



## Weekly News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been another busy week, particularly for our year 11 and 13 pupils and their teachers. That's because mock exams have been in full swing, with pupils getting that all important exam practice and teachers of course marking piles of scripts! I've been impressed with the resilience, commitment and behaviour of our pupils and if that's translated into results then results from these mocks should be pleasing. However, they are another step on the GCSE Btec or A level journey and that journey is a marathon that continues to until June. One more day of exams on Monday before normal lessons resume.

Outside the exam hall, it was a pleasure to welcome the band New Kings Order to the school on Tuesday and the Mayor and Mayoress of Stevenage. As you can see from the photo below, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as of course did year 7 to 10 who had an hour's concert interspersed with clear advice on keeping yourself safe on line.

You will also have seen more news about the school in the Comet yesterday. I again want to thank everyone who has written in to express their support of the work that staff are doing day in and day out at Barclay School. We are here for and at the heart of the Stevenage community and it is reassuring and humbling to have such strong support for what we are seeking to do: offer the best education to all our pupils now and going forward.

Lastly, as the days become even shorter, a reminder that I start my 1000km challenge at the end of next week when December starts. I plan to ride at least 1000km through the darkest days to raise £1000 to support our new cultural passport programme to make sure all our pupils get the opportunity to have their horizons opened this year. Watch out for details of how to give and my progress reports.

I hope you have a good weekend

**Fact of the week...** In 1963 the BBC broadcast the first ever episode of Doctor Who, starring William Hartnell as the Doctor and Ann Ford as his female companion. It is the world's longest running science fiction drama. The producer, Sydney Newman, thought the Darleks (designed by Ray Cusick) were 'bug-eyed monsters' and totally wrong for the series. How times have changed.

### School News

#### Leadership Event

Due to the outstanding job our leaders did last week, they are once again asked to attend and lead KS2 pupils in a Stevenage sporting futures event as part of their Barclay Sports Leaders Programme. The students involved in this event are Ella Alderson, Maddison Knight, Dally Gogognon, Max Upchurch, Scott Yates, Lewie Harding, Taylor Buchanan, Wyatt Croucher, Olivia McMahon, Faye Feagan, Lily Davison, Caitlin O'Sullivan, Charlie Mills, Gaby Austin, Francesca Beretta. Congratulations.

#### Fundraising for Lister Hospital

The year 10 DEH form are fundraising for the Lister Hospital Special Care baby unit and have so far raised £53.00. They are doing a great job of fundraising and will keep track of their progress.

#### Hands Off Barclay parent campaign

If you would like more information about what has taken place so far, the campaign group have a Facebook page and also a Change.org petition which to date, has upwards of 450 signatures so far.

#### eSafety and Mental Health Concert

As mentioned above, this week we welcomed New Kings Order into school to run a concert on keeping yourself safe online. As you can see the Mayor and Mayoress thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



### Student of the Week...

**Yr7 Harley Montaugue**  
Nominated by Mr Dawe – PE Teacher for going above and beyond in P.E. Despite being injured, he provided excellent one to one coaching in volleyball to

**Yr8 Maria Benny**  
Nominated by Mrs Moore – Cover Teacher for being consistently cheerful, kind to others and extremely hard working.

**Yr9 Julia Serban**  
Nominated by Mrs Baker – Science Teacher for doing fantastically well in her biology test which is a result of her consistent hard work throughout the term.

**Yr10 Alfie Barkley**  
Nominated by Miss Boniface – Science Teacher for trying really hard in his Science lessons.

**Yr11 Caitlin Cassidy**  
Nominated by Mrs Bishop – Art Teacher for her hard work and dedication to developing and improving her skills and outcomes in Art.

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