## BARCLAY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

# Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term holiday. At least we had good weather for a change!

Thank you to all the parents who have written in with kind notes following the publication of our Ofsted inspection report. Yesterday, I received a letter from the Regional Director at the Department for Education congratulating us on our strong result. We are all very pleased and proud of what we have achieved but the journey is not over as we strive for even bigger and better things. Onwards and upwards!

On Tuesday morning, BAE Systems came into school to give a talk on careers and the work that they do building submarines, aircraft and space rockets. This looked like a very enjoyable and informative presentation. We are continuing to build strong relationships with local employers and we will have more of these events.

We have been having an ongoing problem with our telephone line which is now forcing us to change our telephone number. From next week, the school's new telephone number is 01438 748459. Please use this number from now on because the other one is being switched off and will no longer work.

The weather looks set to be glorious! Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal







#### **S**PORTS



#### Year 7 and Year 8 Rounders:

On Thursday the Year 7 and Year 8 girls took part in their first Rounders game of the season against Barnwell. This was the first time some of the girls had ever played.

The Year 7's had a very strong start, scoring 10 rounders in the first innings and showed some very good fielding skills to stop Barnwell from scoring. The second innings was a little bit closer in score due to some mistakes when fielding and not scoring as many points. Barclay took the win with the final score being Barclay 13 and Barnwell 11. The Year 8 match was a very close one throughout. During the first innings, Barclay started off a little slower, scoring 2 whilst Barnwell scored 5. However, after a pep talk from Miss Clermont and the team starting to gel and work together, the second innings was much better. Barclay scoring 5 and Barnwell only 2. This meant that the final score of 7 all. This meant we had to use the outs to determine the winner. Barclay managed to get 9 of their players out, which meant they came away with a win.

We are looking forward to seeing both teams develop throughout the season. Next Match against Thomas Alleynes takes place Monday.



### YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE TASTER DAY



Our Year 12 students attended a Taster Day at the University of Hertfordshire on Thursday. Schools from all over the region came along to get a flavour of university life. There were sessions on a wide range of subjects - from Robotics Engineering to Midwifery - and the opportunity to have hands-on experiences of using specialised equipment. Students also had the chance to tour the halls of residence and to sample some of the entertainment on campus, with a DJ session in the main square. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive; wherever our students go on to study, this day at the University of Hertfordshire gave them a great insight into what university life is like.

Thank-you to the staff for supporting them.



#### CAREERS

#### Year 8 STEM Careers

On Tuesday this week Year 8 were lucky enough to attend a roadshow presented by BAE Systems, The Royal Navy and The Royal Air Force.

An engaging 50-minute performance aligned to the National Curriculum celebrating STEM. The theme of the show was 'From the depths of the oceans to outer space.' Examining the engineering challenges that are faced when travelling to the most inhospitable places and discovering some of the innovative solutions to these problems.

The interactive show was enjoyed by all students and staff.









### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Science Club Climate Change Conference @ University of Hertfordshire
Y6 Interview Evening 4.30pm-6.30pm
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Y9 Pathfinder Day @ University of Hertfordshire
Y9 Problem Solving Day
Y11 Leavers' Assembly
Y10 Classical Civilisation Visit British Museum
Y8 - London Theatre Trip - Wicked
Y8 HPV2
Y6 Picnic 3.30pm-5.00pm

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Barclay Academy's Second Hand Uniform Shop opening time is Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Please email <u>admin@barclay.futureacademies.org</u> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

