

BARCLAY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th July 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been even busier than usual as we approach the summer holidays.

Unfortunately, rain eventually stopped play for Sports Day but we did manage to get all the races done this morning. Thank you to Mr Buckley for organising everything and thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to watch.



Yesterday, we welcomed over two hundred Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in Year 7 in September. It was lovely to meet them all during the course of their transition day. My thanks to go to Mr Dawe and the team for putting together the programme for the day.

On Monday, I was pleased to be able to accompany the Year 10 Latin trip to Richborough Roman Fort and Amphitheatre in Kent. The students were able to see extensive Roman remains as well as attend a handling session with Roman artefacts. The staff from English Heritage all commented on how well behaved and polite the students were which was very pleasing to hear.

On Tuesday, we were honoured to receive a visit from Dr. Gordon Huie who is a 9/11 survivor. He gave a captivating presentation on how he survived the terrorist attack in New York, how his sister was killed in the World Trade Centre and how he volunteered in the local hospital to help the injured. It was a truly memorable visit and the students were all extremely interested in what Dr Huie had to say.

On Wednesday, Mr Baldwin took his Lego Club to Legoland in Windsor for the day. Lots of the children came back having bought boxes of Lego from the gift shop!

At the beginning of the month, our Cheerleading team won 3rd place in the national championships in Nottingham. This is a fantastic achievement and builds on their successes throughout the year. I am very proud of the team. Well done to everyone!

We will break up for the summer on Friday at 12 noon as we always do on the last day of term. I cannot believe where the time has gone

Have a lovely weekend!

Best Wishes

Dr Matthew Laban

Principal

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITIONS

Well done to year 9 Bronze D of E participants who recently finished their assessed expeditions. We have also had our year 10 D of E Silver participants complete their practice expedition. Well done to all involved!



YEAR 10 TIP OF THE ICEBERG



Last week, we welcomed back Tip of the Iceberg Theatre Company to run an interactive drama production and workshop around healthy relationships to year 10 students. The immersive show followed three young people as they navigated growing up in today's world.

KARTING CLUB

In the sprint race Harrison W received 1st in class 12 MSUK, Oliver J received 1st in class 11 MSUK, Josh P received 2nd in class 12 MSUK, Oliver C received 3rd in class 14, Evan H received 4th in class 15, Harley Grayling received 6th in class 7, Leo G received 8th in class 11 and Kaylan R received 9th in class 11.



In the overall championships, Josh P received 1st in class 12 MSUK, Oliver J received 1st in class 11 MSUK, Tyler W received 1st in the 162 class 15, Harrison W received 2nd in class 12 MSUK, Reece W received 3rd in class 14, Evan H received 3rd in class 15, Harley G received 5th in class 7

This was a very successful nationals for Barclay but there are a couple drivers retiring and they are Josh P and Tyler W.



RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT



On Monday, a group of Year 10 Latin students visited Richborough Roman Fort in Kent to spend some time looking around the Roman walls of this huge settlement and climbing to the top of the Claudian Gate for some excellent views of the area. It was a long coach trip to get there, but everyone enjoyed some lovely weather while exploring the brilliant site and students also had the chance to handle real Roman artifacts recovered from the fort, including coins and pottery, and even investigate evidence of the Romans' diet! The students were excellent ambassadors for Barclay Academy and the staff at the site were really keen to praise their behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the visit.



LEGOLAND

On Wednesday Lego Club visited LEGOLAND for their annual trip. The students got to enjoy and explore the wonders of the mini land Lego models and got an opportunity to make their own creations in the brick hub. All the students and staff enjoy the day greatly and we look forward to returning next year.



9/11 SURVIVOR VISITOR

On Tuesday 11th July, Barclay Academy was honoured to have Dr Gordon Huie, a triple survivor of 9/11, and his daughter Kelly visit the school from the United States. Dr Huie spoke to our Year 8, 9 and 10 students about his unique experience of how the attacks affected him. Being a triple survivor, he was not only there when the planes flew into the Twin Towers, but he also lost his sister Susan who was in a meeting in one of the towers as well as proceeding to operate on victims of the attack at the nearby Beekman hospital in a conference room. The students were extremely grateful to Dr Huie for sharing his story and helping them to understand more about the devastating consequences of that day. We thank him and Kelly for so generously giving up their time to pay us a visit and we look forward to welcoming them back again next year.



MAN GROUP CHALLENGE



On Tuesday, the 11th of July, four Year 12 Physics students represented Barclay Academy at the annual Manufacturing Assembly Group challenge competition at the University of Warwick. The event was attended by school teams with a maximum of four students: prospective engineers and future manufacturing designers competing on a small engineering project. It was also attended by representatives from a variety of engineering and manufacturing firms from across the country, observing and networking with the students.

Barclay Academy students (Sacchira Perera, Lucas Bond, Noel Mathew, Kevin Pilappa) took part admirably in the challenge and had the chance to

experience the four key phases in an engineering project cycle: design, build, test and refine. They successfully completed the designated tasks and learnt a lot from the experience. There were also plenty of opportunities to meet industry experts,

current apprentices and University students from around the country.

All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable experience which culminated in a BBC TV appearance by two of Barclay's students. We hope this will become an annual event for Barclay Academy's sixth form students.



SPORTS DAY



GARDENING CLUB

This week Barclay's Eco Club and Garden Club teamed up to construct some new compost beds. This will enable both clubs to be more sustainable and use cardboard waste and green waste to create our very own compost. Thank you to Dr Latunde-Dada and the Eco Club for donating some of their budget to help the Garden club.



Students from the Garden Club also harvested their Onions and Garlic to take home and use in their own creations. They are looking forward to growing lots of exciting food next year.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 10 IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM TRIP – MONDAY 17TH JULY

Y7 TESCO WORKSHOPS – WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 21ST JULY 12 NOON

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.



Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme

HAPPY



Department
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HERTS SUMMER PARKS

12-16yrs

COMING SOON TO
STEVENAGE
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS

FREE ACTIVITIES

WHERE?

King George V
Playing Fields
86 Sish Lane
Stevenage
SG1 3LS

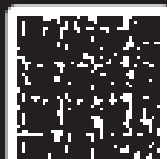
Climbing Wall
Bubble Football
Graffiti workshop
Arts and Crafts
Frisbee Golf
Basketball
And much more!

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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