

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been another busy week at Barclay Academy with one more week to go.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 9 boys' football team were victorious over Thomas Alleyne beating them 4-1. Well done to everyone involved for winning this local derby!



Well done to all the students involved in the Year 7 and the Year 8 Mathalons that took place yesterday and today. These competitions have been very well received by the students and thank you to the members of staff involved in organising it all.

As you know, one of the reasons we installed the electric gates was to prevent drivers speeding into the school car park. Please could people driving in and out of the school do so considerately. There was an incident this morning where a motorist mounted the pavement on the approach road when lots of children were walking in.

Please can we avoid bringing in chocolate treats to consume at school. Lots of our children and several members of staff have nut allergies and we have to be particularly careful at this time of year.

We have the Christmas lunches on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Years 7, 9 and 11 are on Wednesday with everyone else is on Thursday. We have to do this now because the school has grown so much!

We finish a bit later than other schools because we had a two week half term. School finishes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**  
Executive Principal

# CAREERS

## YEAR 11 EXAM BUSTERS WORKSHOP



All of Year 11 were lucky enough to attend the fantastic Exam Busters Workshop, run by external organisation Positively You on Friday 15th December.

This highly interactive workshop promoted use of a variety of revisions methods and techniques (including reflective thinking and reviewing skills) equipping year 11 in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE exams. Students also learned how to plan and improve their focus promoting a strong exam performance.

We are looking forward to supporting Year 11 using the tools gained over the next few months in the build up to taking their exams.

## YEAR 10 APPRENTICESHIPS ASSEMBLY

Year 10 attended an Assembly on Tuesday covering all things Apprenticeships. ASK Apprenticeships facilitated the assembly explaining the different types of Apprenticeships on offer and the routed into these apprenticeships.

If your child is interested in the Apprenticeship progression route, go to [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com) to learn more.



# SIXTH FORM BAKE OFF!

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This morning, the Sixth Formers held a Bake of which was judged by members of staff and form representatives. We had some delicious entries. It was a very close competition.



Based on taste, the winner was Jake B (Year 12), with brownies.  
Based on presentation, the winner was Alfie D (Year 12) with the gingerbread scene.



A MASSIVE thank-you to all who took part.



## KS3 FOOD & NUTRITION BREAD MAKING

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We are excited to share the wonderful experiences our KS3 students have had in their recent food and nutrition practical lessons. Our budding bakers delved into the fascinating world of bread making, exploring the functions of various ingredients and uncovering the art of crafting delicious loaves. The highlight of these sessions was the opportunity for our students to put their newfound knowledge into action by creating their own infused bread. The outcomes were nothing short of impressive, with each batch reflecting the unique creativity and skills our students have cultivated. The enthusiasm and dedication displayed by our young bakers truly exemplify their passion for learning and hands-on experiences in the kitchen. We are immensely proud of their achievements and look forward to more culinary adventures in the future.

## CAREERS IN FILM AND PRODUCTION

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Two students from Year 12 were chosen to attend an amazing opportunity, a session about 'Careers in film and production'.

This opportunity allowed the students to attend a masterclass with Peter Safran, co-chairman and CEO of Dc at Warner Bros. Studio offices in Leavesden. The students had the opportunity to learn more about the industry and film production, and even got to participate in a Q&A session.

# SPORT



On Monday, the **Year 8 girls** took part in the Hertfordshire Future Football Tournament. They won this tournament last year so they wanted to impress again.

We took on the Grange and Laureate Academy. We comfortably managed to secure our place in the final after a 4-1 and 7-0 win. Bearing in mind the

other teams played with 9 players and we only played with 7.

It was a great experience for the girls again to play other schools from different areas. We look forward to playing the next future school in the final next term.

A special mention to Brooke and Ava for some great goals and always helping back in defence.



**Year 9 Football** Thomas Alleynes 1-4 Barclay Academy.

The boys got their first taste of victory in an Old Town Derby after a strong performance against Thomas Alleynes. An Alfie R hat trick and a goal from Charlie W was enough to shore up an impressive win. The hat trick was Alfie's second of the season, which increased his tally to 8 goals in 3 games.

The game was played in difficult circumstances due to rainfall. Despite the conditions on the pitch, Barclay showed some great build-up play and caused many problems on the counter. The team had adapted well to put in a strong defensive performance. They had also dealt with the pressure Alleynes had put on in the first half. Leo P was awarded player of the match for putting in a strong defensive performance.

# 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.

Elaine B 7ATH2, Ella H 7HER1, Brooke B 8HER2, Jude B 8ZEU1, Alfie H 9ATH, Aimee J 9HER2, Keenan G 10APO2, Shreeya P 10APO1, Ben H 11HER and Emmy J 11ATH1.



## Library Books

Please can you check at home, in your school bags and lockers for all Library books and return them to the Library before the end of term.

Thank you



## PARCAY REVERSE ADVENT

to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Thanks to all who are donating it will make a real impact in our community.



Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email [admin@barclay.futureacademies.org](mailto: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

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**Monday 8th January** – INSET Day

**Tuesday 9th January** – Students Return to School

**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





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