



THE BARCLAY SCHOOL

Weekly News

30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. As you can see below, much has happened this week at the school. Mock exams concluded on Monday and teachers have been busy marking papers. Results will now start to come back to pupil's subject by subject over the next two weeks. Pupils in years 11 and 13 will also have a summary letter of results before the end of term. This will be followed up by assemblies to help pupils focus on the next stage of their study on the journey to GCSE and A level next June.

Key Stage Three pupils had the opportunity this week to find out more about American Football, the fastest growing sport in the UK, I am reliably informed. Sports teams were successful in competition this week, too.

This coming week we're getting into the festive swing. The Christmas tree will be up in the foyer, the Christmas concert takes place this coming Thursday at 7pm in the Hall, and on the 11th December, we will have a Christmas jumper day. Please do buy Christmas Dinner tickets ahead of the 11th December when this will be served. The bargain price of £2.75 includes a turkey or vegetarian roast and all the trimmings. It will be a good Barclay school community occasion!

As the days get even shorter, my sponsored cycle ride starts. The December 1000km for £1000 for Barclay challenge will pay for some of the activities planned for our Cultural Passport. The giving page will be up on the website next week, so if you can, please be generous!

You will have seen the front page of the Comet yesterday. I would like to thank parents for their continued support for the School and reiterate my commitment to providing the best possible educational opportunities for our current and prospective pupils. I have just received notice from the National Education Union that their members of staff at Barclay are planning to strike on Wednesday 12th December. This news will likely be in the press after the weekend, but I want to give you as much notice as possible. The drive to outstanding continues and the focus of staff and pupils on driving learning forward within School is our focus, now and ongoing.

I hope you have a good weekend

Fact of the week... Seven is the favourite number... You might have guessed that most people's favourite number is 7 but apparently that's now been proven. A recent online poll of 3000 people by Alex Bellos found that around 10% of them chose seven, with three as the runner up. That might be because seven has so many favourable connections (seven wonders of the world, pillars of wisdom, seven seas, seven dwarfs, seven days, seven colours of the rainbow). But it's also true that seven is 'arithmetically unique' – the only single number you can't multiply or divide while keeping the answer within the 1-10 group.

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American Football Event

Our sports leaders attend an American football training session run by an England American football team player. They had a fantastic time learning how to throw, catch and kick the ball effectively within the sport.



Year 13 Parents Evening

The year 13 parents evening will be held on the 13th December. To book a place you will need to fill out the booking form on paper not online. Places are available to book from today.

School Mock Exams

Good news, all the mocks are now complete for year 11 and year 13 students. All the students who took part have done really well and teachers are currently marking the papers and providing feedback to the students.



Hands Off Barclay

The Hands Off Barclay petition has nearly hit 1000 signatures and thank you to all for your positive support of the school. As you can see our new 6th form build is coming along nicely!

Congratulations

To Jamie Joyce who has successful passed his Grade 1 Drumming Exam with Merit. Well done.

Student of the Week...

Year 7 – Maddison Knight - Nominated by Miss Read - Head of Year for her excellent leadership skills at a primary sports event.	Year 8 – Fletcher Stewart – Nominated by Miss Boniface - Science Teacher for his excellent enthusiasm in Science lessons.	Year 9 – George Adaway – Nominated by Mrs Borcherds - Maths Teacher for showing a high degree of thoughtfulness and consideration for others in the Barclay family.	Year 10 – Ruby Langdon – Nominated by Mrs Bishop - Art Teacher for working exceptionally hard on her Art presentation and Final piece. She is always ready to learn and takes pride in her work.	Year 11 – Joshua Liddar – Nominated by Ms Gray - Humanities TA for his focus and attention in Geography and his positive attitude to his MOCK exams.
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Year 12 - Aleena Manoj - Nominated by Mr Norwood - Director of Key Stage 5 for working consistently well in Health and Social Care.
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