

Barlby Bulletin

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 1A

KEY DATES

- 17.09.2025** Year 7 Mission Out Trip
- 25.09.2025** Keeping in Touch Year 7 Evening
- 01.10.2025** Year 7 and Year 10 Photographs
- 09.10.2025** Open Evening for Years 5 and 6
- 16.10.2025** Study Skills Evening Key Stage 3 & 4
- 24.10.2025 - 31.10.2025** October Half Term

WELCOME BACK

As the new academic year begins, we would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead.

Warm regards,

The Senior Leadership Team



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

We're thrilled to kick off this edition of our newsletter by celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students, both in sport and in creative pursuits!

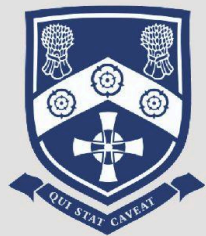
A huge congratulations to our Year 11 football team, who secured an impressive 4–2 victory in their latest match. Not to be outdone, our Year 9 team also triumphed, with a fantastic 6–2 win. Well done to all players involved!

It's also been wonderful to hear about so many of our students getting involved in individual competitions, including tennis tournaments and creative writing challenges.

We're especially proud of those who have entered the Young Writers competition with several of our talented writers now on their way to being published authors! What an incredible achievement and testament to the creativity and hard work of our students.

Whether it's on the pitch, court, or page, we love seeing our students shine and pursue their passions. Keep up the amazing work we can't wait to see what you achieve next!

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A FOCUS ON... SAFEGUARDING

At Barlby High School, safeguarding means keeping every student safe, supported, and cared for; both inside and outside the classroom. One important part of that is looking after our mental health.

We know that life can feel overwhelming at times, whether it's school stress, friendships, family issues, or just needing space to think. The good news is that you're never alone. Support is always available.

Here are a few safe, student-friendly apps that we recommend:

Manage fear, anxiety and stress

www.mypossibleself.com

Play your way to a calmer day!

www.chillpanda.co.uk

Feeling good, have a positive mind

[Feelinggood.app](https://www.feelinggood.app)

Improve stress, anxiety and sleep

www.calm.com

Mrs Gardner, Principal



A FOCUS ON... INCLUSION

As part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing, key members of staff have recently completed training in sensory circuits — a structured approach to helping students become calm, alert, and ready to learn.

What is a Sensory Circuit?

A sensory circuit is a short and purposeful sequence of physical activities designed to help children regulate their bodies and emotions.

These circuits follow a three-step structure: Alerting Activities – These wake up the body and prepare the brain for learning (e.g. jumping, bouncing, skipping).

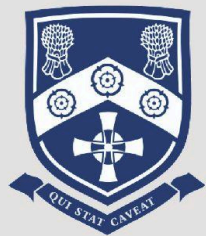
Organising Activities – These require balance, coordination, and concentration, helping students to become focused and centred.

Calming Activities – These help the body slow down and support a smooth transition back to the classroom, ready to engage.

The sensory room and circuits will be used as part of our inclusive approach to support those who may struggle with transitions, focus, or emotional regulation.

Mr Anderson, Assistant Vice Principal





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TEACHING AND LEARNING

It has been fantastic to see students returning to school and getting back into the learning cycle with such positivity. We are really pleased with the effort students have made to be lesson-ready, arriving prepared with the right equipment and a strong focus on learning.

Our new Year 7s have also made a brilliant start, settling into our ways of working and embracing new routines. They have been engaging in Connect activities, experiencing the “I, we, you” modelling approach, and developing their independence as learners in the ILZ. We are proud of how quickly they are adapting and the enthusiasm they are bringing to school life.

I look forward to seeing what students will achieve this academic year.

Miss Day, Assistant Vice Principal



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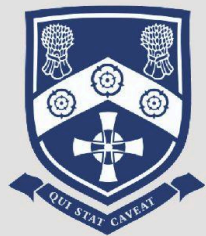
ACHIEVEMENT

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students in this summer's GCSE examinations. We are thrilled to announce that our results were above national averages across a range of subjects. This is a testament not only to the students' commitment, but also to the dedication of our teaching staff and the support of families throughout the year. A huge congratulations to all of our 24/25 leavers.

Every student is part of one of our four houses: **Terra**, **Ventus**, **Aqua**, or **Ignis** and will have the chance to contribute to their house's success in a wide range of competitions throughout the year. From Sports Day to writing challenges, to bake-offs there will be plenty of opportunities to earn points and celebrate victories together.

Mrs Tanner-Smith, Assistant Vice Principal





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ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR

As we begin the new school year, we're delighted to see our students looking incredibly smart in their new school uniforms. The updated uniform has been met with great enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see students arriving each day dressed for success and ready to learn.

A big thank you to parents and carers for your support in ensuring students are wearing their uniform correctly. It makes a real difference in promoting school pride and unity across all year groups.

We would also like to give a huge congratulations to our new Year 7 students. Not only have they settled in brilliantly, but they have also achieved outstanding attendance so far this term.

We are proud of the way our students represent the school, both in and out of the classroom. The high standard of uniform and excellent attendance set the tone for a successful and productive term ahead. Well done to all and keep up the great work!

Mrs Tanner-Smith, Assistant Vice Principal



A FOCUS ON... PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE

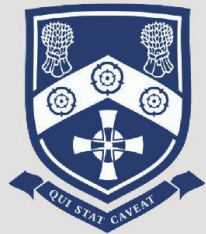
Students in Year 7 were thrilled to have been able to attend Mission Out on a Team Building day in the third week of September. They went across the high ropes, built dens and made firm friendships.

All students are looking forward to the Wear Something Yellow Day on Friday 10th October, when students and staff will show their support for positive mental health and wellbeing by wearing something yellow. Aqua House will also be raising money for charity by selling yellow items and hosting a Minions Film Lunch!

Restart a Heart day is also being marked on 10th October, with the NHS coming in again for the annual training on cardiovascular health and CPR.

Mr McNaught-Roberts, Assistant Vice Principal





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A FOCUS ON... PREPARATION FOR NEXT STEPS

Year 11 have now embarked on their final year at Barlby, and intervention and revision sessions are already in full swing. We have been impressed with the commitment and determination shown by our students as they prepare for their November mocks.

October 31 marks the release of many College Courses and Apprenticeships. Students have Careers Conversations with our Independent Careers Advisor to support them in applying for these. We expect that all students should have applied for at least one course by Christmas, and then at least one other by February half term.

Year 10 can begin looking for a work experience placement for themselves.

**Mr McNaught-Roberts, Assistant Vice
Principal**



LIVE LIFE *to the full*

KINDNESS | TEAMWORK | RESPECT