

July 2018

End of Term Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Headteacher: Tom Ashley

I am writing as another academic year draws to a close to bring you up to date with a numbers of activities and events that I would like to make you aware of. **Students will be dismissed at 12:15 on Wednesday 18th July as we break up for the summer.**

Reward trips have taken place over the last few days with a large number of students taking part in visits to Alton Towers and a cinema visit. These are students that have attended the academy on a regular basis and have not been involved in any significant negative behaviour incidents. It is a great pleasure to reward these students and I am confident that they have enjoyed the days out that are thoroughly deserved.

The following staff are leaving us to take up new challenges; Miss Baxter, Mrs Tester, Mrs Brigham, Mrs Lee, Mrs Davidson, Mr Lewis, Mr Mullaney, Mr Tsemo, Mrs Webb, Mrs Harley, Mrs Carr and Mr Harris.

We welcome several new members of staff, including four new members of the senior leadership team who have all led substantial change at a senior level in other similar schools. Mrs J Cater - Senior Vice Principal, Outcomes and Impact. Mr A Atkinson – Vice Principal, Personal Development Welfare and Behaviour. Mrs J Atkins – Vice Principal,, Teaching and Learning and Mr A Marshall – Assistant Vice Principal, Personalised Learning. I am excited by the possibilities this provides to further raise standards in all areas.

Mr Atkinson our new VP is leading the new Behaviour policy that will tackle low-level disruption in lessons. It involves a greater use of rewards and the use of a S1- S5 sanction system as part of the policy. This may lead to students being placed in detention after school. We have had three parental meetings over the last term to ensure that parents are fully aware of the new policy and the desire to further improve behaviour in the Academy. This is of course to assist all students in learning more in lessons, which after all, is the primary purpose of education.

We have also revamped our uniform expectation prior to the summer and have published a new uniform guide that is available on our website: <http://www.balbycarr.org.uk/uniform/>. This means we now have a set skirt and trousers that are available from Cliffs and acceptable shoes brochure that is through Wynsors World of Shoes. We are trying to make sure all policies and changes are made clear to you as parents or carers and that you have the opportunity to see what we are doing wherever possible before we do it.

Can I also remind you of our existing policy regarding high-energy drinks and other unhealthy food and liquids. If they are seen in the academy, they will be confiscated and disposed of. The new behaviour policy also reaffirms our stance that mobile phones will not be tolerated in the Academy and they must be out of site once students are through the academy gates.

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Our academy day will be altering from Wednesday 5th September 2018. This will allow for a greater level of intervention to take place before and after school to ensure every student has the opportunity to achieve the maximum potential. Please see below:

Balby Carr School Day 2018-19	
8.30 – 8.45	Registration
8.45 – 9.45	Period 1
9.45 – 10.45	Period 2
10.45 – 11.05	Break
11.05 – 12.05	Period 3
12.05 – 12.50	Lunch
12.50 – 13.00	Registration
13.00 – 14.00	Period 4
14.00 – 15.00	Period 5

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September will be the first of our training days for the new academic year. The school will reopen to students on **Wednesday 5th September 2018** and it will be a staggered start for all year groups. Students will enter school through the main student gate on Weston Road, where they will be checked for uniform, and they will then attend an assembly in the sports hall. Please see below to confirm your child's start time.

Year Group	Start Time
7	8:30
11	9:10
8	9:50
10	10:30
9	11:10

Finally, as you read this letter I will be preparing to take part in the end of year assemblies that will celebrate student achievement at Balby this academic year. This will be for progress made in lessons and high levels of attendance. It is a pleasure to celebrate the success of the splendid students we have at Balby Carr.

Can I thank you for the continued support throughout this academic year and wish you a restful summer. As ever if you have any queries please, do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr T Ashley
Headteacher