

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

The term is flying by and the Christmas tree is now up in the reception area of the school!

Well done to the Year 7 boys' football team for beating Thomas Alleyne's 7-1 on Tuesday afternoon. Congratulations to everyone involved in this triumph in a local derby.

Well done to the rowing club for coming second in the inter-school indoor rowing competition that took place at Barnwell School this week. The rowing club takes place after school on a Tuesday and I would encourage anyone to join.

On Tuesday evening, we have our Christmas concert at St Nicholas Church at the back of the school. This starts at 6.30pm. Parents and family members are all welcome.

The weather is now getting much colder so it is essential that all students have a proper school coat that is dark blue or black. Students should wear the navy blue school jumper if they need an additional layer. They should not bring in a hoodie.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban
Executive Principal



THE NEW BARCLAY COMMUNITY AWARD



Barclay Academy are pleased to announce the launch of our new community award.

We want to recognise any student who volunteers in our wider community. They will be rewarded with our new Community Award certificate, house points that will be attributed to their personal, form and house point totals and we will also be displaying the recipients in school as well as publicising their efforts in our weekly newsletter.

We know that we have many incredible Barclavian's who contribute their time and effort to improving the lives and environment of people across our town and further afield.

This will run alongside the creation of opportunities for all students to get involved with community work and connections through the academic year ahead.

We look forward to celebrating some of the incredible work they do.

If you are aware of any student who volunteers out in our community be it charity, faith or coaching related activities then please email their form tutor so we can reward and recognise their individual contributions.

Barclay Community Award

This week we launched our Barclay Community Award to celebrate those Barclavian's who go above and beyond. Below are our first recipients!

Year 7

Adam T 7ATH2

Adam is a junior coach at the gym he attends (Renegade Combat Academy), helping to train the kids aged 4-7 in Muay Thai/kickboxing.

THE NEW BARCLAY COMMUNITY AWARD

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Year 11

Luke W 11ATH2

Luke is a press pack member for Cambridge Children's Hospital and is a member of the Cambridge Children's Hospital youth forum .

He is a Charity Ambassador for Toms Trust and will be doing a reading at their carol concert at Cambridge University next Thursday.

He has also done various fund raising events for Brain Tumour Research including a takeover day at QPR in February

<https://braintumourresearch.org/en-au/blogs/latest-news/brain-tumour-patients-spearhead-charity-takeover-at-qpr>

Year 12

Andreea G 12 APO

Volunteers at a charity shop twice a week whilst studying her A levels.

2023 REVERSE ADVENT

This Christmas at Barclay we would like to come together as a whole school from Year 7 all the way through to Year 13 to collect food and hygiene products for two of our local foodbanks.

Christmas is often a time when hardships come to the fore and we as a school community can have a massive impact in supporting any family in our wider community.

Why Reverse Advent?

- **Daily Acts of Kindness:** This project encourages a sustained shared attempt to generate kindness, fostering a sense of community and empathy.

Collective Impact: By pooling our resources, we can make a significant contribution to local food banks and help alleviate hunger in our community.

Students and staff can bring in items of long life, non-perishable food stuffs. Items that are tinned(in date), pasta, rice, jarred goods (in date), hygiene products, shampoo, shower gel etc.

Whatever you can spare will go a long way to supporting those in or community in the greatest need. Time and time again we demonstrate this compassion as a school and it's exciting to once again celebrate the best of Barclay.

Students can gift items to form tutors and we will collect these and deliver them before we break up for Christmas.

YEAR 9 ASSEMBLY



This week year 9 engaged in an assembly delivered by People for People, a community-based organisation keen on helping local people. Our students have heard all about the Reverse Advent initiative and how as a whole school together we have an opportunity help others in our community by donating non-perishable food items which will go to local families. We were able to reflect on our school ethos 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing, focusing on the 'Give' element and reflect on the difference that is made to local people when they receive items from other local people. We are proud to be part of this initiative. If you are able, please do send in non-perishable items, this will run until Friday 15th December. The donations will then be delivered to the local Foodshed for distribution before Christmas. Thank you for your support.

foodshed



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

Join in the reverse advent calendar by choosing an item to donate each day for 20 days! We've added some of our most needed items as ideas, or you can be creative! Start on **Sunday 26th November** at the very latest to be done in time!

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SPORT



Thomas Alleynes 1-7 Barclay Academy

The Year 7 football team extended their unbeaten start in the league by pulling off an impressive win against local rivals Thomas Alleynes.

The boys had started the game brightly by creating a host of chances. The team had defended well to breakdown

Alleynes' attacks. Barclay's perseverance paid off after Ralphie had drawn a foul in the penalty box. Ralphie made no mistake to fire the ball to the roof of the net to make it 1-0. Shortly after, Bobby had shown some great footwork to outwit two defenders before slotting the ball into the bottom left corner. Ralphie had made it 3-0 after drawing another foul, just outside of the box. He scored from the resulting free kick after sending the ball over the wall. Olly was unlucky to not score from the half-way line after his effort had rattled the

crossbar. Shortly after, he scored from close range to make it 4-0.

Thomas Alleynes started the second half brightly by pulling a goal back. The boys had responded well as Josh had scored a 15 minute hat-trick. His first being a volley, a second being a close range finish and his third being a goal of the season contender. He had rifled the ball from 25+ yards to send the ball to the top right corner.

A worthy shout out goes out to Dylan for causing the opposition all sorts of problems and producing four assists. Mr Dawe was really pleased with the teams shape and build up play.

Player of the match was awarded to Ralphie. He contributed in both ends of the pitch to support his team. Ralphie had caused problems for the opposition through producing high levels of composure and quality on the ball.

MESSAGE TO OUR PSHE STUDENTS

Our students in PSHE sessions created some lovely 'play means to them posters' 'These are now displayed in our hospital . These are used as display material and play time resource for children who are in the ward. We received a thank you letter from the hospital!

'I wanted to thank you and the children for the beautiful pictures you sent me , I have displayed them in the children's waiting area in the Emergency Department, please pass on my thanks to the schools that helped the children make these beautiful inspiring pieces of artwork.'

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.

SHANE U 7APO1, ELIZABETH S 7APO1, SHAFAYAT C 8ATH1, ISABELLA D 8ATH2, ELLE M 9APO1, RILEY S 9HER2, FARYAN A 10ATH, SCOTT O 10HER, ELDHO B 11ZEU AND SUMIT N 11ZEU.

REMINDER YEAR 11 STUDY CLUB

A polite reminder for all year 11 students that the study club is running daily after school in the Tech block from 3:10-4:10pm, this is solely for the year 11 students please do take advantage of the support that is on offer.

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

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

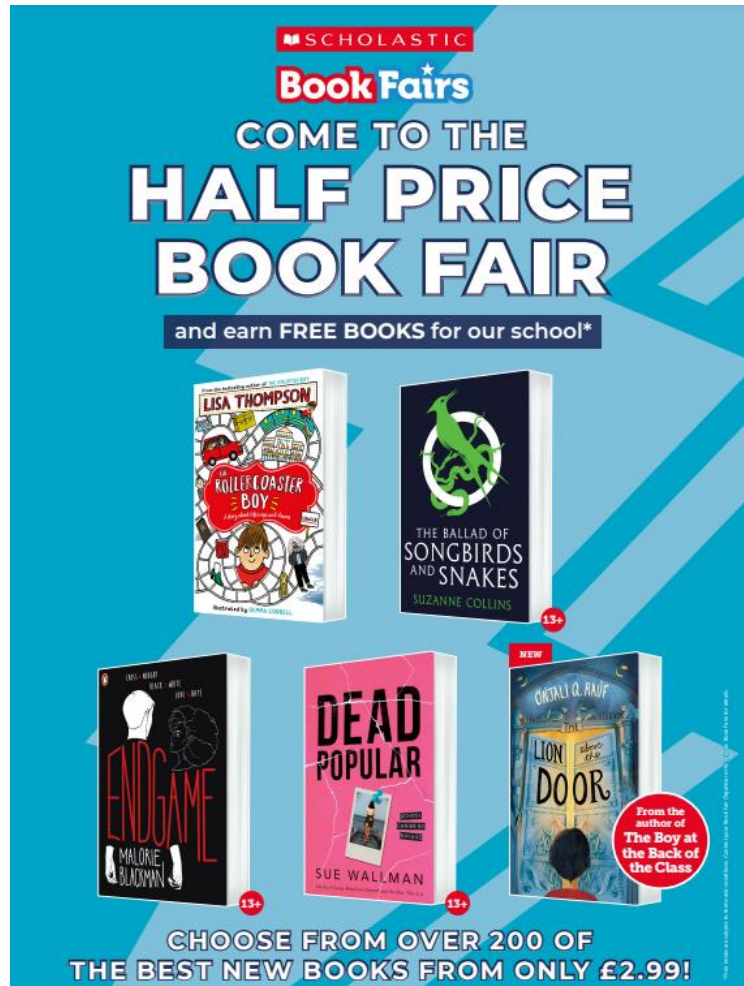
Thursday 14th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening

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



BARCLAY ACADEMY PTA PRESENT
YEAR 7 SCHOOL

DISCO

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER | 5-6:30PM | £2 PER CHILD PAYABLE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY |
SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO BUY (CASH ONLY)



Free Preloved Clothes, Toys and Books Event

Please come along to Soulsister's event at:

Bedwell Community Centre

Bedwell Cres, Stevenage SG1 1NA

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2-5PM

Please come and take anything your family needs, free of charge.

Men Women and Children Clothes

Shoes, Toys and Books

If you would like to make a donation please speak to one of the volunteers.

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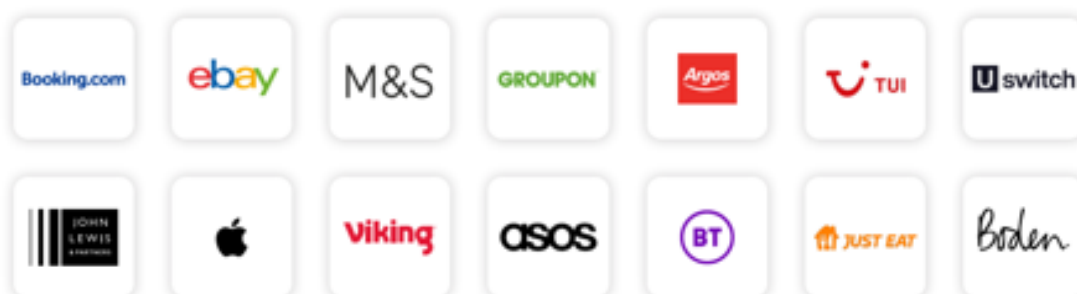
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