

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th July 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been unusual with the teacher training day on Monday and then the two national teacher strike days. Nevertheless, we seem to have packed a lot in!



On Tuesday, the theatre company Tip of the Iceberg came into school to deliver some workshops on sex education to Year 10. Tuesday evening was also the Year 11 Prom which was held at Three Lakes near Ware. I hope that the students had a lovely evening. They certainly seemed to have a great time. My thanks go to all the staff involved in organising this event.

On Thursday, speakers from the Community Safety Project came into school to talk to Year 8 about youth violence, the impact on mental health and wellbeing and support and services available in the local community. Year 12 Psychology and Sociology students also went on a trip to the Freud Museum in Hampstead.

Despite the strikes, we still had trips to Kidzania and to Chartwell, the home of Sir Winston Churchill. We have also had a Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. Again, my thanks go to the staff who enabled these trips to still go ahead.

Next week should not be disrupted like this one. We have Sports Day on Friday afternoon. The weather forecast seems to have improved so fingers crossed. The Sports Day will finish at 2.30pm so students will be dismissed from that time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best Wishes

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

FREUD MUSEUM



On Thursday, Year 12 students had a fascinating day at the Freud Museum in North London. The museum is in the beautiful house that belonged to the famous founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud. He moved to London in 1938, fleeing Nazi persecution in his home city of Vienna. Sadly, he only lived until 1939, but his study with the famous couch is preserved intact: even his glasses are still on the desk! The rest of the house has been turned into lecture rooms and exhibitions about his life and work as well as the work of his daughter Anna, who herself became famous in the field of psychoanalysis. The group was given a tour of the exhibitions and a really informative and entertaining talk about Freud and his lasting legacy.



YEAR 11 PROM



What a wonderful night the year 11's had alongside the staff on Tuesday night for their prom, it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves and dancing the night away!

Mr. Gillion has taken some wonderful photos of the evening and we are currently working together to make a yearbook, details on how to order one, will become available next week.

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing those of you attending sixth form in September.



KEW GARDENS



On Tuesday Mr Bickerstaff and Miss Sagers took the Barclay Garden Club to Kew Gardens in Richmond. Students visited multiple styles of garden and visited the various glasshouses to explore climate's effect on the natural world. There were tired legs after 20000 steps, but the students learnt a great deal and represented the school brilliantly.



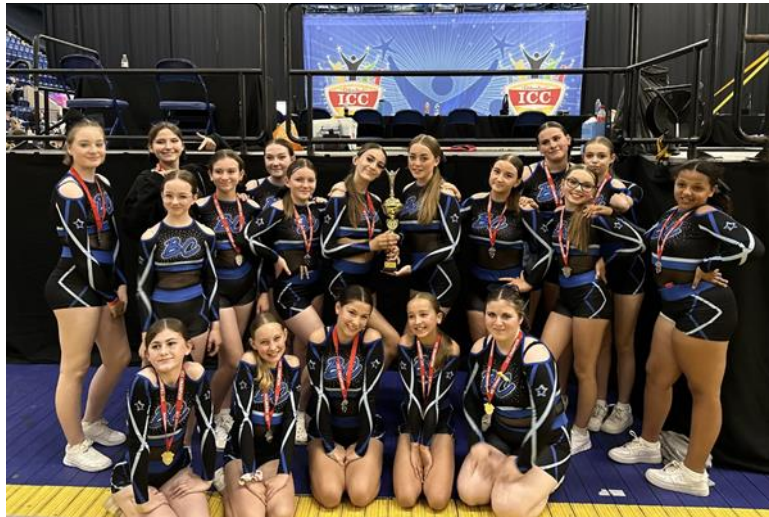
CHARTWELL



SOME OF OUR YEAR 9 HISTORY STUDENTS VISITED THE HOME OF WINSTON CHURCHILL, CHARTWELL, IN THE LOVELY SUNSHINE TODAY.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

After a rollercoaster few weeks and against all odds Barclay Buzz Cheer made it to The ICC National Championships in Nottingham last weekend. Miss Wadeson, Mrs Jenner and many family members witnessed a fantastic performance and the girls were delighted to come a well-deserved third in their category. A testament to them proving real resilience and dedication. The team should be really proud of themselves, as are we. A special mention for students & parents of those who could not come with us – your input definitely made a huge difference during the last 12 months.



COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECT



This week Year 8 have taken part in a Community Safety Project Workshop, local services have worked together to produce this workshop with a focus on raising awareness, prevention and early intervention around youth violence, the impact on wellbeing and mental health and making good choices. Supporting information detailing how and where to get support has also been shared. Year 8 were fantastic and engaged well. The services involved are Stevenage Mental Health Support Team, Services for Young People and Hertfordshire Police. We have built up good relations with our local community agencies and we all work together for our community. Working in line with the Hertfordshire Police and following our own policies we are able to complete searches which may include a metal detection device, to support and make our community a safer place.



Overdue Library Books

Please can you check at home, in your school bags and lockers for any overdue Library books and return them to the Library as soon as possible.

Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 10 RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT TRIP MONDAY 10TH JULY
YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 1 – MONDAY 10TH JULY
LATIN TRIP – MONDAY 10TH JULY
YEAR 12 MAN GROUP CHALLENGE – TUESDAY 11TH JULY
YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 2 – TUESDAY 11TH JULY
YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY
LEGO CLUB - LEGOLAND VISIT – WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY
YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – THURSDAY 13TH JULY
YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK DAY 4 – THURSDAY 13TH JULY
SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY 14TH JULY – **SUN CREAM AND WATER BOTTLES ARE ESSENTIAL**
YEAR 10 IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM TRIP – MONDAY 17TH JULY
YEAR 9 VERULAMIUM VISIT - THURSDAY 20TH JULY
LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 21ST JULY 12 NOON

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.

Please can I remind all parents these are 2nd hand items and we depend on donations so we may
not have what you need.

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



Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme

HAPPY



Department
for Education

HERTS SUMMER PARKS

12-16yrs

COMING SOON TO
STEVENAGE
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS

FREE ACTIVITIES

WHERE?

King George V
Playing Fields
86 Sish Lane
Stevenage
SG1 3LS

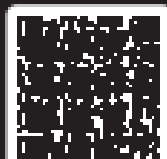
Climbing Wall
Bubble Football
Graffiti workshop
Arts and Crafts
Frisbee Golf
Basketball
And much more!

WHEN?

Tue 1 August
Tue 8 August
Tue 15 August
Tue 22 August
4pm-7pm

Free food vouchers available if you attend activities

Register your
interest here



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Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL