

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st July 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Where has the time gone? This year has flown by!

This has been a very successful year for Barclay Academy. We started back in September having achieved an extremely strong set of GCSE and A-level results and then in April we had our Ofsted inspection where we were awarded good with elements of outstanding. We should all be very proud of our school and everything we have achieved and continue to achieve. As always, thank you for all your support this year.



This week has been a busy one. On Monday, I accompanied Year 10 History students on a trip to the Imperial War Museum in London. We have also had our celebration assemblies. On Wednesday, some people from Tesco came in to school to deliver a session to Year 7 where they had to create their own breakfast meal deal. We also had Operation Educ8 in to talk to Year 8 about addiction.

In September there will be a few changes. I will be working one day a week supporting other schools in my new role as Executive Principal. Ms O'Sullivan has been appointed Senior Vice Principal and she is in charge when I am not here. Mrs Charlwood remains as Vice Principal and is in charge of safeguarding. We have appointed Mr Crawley as Assistant Principal in charge of Behaviour and Attitudes. We are saying good bye to Mrs Norman, Mrs Crook and Miss Li and I would like to thank them for everything that they have done for the school. Mr Nastri is leaving us temporarily as he embarks on teacher training but he will be back next year. As you know, the school is growing and so we have appointed additional new teachers to meet the demand.

Please can you make sure that items of uniform that need replacing are purchased over the holidays along with school shoes. We will be conducting full inspections on the first day back. Students are only allowed to wear one stud in each ear and there must be no other piercings.

Year 7 and Year 12 students start back on Monday 4th September and all other year groups start the following day on Tuesday 5th September at normal time.

Have a wonderful summer!

Best Wishes

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

YEAR 10 STUDENT INTERVIEWS

It has been a really productive week for the year 10 students as they move into Year 11. Students attended an assembly to give students an overview of their year ahead. To support students we have held 1-2-1 interviews where students have been able to discuss their end of year assessment grades, talk through options for post 16 and voice any concerns as they enter their final year here at Barclay. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate how hard Year 10 students have worked towards their end of year assessments and how aspirational they are for their futures. We will be holding a Year 11 Information Evening in early September to share key information with parents.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AWAITING RESULTS

Here are some links that might be useful:

8th August 14:00-14:45, free webinar run by the Anna Freud Centre for parents of children in year 11 and year 13 awaiting exam results:

<https://www.annafreud.org/training/training-and-conferences-overview/online-conferences-webinars-and-events/supporting-young-people-with-anxiety-before-results-day/>

Tool created by Turn2Us where families can check what benefits and grants are available to them:

[Turn2Us https://place2be.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=60399de5aba8683371fb112c3&id=0ce3a7d128&e=a77bc29097](https://place2be.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=60399de5aba8683371fb112c3&id=0ce3a7d128&e=a77bc29097)

CAREERS

TESCO MEAL DEAL CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

All Year 7 students were lucky enough to attend a workshop facilitated by Tesco on Wednesday this week. Students learned about Tesco as a company & employability skills. Students then worked in groups to develop their own Breakfast Meal Deal.

As a team they created a new Breakfast Meal Deal (BMD). The teams allocated different job roles including, Marketing Manager, Product Development Leads & Presentation Lead. Once the team was organised they created a BMD that included a main breakfast product e.g. hot/cold sandwich/wrap, fruit product and a drink. Each product included at least 5 ingredients, at least one food that would normally go to waste. Teams then created a poster to market their BMD.

Before presenting their ideas to the Tesco team groups were asked to think about the following:

Does your BMD have a name/story behind it?

How will you package the food?

What type of employability skills did you use when developing your BMD as a team?

Winning teams won a £5 Tesco voucher for each team member. The Tesco team commented how delightful all the Barclay Academy Year 7 students were and how impressed they were with the students productivity and ideas. As a school we could not be prouder of them all. Finally a huge thank you to Tesco for coming to school.



IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM



On Monday, Year 10 visited the Imperial War Museum in London. The museum is the world's leading museum of war and conflict. Founded while the First World War was still raging, it gives voice to the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people forced to live their lives in a world torn apart by conflict. Students attended a learning session on the

Holocaust which enriched their study of the topic for their GCSE course. It was great to see students engage with primary source material and discuss the importance of the Holocaust today. The students were respectful and inquisitive, it was great to see them getting involved.



LATIN COMPETITIONS

The Latin department at Barclay are delighted to announce the winners of two competitions that Key Stage 3 students took part in this year.

Young Aesopi Competition - Year 7

Earlier in the year, our Year 7s were invited to write their own Latin fable with a moral message and enter it into a competition with entrants from around twenty schools, including other Future Academies schools and many outside the Trust. We had many impressive entries from Barclay, and of the many entries judged by a panel including Dame Professor Mary Beard, our students received three of the prizes; we are extremely proud to have their Latin fables printed and in our school library.

3rd prize overall: Felicity H

Highly commended: Holly A and Joshua M

Young Homeri Competition - Years 8 and 9

In addition, this year we held the Latin department's first Young Homeri competition for Year 8 and 9 students, where students were invited to write a re-telling of part of the *Odyssey* from the perspective of one of its secondary characters. We received many entries and very much enjoyed reading all the stories, including many gruesome tales from the Cyclops' point of view! The following students have received prizes for their fantastic entries, which will be displayed in the English corridor next year:

Year 8:

Winner: Shemahni M

Runners up: Zahra V and Adriana M

Year 9:

Winner: Oliver P

Runners up: Hermionie B and Alessio L



GARDENING CLUB



This week Barclay Garden Club threw its first end of year garden party. Staff and students attended to look around the garden and the pictures of progress and trips from the last 2 years.

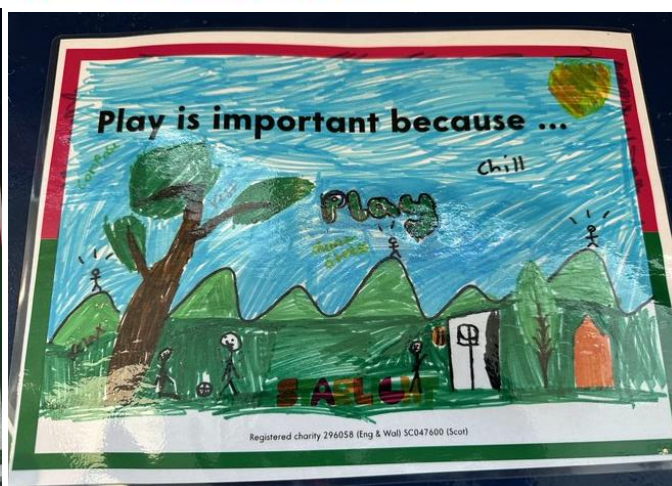
Mr Bickerstaff was able to handout certificates and prizes. He also announced our very first gardener of the year. Paige Clark was given the award this year for her continuing dedication to the club over the last couple of years. Next year they plan on growing even more and hope to take part in some horticultural work in the wider Stevenage community.

Mr Bickerstaff would like to thank all staff, students, and parents for their support through their donations and purchasing of plants in the annual plant sale. He would also like to thank the students who give up time to create this shared space for the whole school community.

The Garden Club must also extend thanks to all the local businesses who have donated plants and equipment. Special mention to Wickes who for the second time in as many years have donated materials to help us with new projects for next year including a Japanese garden.



STARLIGHT CHARITY



Starlight is a children's charity that focus on children's play in healthcare. They create play resources for children who are ill and in hospital. This year they have requested schools to participate in creating 'what play means to me...'. KS3 students created resources with some bright, colourful and happy memories of play time, these have been already sent to the charity who will forward them to children's ward in various hospitals within England.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st September - Staff Inset Day

Monday 4th September - Y7 and Y12 First Day back

Tuesday 5th September - Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11 and Y13 First Day back

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.

The preloved uniform shop will be open at the following times over the summer:

Thursday August 3rd 3PM-4.30PM

Thursday August 24th 11AM-1PM





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- Find out how to improve their skills for the future



SIGN UP...

Discovery Workshop

10th October, 11:00am-12:00pm

Apply by 25th September

Age: 15-19



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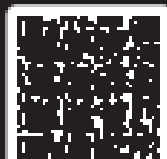
Climbing Wall
Bubble Football
Graffiti workshop
Arts and Crafts
Frisbee Golf
Basketball
And much more!

WHEN?

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

Free food vouchers available if you attend activities

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