

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week at Barclay Academy. The school now has 915 students compared to the 793 we had this time last year! Year 7 is totally oversubscribed and we are now in a very different position to a few years ago. Onwards and upwards!

I was very pleased to learn that the Year 9 football team was victorious this week. They managed to beat The Priory School in Hitchin 6-1! What a great result! Well done to everyone involved.



A group of Year 9 students have gone on a History trip to visit the First World War battlefields in northern France and Belgium this week. Two of our students laid a wreath on behalf of the school and I look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

I am very much looking forward to the school production of Oliver Jnr having been listening in on the rehearsals. This will be a wonderful way in which to finish the first half term of the school year.

Have a lovely weekend! The weather is supposed to be glorious!

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Best wishes,

Dr Matthew Laban

Executive Principal

SPORT



The Year 9 football team were back in action after a successful season in Year 8. They were promoted to division 1 and had started their campaign with a tough fixture against The Priory School.

Barclay had started brightly and put Priory's backline under a lot of pressure. The opposition had struggled to deal with Barclay's high press. Alfie had scored a brace after quick succession. The away team's goalkeeper had made a series of good saves to deny Barclay from adding to the score line.

Priory had responded well in the beginning of the second half. They had scored after an interception in the middle of the pitch. Barclay had contained Priory after the setback and continued to create chances. Their efforts were awarded after been given a penalty. Alfie had calmly completed his hat trick after scoring from the spot. Barclay continued to play on the front foot and went through a period of not finishing off their attack. Alfie scored had scored his fourth and fifth goal to put the game out of reach. This included rounding the keeper before slotting home. For his fifth, he showed some great footwork in the penalty area to tee him up for his strike. Oliver had scored Barclay's sixth after linking up with Alfie.

The game finished Barclay 6-1 The Priory School.

Well done to Taye and Andrew who made their debuts today. The whole team made a positive contribution. Mr Dawe was impressed with how well they contained the opponents and built up their play. Man of the Match was awarded to Alfie R for scoring five goals and assisting the other. He also made a significant contribution defensively.

TESCO STORE OF THE FUTURE WORKSHOP



Year 10 were fortunate enough to spend all day this Wednesday with Tesco Property – the team responsible for the Tesco estate & keeping it fit for the future. Tesco are committed to supporting our students and understand how important work experience can be in helping them think about their future. Students heard from employees about working at Tesco; encouraging them to explore the vast array of opportunities Tesco can offer as they start thinking about their future career.

The aim of this challenge was to raise awareness of the Property industry as a potential career path, including the wide variety of jobs available in addition to broadening student horizons and understanding what type of skills these jobs use. Throughout the day, the activities helped students to build their employability skills, boost their confidence and raise their career aspirations.

The day culminated with all groups developing their own store of the future and presenting that to their peers and the Tesco staff. All students did themselves and the school proud pushing themselves beyond comfort zones to present their ideas.

Well done Year 10!

YEAR 11 STUDENTS STUDY TIME IN HALF TERM

We still have spaces for year 11 students to come in during October half term to study, they will need to book onto what they would like to attend, they can do this by following the steps on the email from Mrs. Rooke, these will be supervised by members of staff, and we would strongly encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to the following students for being invited to Feast Friday with Dr Laban. The students were chosen at random from the Feast Friday weekly raffle. All students who have received a Student of the Week award are entered into the raffle.

Alex B 7APO1, Elliott L 7APO1, Tamilore O 8APO, Shayla B 8ATH1, Louie P 9ATH, Angel H 9HER1, Melvin M 10ATH and Amelia C 11ATH1.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12th October – Individual Academic Review and Steps to Success Afternoon 2pm – 5pm

Wednesday 18th October – School Production of Oliver Jr. 7pm

Thursday 19th October – School Production of Oliver Jr. 7pm

Thursday 9th November - Sixth Form Opening Evening 5pm to 7pm

Tuesday 14th November – PTA AGM 6pm

Friday 17th November – INSET DAY

Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 11

Thursday 30th November to Tuesday 5th December – Book Fair

Monday 4th to Friday 8th December – Virtual Mock Interviews Year 13

Tuesday 5th December - Carol Concert Evening Year 7

Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 8th January – INSET Day

Thursday 18th January – Year 13 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 23rd January - Year 9 GCSE Options Evening

Thursday 1st February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th February – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 28th February – Frodau 1st March – PGL Adventurous Activities Trip Year 7

Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March – Malaga Spain Trip Year 9 and Year 10

Thursday 7th March – Year 12 Parents' Evening

Monday 11th to Friday 15th March – Year 12 Work Experience Week

Thursday 14th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March - Year 10 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 26th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

BARCLAY ACADEMY
PRESENTS

Oliver!

JR!

BOOK, MUSIC, AND LYRICS BY
LIONEL BART

Wednesday 18th October

Thursday 19th October

7pm, School Hall

Tickets:

Adults - £4

Students (under 18) - £2

Tickets are available on School Gateway and then
collected from Reception

LIONEL BART'S OLIVER! JR. IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH
AND ALL AUTHORIZED MATERIALS ARE SUPPLIED BY
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK, NY
(212) 541-4684 MTISHOWS.COM

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.

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

