



Weekly News

1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter. Another good week at Barclay, as you can see below. All students have attended main school assemblies on the importance breaking down tasks to make progress in learning at whatever stage we are at. They were challenged to think how they have mastered things which might have seemed initially impossible, such as riding a bike, learning a new language or sport and then to apply this to their learning in the classroom. Our new school feedback to students asks them to reflect and write down what they need to do make steps of progress in their work. These assemblies will help to reinforce how important responding to teacher comments is for every student. We're all looking forward to the Peter Pan productions on Wednesday and Thursday evening this coming week. There are still tickets available, so book yours now if you haven't yet! Around 300 children from local primary schools are coming in on Wednesday morning to watch the whole performance.

Lastly, congratulations to Year 7 and 9 for having the highest overall attendance last week. As the cold weather bites, my thanks to all parents and carers for making sure that children are sent to school, ready to learn.

Have a good weekend

Fact of the week... On this day in 1919 Lady Astor became the first female Member of Parliament to take her seat in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.

School News	Good News	Other News and Key Events...
<p><u>Year 8 Parents Evening</u> Thank you to all who attended, with over 75% attendance this was a big success and we are delighted to hear the positive feedback from parents on the progress our students are making. Options forms will be coming home tonight so please ensure these are completed and returned to school by next Friday so we can begin the process of allocations. Any questions please get in touch.</p> <p><u>Peter Pan</u> This year's school production of Peter Pan is into final dress rehearsals. Tickets are selling fast so be sure to reserve your seats now! Performances are on the 6th and 7th December at 7pm.</p> <p><u>School Gateway App</u> Available to download now from the school website. You'll receive the latest information regarding achievement, behaviour, attendance your child's timetable. You can also inform us of any changes to personal details and absences.</p>	<p><u>Futsal Tournament</u> We entered 3 teams in to the Stevenage Games on Wednesday. They all did really well: Year 7 girls Futsal team came 2nd Year 8 girls Futsal team came 3rd</p> <p><u>Table Tennis</u> Year 8 boys table tennis team came 3rd. Well done.</p> <p><u>Senior Maths Challenge</u> Several Year12 A level Mathematics students recently took part in The UKMT Maths Challenge. The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) organises this national mathematics competition for 15-18 year old UK school pupils. It is aimed at students at secondary school who are interested in tackling stimulating and very challenging problems (of which we have many!) We are delighted to award Ben Mohaci yr12 with the Best In School certificate. Well done Ben!</p> <p><u>Stevenage FC</u> The FA and Stevenage FC officials were in school last night (with both FA Cups) filming Stevenage Ladies training as</p>	<p><u>Yr11 and 13 Mock Interview Day</u> On Friday 15th December we will be holding mock interviews for our year 11 and 13 students to gain experience of what a real interview will be like. We have over 30 external professionals volunteering on the day to conduct these interviews and feedback to the students on how well they did. If you would like to take part, please get in touch.</p> <p><u>Our Christmas Tree is up!</u> The countdown has begun to Christmas and our Christmas tree is up. We have loads of fun festive activities planned for our students and our last day arrangements will be shared with you shortly.</p> <p><u>Red Carpet Night</u> On the 9th December we will be hosting a Christmas extravaganza to raise money for Stockwell school in Africa. Tables are still available so please get in touch for details. This promises to be an evening of entertainment with live music, cocktail bar, buffet, auctions plus much much more. To top it off the evening will be</p>

<p><u>Year 11 and 13 Mocks</u> Mocks are now complete and the students have done us proud with their behaviour and attitude to study. We will be holding a 'mock results day' at the end of term where students will receive their mock results, just as they will next summer. Fantastic preparation for what is to come.</p>	<p>both the Men's and Ladies teams have made it through to the 2nd round of the FA Cup. We have been informed the story will feature on the BBC and ITV news tonight at 6pm. Please tune in if you want to see our fantastic facility on national TV.</p>	<p>hosted by Paul Ross with live music from Kicking Back. We look forward to seeing you there.</p>
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Student of the Week...

<p>Yr7. Inderjeet Pawar Nominated by Mrs Jijieshvili for being hard working, well mannered and dedicated to learning</p>	<p>Yr8. Abby Newman-Woor Nominated by her Head of Year Miss Read for showing a much improved attitude towards her learning, staff and others</p>	<p>Yr9. Stephen Mitchell For producing a mesmeric work for his poetry assessment, which has been seen by senior staff & the County Advisor for English - who all agree it is an exceptional piece of work. Nominated by Mr Millership - English Teacher</p>	<p>Yr10. Charlotte Gibson Nominated by Miss Dearn for her role in the Peter Pan rehearsals. Charlotte has been a fantastic role model for others and her performance skills have also really developed - well done!</p>	<p>Yr11. Morgan Cullen Nominated by Mrs Borchers for turning over a new leaf in Maths - Morgan is trying really hard and working very effectively in class. Well done.</p>
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