



# THE BARCLAY SCHOOL

## Sixth Form Prospectus Create Your Future!





***"I love it here!"** Year 12 Student November 2017*



# Welcome to Barclay Sixth Form

I am delighted that you are considering applying to Barclay sixth form.

**We are very proud of the way our students develop, are supported and challenged, and achieve so well and we hope that you will choose to be part of our success story too.**

This prospectus is designed to give you information about Barclay Sixth Form. This is a very important period of a student's life when decisions are made which affect a young person's future. I hope that this prospectus will help in making these decisions. At Barclay School we combine high aspirations with care for individual students. Our well qualified and dedicated staff specialise in teaching 16-18 year olds. Our students enjoy learning, socialising and exploring ideas with people of their own age. Barclay Sixth Form offers a wide choice of academic and enrichment opportunities.

Appropriate programmes are designed for each student following consultation with senior staff.

Most Year 12 students follow a course of 3 A levels, Btec or a combination of both. In addition, all students must complement their academic studies with a well-rounded programme of enrichment activities, which develop their confidence, leadership potential and ability to pursue their chosen career.

Ambitious targets are set for each student and high levels of achievement are expected. Barclay expects a high degree of commitment from its Sixth Form students. In exchange, the students should feel an entitlement to high standards from the school. This forms the basis of the Sixth Form Learning and Teaching Contract.

We expect our Sixth Form students to recognise their responsibilities as examples to others in the rest of the school and the wider community. We look to them to set high standards and to involve themselves actively learning with younger students. This involvement can be in a number of ways: assisting the staff at school functions, acting as buddies or mentors for Year 7 students, or offering time and assistance in neighbouring primary schools. I very much look forward to welcoming you to study at Barclay School.

*Mark Allchorn*

**Headteacher**



# Exam Success

The Barclay School is celebrating the best A level results for three years, showing significant improvement across all key performance indicators.

Students Achieved 100% A\* and A In A-Level and Further Maths. The overall pass rate for A level was 95%, with 70% achieving grades A\* to C and 45% A\* to B almost all students were thus able to access their choices for university.

Notably, the Maths department are celebrating 100% A\* and A results for Further Maths.

This is particularly good news in the light of the national context of new A level courses and the focus on final exam performance.

***“In the sixth form, students are making better progress and more of them are achieving the highest grades ”***

*Ofsted September 2017*

# Student Well-Being & Support

**The School offers a wide range of student support services.**

The School takes the well-being of its students very seriously and wants everyone to feel fairly treated and safe at Barclay. Emotional support, confidential mentoring and emotional support is available for all students at the School. Talking things over with a Pastoral Support Leader either as a one-off, or over a number of sessions, can help you to find new ways of dealing with problems, without being judged or told what to do. You might want to talk about school, family life, relationships, feelings of worry, stress or anxiety or about anything that is causing difficulty in your life, however big or small. If you would like to see a Pastoral Support Leader you can drop in without an appointment during the lunch break, or you can make an appointment by e-mail, by telephone or by asking a tutor. The Student Support Team help with general problems and enquiries.

Our Career Adviser provides information, advice and support on any help and advice to support you with your chosen career path or advice on other options and routes available to you if you are unsure what path you wish to take. We also have a Director of KS5 who is available to help with support and advice during the school day.

We have a dedicated First Aid team located within the School welfare office, they will assist you if you feel unwell or require first aid.



***“You couldn’t ask for anything more really”***

*Year 12 Student November 2017*



## Enrichment

**Our aim is to promote high quality academic and vocational education in a supportive environment where students are encouraged to develop as independent learners and supported and stretched to succeed.**

To equip our students with skills and attributes for a successful future all are challenged to take on responsibility and leadership roles within the school and the wider community.

Students choose 3 level 3 courses. Entry onto A level courses usually require a 5 grade in the relevant GCSE subject as well as having at least 5 level 9- 5 at GCSEs. Each level 3 subject is allocated 9 lessons a fortnight. Alongside their academic studies, students follow complementary courses which are selected to enhance their application to University or employment. They are also expected to contribute to school life through the enrichment programme. The remainder of a student's timetable is for students to study under their own initiative.

The sixth form offers a wide range of enrichment activities which give students the opportunity to work with younger students and to take on responsibility and leadership roles within the school. All year 12 students are expected to contribute an hour a week through other enrichment activities such as:

- Reading Group Leader
- Assistant Head Girl/Boy
- Assist with running school events
- English and Maths Mentors
- Charity fundraising
- Sixth Form Committees (eg. social, charity, student councils/parliament)

# Exciting New Developments

## Sixth Form Centre and Drama Studio - new rebuilding programme planned to open in September 2018!

### Phase One

The Barclay School was successful in its bid to the Education Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) and has been allocated £1.5M to spend on rebuilding the 6th Form Centre to provide brand new facilities as part of the Priority Schools Building Programme 2 (PSBP2). We will also have a new state of the art Drama studio being built for all students to enjoy.

### Phase Two

A feasibility study has been completed which identified all of the aspects that needed to be considered when developing a project like this. Careful attention has been paid to the environment, location of services, potential costs of the work and risk assessments.

### Phase Three

The design has been developed and is out to tender with contracts to gain best value for the project. Planning permission has been awarded and we are hoping to start the work early in 2018. This is being managed by the school and a team of consultants with the Building Management Team at Hertfordshire County Council.

### Phase Four

Construction! The old Sixth Form Centre and Drama studio is being demolished and completely rebuilt. The new building will be unrecognisable from the building we have today. A fantastic space for our students to work in and enjoy!

At Barclay we are part of Stevenage Sixth, the largest Sixth Form Consortium in Stevenage. We are able to offer the widest range of courses to interest students. 750 students will access courses across the campuses of Barclay, Barnwell, Marriotts and Nobel School to meet their individual need.

Sixth Formers have a range of responsibilities and privileges to help them develop into independent adults and prepare them for life at university or work.

We provide excellent support and advice to ensure students make informed course choices that facilitate pathway options for the future. We expect students to aim high for leading universities or higher level apprenticeships which most meet their needs.

Our Head Students and Student Leadership Team have developed an excellent ethos of commitment to their own work, great team spirit and enjoyment of their involvement across the school as mentors and ambassadors with younger students.





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