

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th November 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been the usual busy week at Barclay Academy with lots going on!

Firstly, let me apologise for any disruption that there has been during our move to the new Bromcom computer system. There are always teething problems when you move to a new system and my team is working really hard to rectify any glitches.



Thank you for your continued patience, while we resolve the issues relating to our new school gateway account. Unfortunately, the new account does not support the Reporting feature you were familiar with on the old gateway. We will be moving to an improved system in the near future (you will receive details regarding this nearer the time) which provides all the usual features.

At the beginning of the week, Year 12 students went on a trip to the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield for a university information day. I hope that the students found this useful as they start to think about what they will do when they have finished their A-levels.

Yesterday, members of the English department ran a spelling competition for Year 8 and today it was the turn of Year 7. It was wonderful to see the students competing and their classmates supporting them. Well done to everyone involved!

Well done to the Year 9 boys' football team for winning the Hertfordshire inter-academy championship. They won all their matches so many congratulations.

Please remember that students need a dark blue or black coat for school. As you know, they should not be wearing hoodies.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban
Executive Principal

HERTFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY VISIT



On Monday our Year 12 students visited the University of Hertfordshire for an introduction to university information day. We had sessions on choosing courses, apprenticeships, student life and finance. We took part in a quiz and our questions about all aspects of higher education were answered by the very engaging expert staff. Student ambassadors also answered our questions and took us on a campus tour in the autumn sunshine. The students found it gave them a great insight into university life, wherever they may choose to study and whatever their next steps may be.

POLITICS A.I DEBATE



Our Politics Year 12 Group attended a Sixth Form Debate at St Albans Cathedral, The debate topic was **'Should Artificial Intelligence (A.I) be seen as a threat or benefit to the world.**

This was a great opportunity for our students to participate in a real-life debate. One of our students Lahaina was selected to ask her question to the panel, it was a proud moment for Barclay Academy.

GEOGRAPHY TRIP

This Monday, Year 12 Geographers attended a lecture at Queen Mary University of London on the changing identity of Tower Hamlets Borough. They were led by experts on urban gentrification on a walking tour of Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market, to study this rapidly changing urban landscape and

the effect of gentrification on local communities, businesses and infrastructure. Their hard work and critical thinking about geographical issues has brought them one step further to conducting a high-quality fieldwork investigation later in the year when they take their residential trip to Southwold.

GARDENING CLUB



The Garden club went foraging this week collecting leaves from around the school site to create leaf mould for seed sowing. They almost filled the new leaf bin purchased with funding provided by the Futures charity.

They also featured in the East and North Herts trust newsletter for the fabulous work they did in rejuvenating two beds outside of maternity. It turned out a member of staff was in maternity holding their new-born baby and looked out to spot them all working in the drizzle. They look forward to returning in spring to see how the beds are doing and helping rejuvenate other areas of the hospital site for our wider community to enjoy.

Green volunteers at Lister



Thank you very much to volunteers from Barclays School and our Trust staff for their help and hard work on our green spaces on a very wet afternoon!

The Barclays School Gardening Club helped clear weeds, planted insect-friendly plants and spring bulbs and sowed wild flower seeds. This will provide a lovely display next year, hopefully improving the green spaces and biodiversity at our Lister site. The volunteer group will be back for another session soon.

If you're interested in joining our green space and biodiversity group please email bridget.sanders@nhs.net

SPORT

Congratulations to the Year 9 Football Team for being crowned champions of Hertfordshire Academy Games. They had scored 8 goals and conceded no goals in their tournament. It was fantastic to see everyone put in a competent performance.

It was also great to see a range of players get on the scoresheet. There was some fantastic finishes on show. This included a couple of long range screamers from Louie and Taye.

Goals:

Louie x3, Dylan x2, Ryan x2, Taye x1



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.

JOSH M 7HER2, EVA B 7HER2, KATIE D 8ATH2, FREDDIE B 8HER2, RUBY G 9HER1,
LUCAS W 9ZEU1, GINA C 10 ZUE , ELLA C 10APO1, LAUREN O 11ZUE.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 11

Thursday 30th November to Tuesday 5th December – Book Fair

Monday 4th to Friday 8th December – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 13

Tuesday 5th December - Carol Concert Evening Year 7

Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 8th January – INSET Day

Thursday 18th January – Year 13 Parents' Evening

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

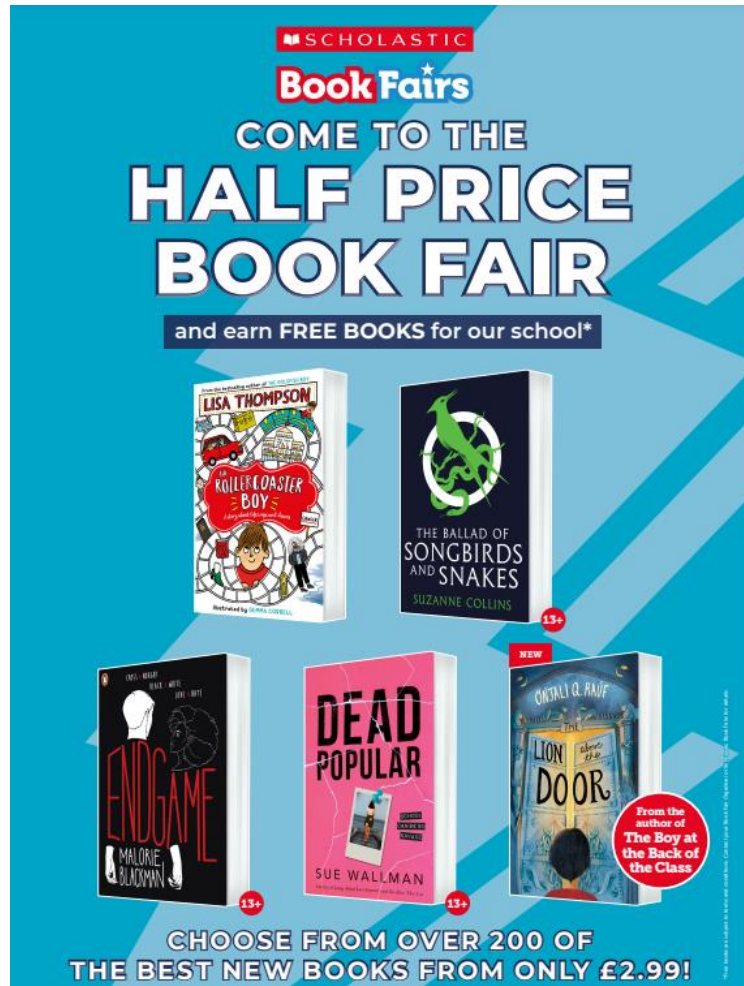
Thursday 14th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March - Year 10 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 26th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting our Book Fair in the Library during lunchtimes on Thursday 30th November until Tuesday 5th December.



Browse the highlights before the Book Fair arrives, using the [LINK](#)

Students can pay using cash on the day or with pre-paid Gift Vouchers.

In addition, you can pay easily and securely online at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay



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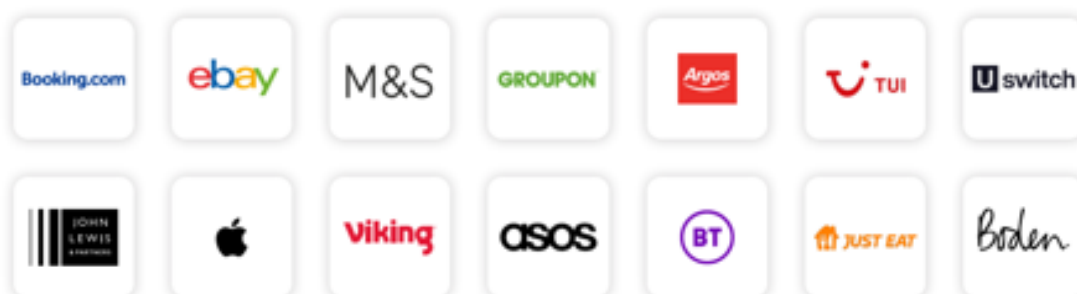
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