

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023



Dear Parents

Dear Parents / Carers

The time has flown by and we are now half way through the academic year. The Year 11 and Year 13 students are now entering their all-important final period as they approach their examinations in May and June.



I am grateful to the teachers who are giving up their time to run study sessions for Year 11 during the half-term holiday. Please make sure your child makes use of these as it could make the difference that will get them a higher grade.

I am delighted that Barclay Academy appears in a video created for the Department of Education sponsored Latin Excellence Programme. We have a very strong Latin department at Barclay Academy and we have more students being entered for GCSE Latin than any other secondary school. This is another accolade for our school and I am very proud of the students and the staff who took part in this short film. The film can be seen on <https://latinexcellence.org/>.

Well done to the Year 8 football team for continuing with their unbeaten run! They beat St Chris School 4-2 this week. Well done to everyone involved.

Please make sure that you use next week to purchase any replacement school uniform that your child needs. Black or navy blue socks should be worn under trousers and not white ones. If it continues to be cold then the school navy jumper can be worn underneath the blazer. We will be doing a full uniform check on the first day back so that all our students look smart and are ready for the run up to Easter. It is important that we have the highest of standards. If you are having problems getting uniform then let us know.

As well as our motto, Libertas Per Cultum (Freedom through education), we also have three key words – Knowledge, Aspiration and Respect – and we will be continuing to emphasise these in assemblies and across the school. We want all our students to be knowledgeable, aspirational and respectful so that can be successful at school and in the future.

Have an enjoyable half-term break.

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**

Principal

**Knowledge | Aspiration | Respect**

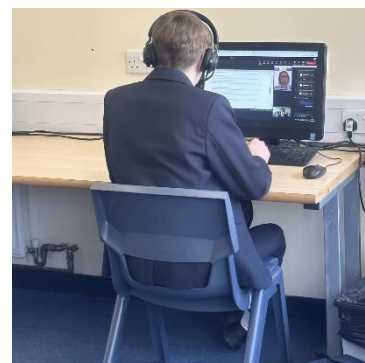
# CAREERS

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## YEAR 11 CAREERS INFORMATION ADVICE & GUIDANCE

As part of the school's commitment to deliver the very best careers provision every student in year 11 receives a one-to-one guidance interview with an external qualified Careers Adviser.

These happen virtually and are facilitated by Services for Young People, Hertfordshire. At the end of the sessions students receive an email containing an action plan detailing career options and pathways discussed in their one-to-one meeting.



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## YEAR 8 AIRBUS DEFENCE & SPACE TALK

A Spacecraft Systems Engineer from Airbus Defence & Space came to speak to all Year 8 students this week

# AIRBUS

Students learned about the projects at Airbus including the development of Satellites that observe the Earth, the development of Satellites that explore the Solar system & the development of Spaceships for humans. They were then given insight into a day in the life of a spacecraft systems engineer.



## SPORT



On Monday, the Year 7 and 8 girls headed to Barnwell to take part in an Indoor Football Tournament hosted by SSFT. It was a great afternoon out with some skilful football being played by both years. Well done to the Year 7 team who came away with 2nd place and silver medals to show for it. Year 7 player of the match goes to Brooke for outstanding play and the Year 8 player of the match goes to Scarlett for stepping up as the goalkeeper.

On Thursday, the year 8 girls took part in a netball match against Fearnhill. It was the first time they had played together as a team. It was a tough game and unfortunately the winners were Fearnhill. Great play by all. Players of the match go to Scarlett T and Anya.



The Year 8 Football Team continued their unbeaten run in the league by beating St Chris 4-2.

The team bounced back after conceding a goal within the early stages of the game. Two excellent crosses from Oliver had led to St Chris scoring two own goals. St Chris then equalised after a mix up. Before the stroke of half time, Ryan had won and scored a penalty to make the score 3-2. The boys had started the second half brightly and added a fourth to their tally. Dylan went on a good run to set Oliver up to score a rocket from distance.

# WELLBEING

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This week has been Feeling Good Week, a Hertfordshire initiative which also runs alongside Children's Mental Health Week, run by Place2Be. The theme for both is 'Be Kind & Connect'. This week students' assemblies have reflected this theme and Lesson 6 today gave the opportunity for us all to connect with each other with activities and biscuits to promote and highlight the importance of positive connections between all. Mrs Buttress will share more about this in the termly Wellbeing Newsletter, later this term.

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## YEAR 11 MENTAL HEALTH TALK



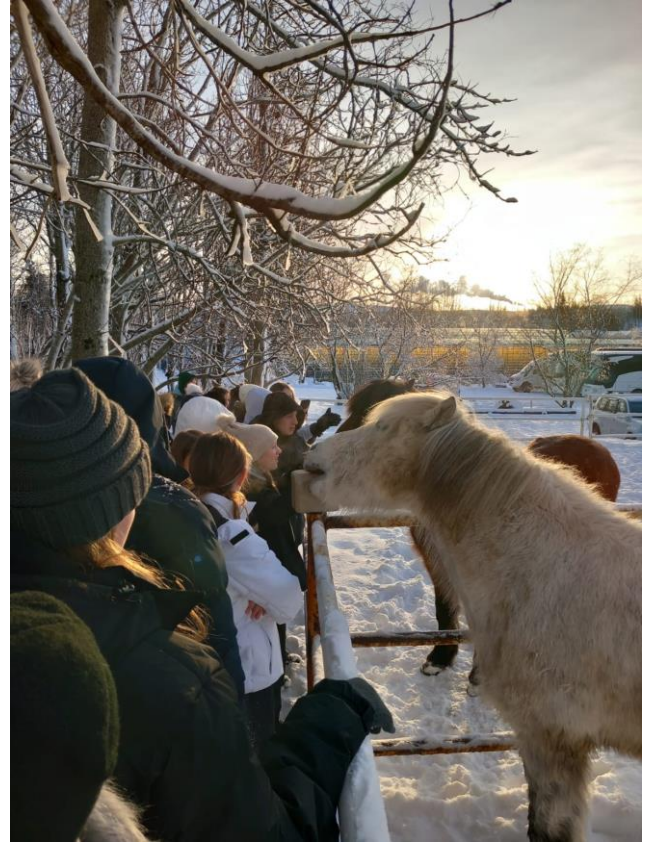
Nicholas Jemetta delivered a fantastic talk to the year 11 students discussing his story around mental health, the feedback was fantastic, and we hope it will help the students.





## Y9/Y10 TRIP TO ICELAND

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# Year 8 Disco





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Y11 Mocks**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Y12 Parents' Evening**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y13 Mocks**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Y10 Parents' Evening**

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

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

**Thursday 30<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**







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**5-6pm**

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