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The 2023 Service Award (A) is awarded to Charles Barclay

Charles Barclay has made notable contributions to Astronomy over his thirty-two year career. Much of this time was spent at Marlborough College, where he has educated and inspired thousands of teenagers in the fields of Astronomy and Physics. The restored Cooke telescope has been instrumental in the Blackett observatory's extensive outreach programme, with many thousands of visitors enjoying inspirational views. Charles has been fundamental to the continuation of the Astronomy GCSE, a starting point for many in astronomy. Without Charles working with the Examination Board in developing the syllabus and examinations, it probably would no longer exist. He has also been closely involved over many years with the preparation of the British team for the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, resulting in an excellent success record with multiple medals won. Furthermore, the lack of Astronomy A-level prompted Charles to search for a suitable educational vehicle for pupils interested in furthering their astronomy learning beyond GCSE. He has been instrumental in the development of the Extended Project Qualification, which is an excellent opportunity to study Astronomy in schools beyond GCSE.

For these reasons Charles Barclay is awarded the 2023 Service Award (A) of the RAS.