

# BARCLAY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th October 2022



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another busy week at Barclay Academy with lots going on.

This week we have had the Year 9 and Year 10 school trip to see the First World War battlefields in France and Belgium. I have already seen a photograph of our students with the buglers at the Menin Gate and I look forward to seeing more next week. This is our third international trip since the relaxation of Covid restrictions and I am really pleased that we have got these up and running again. Thank you to all the staff involved.



Please can I remind you that parents should not be driving into the school car park to drop off children in the morning. Some people are driving too fast at a time when the car park is full of children walking into school.

We have the Year 7 parents' evening on Tuesday which is an opportunity to meet with form tutors and discuss how your children are getting on after a month at the school. I hope to see you then.

The curriculum overviews have gone out this week so that parents know what their children will be learning at school at the moment. I hope that you have found these useful as it is important that you have an idea of the topics that your children are covering.

The week after next we have the school production of Philip Pullman's Grimm Tales. Information should have gone out about that. I am delighted that we are putting on another performance and I am grateful to the staff for organising it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**

Principal

## SPORTS

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On Thursday, the Year 8 Girls played their first football games for over a year. The results unfortunately did not go our way, but all the girls showed great determination to carry on until the final whistle. Players of the matches go to Joy Charlton for her excellent goalkeeping and Leah De-Vall for her solid defensive work and leadership skills. Well played to all involved.

Well done to the Year 9 Football team who started the season with a 5-4 win against The Highfield School. For many of these players, it was the first time they played together. Congratulations to four of our Year 8 students who played in the game. Man of the match goes to Alfie who scored a hat-trick on his debut. Tomi and Godfred had also chipped in with a goal each. The team were dominant for large spells of the game and played some really good football. The team were unlucky to not add a few more goals.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Y7 Tutor Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School Production - Grimm Tales

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – School Production - Grimm Tales

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Half Term Holidays

## KARTING

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Last Saturday, the Karting club went to Fulbeck Race Track in Lincolnshire to attend a day of races. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who supported the team.

There were lots of successes throughout the day which included Evan H receiving 1st place in Rotax 162 class, Max G achieving 2nd in class 11, Harrison W 6th place in class 11, Leo G received 7th place in class 11 and Kaylan R received novice of the day.



# HERTS VOICES

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A lucky group of Year 10 students attended the launch of Herts Voices this week. Herts Voices gives students the opportunity to hear from inspirational speakers from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic backgrounds with Hertfordshire connections, aimed to challenge stereotypes about race and ethnicity.

Students listened to and engaged with the amazing Timothy Armoo, listed in Forbes 2021 “30 under 30”. 28 year old Tim shared his story and encouraged students to leave their comfort zone, face their fears and be comfortable creating themselves.

His departing nugget of wisdom - **“WHY NOT YOU?”**