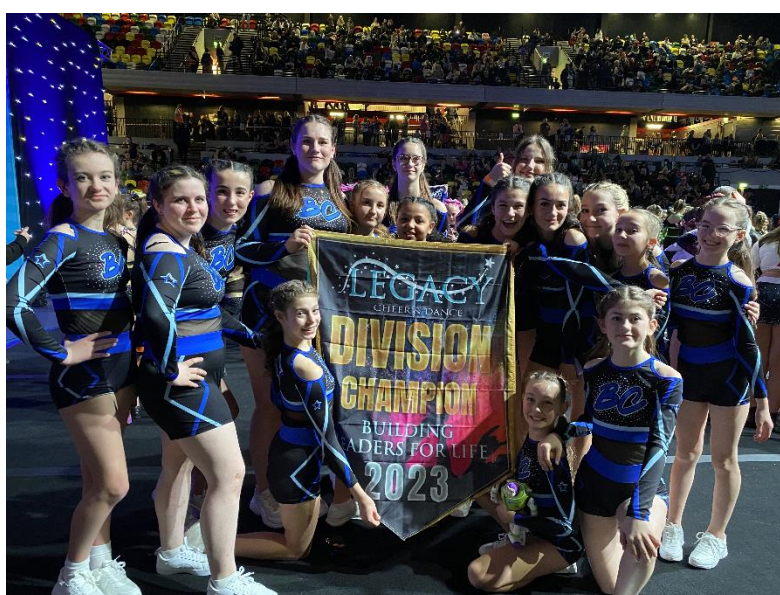
We would encourage parents to get involved too. Take a look at the Parents Guide to National Careers Week to see what is available.



BARCLAY BUZZ CHEERLEADING

Barclay Buzz Cheer Team received amazing recognition for all their hard work and dedication over the past few months. On Saturday 11th of Feb they put on a fantastic performance to win first place at The Olympic Park.

The girls have now qualified for the British Nationals this summer



WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

To celebrate World Book Day this week, year 7 and 8 forms have been guessing the props from books in their classrooms. Each department has been given a book and has then hidden clues in their rooms. Pupils have then had an inter-form competition to see which form could guess the most books correctly. See if you can guess language and English's books from the clues in the pictures!

At Barclay we promote reading across all subjects. On Thursday, year 7, 8 and 9 pupils spent the day reading a short story. Extracts of Roald Dahl's 'The Lamb to the Slaughter' were read throughout the day and had pupils desperately trying to guess if Mrs Malone would get away with her 'perfect murder'.



Y11 STUDENTS V STAFF FOOTBALL



On Thursday, the Year 11 pupils went up against the teachers in a 9 aside football match to raise money for their prom. An event organised expertly by the Year 11 prom committee who are to be thanked for their efforts in putting on a fun and vibrant event.

Many pupils surrounded the gates of the astro in anticipation of seeing their teachers out on the pitch. We thank all pupils who donated and attended the event, creating a truly special atmosphere.

The game began with Year 11 on top, the teachers finding it hard to hold on due to the Year 11's fast paced attack. This led to an early goal scored by Jamie Company, a great piece of football and a very calm finish, one on one with the goalkeeper. From here the teacher began to get back into the game and become more comfortable on the ball. This led to an equalising goal for the teachers, scored by Mr Buckley, assisted expertly by Jai-Dea Moulton, a year 10 helping out the teachers. This would pay-off again later in the half when Mr Dawe's perfectly weighted ball was then executed by Jai-Dee, with a looping shot over the goalkeeper, 2-1 teachers at half-time.

The second half started similar to the first with Year 11 on the front-foot, some fantastic pieces of defending from Mr Dawe, Mr Lucas and Mr Van-Vuuren and some excellent saves from Mr Birch in goal. The teachers defended for most of the second half, some great pieces of football from Year 11, but no goal to show for this dominance. This led to the teachers grabbing a late goal to confirm the win further, Mr Buckley latching on to a loose ball to score his second of the game and make the score 3-1.

That was it, the final result Teachers 3-1 Year 11 Pupils.

Regardless of the result, it was a fantastic event and we are really happy with the positivity coming out of it. Thank you to all organisers, players and spectators for making this event memorable.

SPORT



The Year 7 Basketball team took part in a thrilling encounter with Highfield School. The game had to go into overtime after both teams were level at the end of the 4th quarter. In the end, Barclay just edged it with a 16-14 win. Highfield were a well organised team which meant the boys had to produce some of their best basketball to create opportunities. We were impressed with the team's knowledge and application of the rules. It has shown how far everyone has come. Well done to everyone involved. Scorers of the game included Owen, Rheyaz, Ethan and Deniz. Player of the match goes to Ethan for putting in an excellent all rounded performance.

At the end of last term the cheerleaders achieve Gold there will be more to follow regarding in next weeks newsletter. Well Done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 8th March – Year 8 trip to Hampton Court Palace

Thursday 9th March – Y10 Parents' Evening

Monday 13th March – Friday 17th March – Y12 Work Experience

Monday 20th March – Friday 24th March – Y10 Work Experience

Thursday 23rd March – PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday 28th March – Year 12 trip to UCAS Discovery Exhibition

Thursday 30th 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

