

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th March 2023



Dear Parents



Dear Parents / Carers

This term has flown by and I cannot believe that we only have next week left before the Easter holidays. As I said last week, we will be finishing at 12 noon on Friday 31st March.

It has been the usual busy week with lots going on. On Monday, we welcomed the Tip of the Iceberg theatre company and they put on some workshops for Year 7 and 8 on anti-bullying and emotional awareness. On Tuesday, we had the Spanish immersion day which I know was enjoyed by all. Year 10 students have been out on work experience this week and I look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.

Congratulations go to the girls in the Year 7 football team and the Year 8 netball team for their wins. I always love to hear about our sporting successes. Well done to everyone involved.

I attended the Hertfordshire Secondary Headteachers' Conference yesterday which was a good opportunity to share ideas with my counterparts. It was also lovely to hear that colleagues from across the county have noticed the improvements that have been made at Barclay over the last few years. Our challenge is to maintain our high standards so that we can continue on that journey.

Thank you to everyone who organised and attended the PTA quiz evening last night. It is wonderful that we now have an active Parent Teacher Association once again.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

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YEAR 8 SPANISH DAY

Year 8 had a fantastic theme day learning all about the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Students enjoyed a flamenco dance lesson, futsal match, Picasso art workshop, and all prepared and consumed tasty homemade salsa.





YEAR 7 AND 8 TIP OF THE ICEBERG



We were pleased to welcome Tip of the Iceberg Theatre Company into school today to deliver thought-provoking workshops to our year 7 and 8's as part of our Personal Development Programme.

UPCOMING IN HISTORY

On Monday, Maralyn Turgel from the Holocaust Educational Trust is coming in to speak to our year 10 History students. She is a second-generation speaker and will talk to us about her father's experiences in German concentration camps throughout World War 2. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to further their understanding of the Holocaust topic before studying it later in their GCSE's.

KARTING CLUB

Thank you to Adam Costello and Nicki Kiss who volunteered to help out as officials at the circuit representing Barclay.

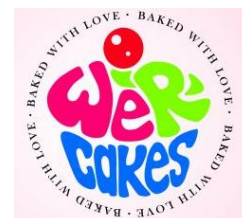
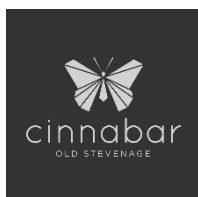
The weather kept changing from dry to raining throughout the day until the end of the day when we were packing up when it poured down with rain.

Josh P, Oliver J and Evan H received 1st place in class 12 MSUK, class 11 MSUK and class 15 162 class, Harley G received 5th in class 7, Evan H received 6th in class 15 and Reece W received 9th in class 11.



CAREERS

Good Luck to all our Year 10 students going out on placements next week. Examples of the amazing companies supporting our students are below:



SPORT



Year 7:

On Wednesday the Year 7s took part in their final football tournament for the season. They were up against some tough competition in the early rounds, beating schools like KTS and HGS. They then qualified for the semi-finals with was a very close game between JHN, the girls came away with a 1-0 win to make it to the final. It was a nervy start in the final against a very good Nobel team. The game had to go into extra time and in the last minute the girls found the back of the net and they came away with another 1-0.

Miss Brooker would like to say how amazing the Year 7 Girls have played this year and it has been a real privilege to see the effort and commitment from everyone in the team. Brooke, Ava, Lucie, Lois, Tallulah C, Olivia, Zara, Maycie-Angel and Tallulah C it has been great to see you progress this season and look forward to many competitions when you are in Year 8.

Year 8:

Also on Wednesday, the Year 8s took part in their final Netball Tournament of the season. The team was up against some very good schools in the first rounds but stayed positive throughout. They showed magnificent teamwork throughout and even came away with a win. Miss Brooker would like to add how dedicated the Year 8 team has been and how even through some tough loses, everyone single person always wants to come back for another game. It is very inspiring to see.

To the girls at the tournament, Leah, Ellie, Anya, Freya, Kennadi, Imaan, Scarlett S, Roxie, Subana and Rebeca, well done and Miss Brooker looks forward to seeing your progress even more next year.

Sports - Overall

It has been a great 2 terms for the girls extra-curricular this year, with some outstanding performances throughout the Year groups. Miss Brooker is excited to see what Football and Netball will look like next year at Barclay. Thank you everyone who attending a training session, this year, it was nice to see some new faces. As we look to next term after Easter, we will be focusing on Rounders, Athletics and Cricket and look forward to hopefully seeing some new faces representing Barclay. An extra-curricular PE timetable will be out shortly, with all the new clubs on offer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28th March – Year 12 trip to UCAS Discovery Exhibition

Thursday 30th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 31st March – Last Day of Term – 12 Noon Dismissal

Monday 17th April – Start of Summer Term