

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning today and thank you to all those who made or donated cakes. It was wonderful to have this support for a worthwhile cause.



Year 7 held their Harvest Festival assembly this morning. Again, thank you to everyone who brought in tins, jars and packets of food. This has all be taken to the local Stevenage Food Bank. Thank you to the Sixth Formers for their help with this.

I was very pleased to accompany a group of Year 9 students to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Tuesday. This was an excellent trip, which featured a workshop where the students could handle real Roman artefacts that have been discovered on archaeological digs. These trips are so important because they bring what the children are learning to life.

Please can I remind you all about the importance of attendance. It is essential that all students have excellent attendance. In particular, students in Year 11 and Year 13 cannot afford to have any time off school. Success at GCSE and A level examinations correlates with excellent attendance. Children with strong attendance get the better grades and these good habits need to start in Year 7.

Time is marching on! I cannot believe that we have been back a month already!

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

# PARENT FORUM

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**Tuesday 3rd October 6pm in Barclay Library**

Our next Barclay Parent Forum .The Parent Forum at Barclay Academy brings together parents, carers, school staff and other members of the school community. It is a group of parents and carers who meet once a half-term term to discuss school-related issues

A Parent Forum provides a valuable way for us to listen to the ideas and concerns of families and seek their views; helping to make sure the needs of children and their families are met.

Pease refer to your emails for further details and to confirm attendance.

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

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A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the Harvest Festival. Mrs Shepherd and a team of students took the donations to the St Andrew's and St George's earlier today for the Porch Pantry.





# SPORT

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On Thursday, the Year 8 and Year 9 Sports Leaders helped run a Cross Country Primary Event. Stevenage Sporting Futures ran the event. The leaders had many different roles, some were marshals around the course to help guide and encourage the Year 5/6's, some were runners who helped control the race and ran with students who were not as confident.

All leaders involved did a fantastic job. They were highly praised by the Sporting Team, as well as from the staff from the Primary Schools.

A special mentioned to Ben R, Blake T and Cameron HC who were recognised by the Sporting Team for their leadership and communication skills.

This was a great first leadership event for them and we look forward to more in the coming year.





# YEAR 9 VISIT TO VERULAMIUM

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On Tuesday, students from 9Apollo2, 9Athena and 9Zeus2 visited the Verulamium Museum and Hypocaust in St Albans. The students spent time exploring the Museum's extensive collection of objects from the Roman town of Verulamium and learning about life in Roman Britain. They also visited the remains of the Hypocaust from the baths in the nearby villa and the intricate mosaic, which is still preserved there. Our students also attended an object handling session where they were faced with real Roman objects and were invited to question who these objects might have belonged to, and their purpose. We look forward to taking the rest of Year 9 in the near future!



# NEW SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP – RAISING ASPIRATIONS

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Mrs Jenner attended the launch of Partnership School Launch for the University of Hertfordshire Widening Access & Student Success Programme. Barclay Academy are one of only 8 schools in Hertfordshire chosen to be Partnership schools. We are extremely excited to grow the partnership encouraging our students to aspire higher and achieve their desired progression goals.

The programme delivers a huge range of activities each year, all designed to aid student ambitions and improve outcomes. University of Hertfordshire student Ambassadors are key to the success of the programme delivery; as current students, they bring firsthand experience to activities.



“There is a wide range of barriers that can prevent individuals from participating in higher education, including their socio-economic background. With some groups of learners statistically less likely to progress to higher education, our Widening Access team works to overcome barriers to learning. We believe that everyone can achieve their potential, once they have access to a range of support which levels the playing field.” – *UH Widening Access Programme*

## GARDENING CLUB

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Barclay Garden club planted our new raised bed outside reception this week and it looks great. On Monday they are off to RHS Hyde Hall to meet with leading horticulturists and weather permitting actually get their hands dirty and get involved in some gardening in this prestigious garden.

They also harvested some pumpkins that they have grown to display in the Year 7 harvest festival assembly.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

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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.

Kai C 7HER2, Ishani P 7APO1, Tallulah C 8ZEU1, Jack M 8APO, Jack A 9APO1, Charlotte T 9ZEU2, Freya D 10HER, Benny E 11ZEU

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Parent Forum - Behaviour 6pm in the Library

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Battlefields Belgium/ France tour Year 9

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual Academic Review and Steps to Success Afternoon 2pm – 5pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – School Production of Oliver Jr. 7pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School Production of Oliver Jr. 7pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Sixth Form Opening Evening 5pm to 7pm

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA AGM 6pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET DAY

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 11

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Book Fair

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 13

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Concert Evening Year 7

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 13 Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - Year 9 GCSE Options Evening

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 8 Parents' Evening

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Malaga Spain Trip Year 9 and Year 10

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 12 Parents' Evening

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 12 Work Experience Week

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Year 10 Work Experience Week

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 7 Parents' Evening

# PRE – LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

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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.





**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023**



# FAMILY FUN RUN



Hatfield House  
GREAT NORTH RD,  
HATFIELD, AL9 5HX



Sign up today to run or walk the 1.8K race  
with your family and friends.

There will be prizes for the best fancy  
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