

November 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you

At the start of another busy half term I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the academy. Parental engagement is a key contributor to raising standards and a number of changes have been made in an attempt to improve this.

Parent Evenings with Subject Teachers

These have been reintroduced for all year groups. They provide the best opportunity for parents to discuss in detail the academic progress of students' with their teachers. The dates for the rest of the year are:

Year 7:	Thursday 05 th March
Year 8:	Thursday 07 th May
Year 9:	Thursday 02 nd July
Year 10:	Thursday 22 nd January
Year 11:	Thursday 26 th March
Year 12:	Thursday 19 th March
Year 13:	Thursday 19 th March

Pastoral Care & Guidance Team

A letter was posted home last week detailing changes to the Pastoral Care & Guidance Team and the introduction of Heads of Year and Assistant Heads of Year for each year group 7 to 11. We have also appointed a new KS5 Manager, Mrs R Hodgson, who will work alongside the KS4 Manager, Miss L Cutting and KS3 Manager Mrs J Halliday.

New Local Governing Body

The academy is looking for parents/carers to join our Local Governing Body (LGB). Your input on issues such as finance, site management and curriculum development will help to influence and improve academy performance. Governors support the academy in a variety of ways in addition to attending LGB meetings. It is a very important and worthwhile role. You do not need special skills or experience, but you should be interested and willing to become involved.

I will be available during the Progress Review Day on Thursday 27th November if anyone is interested and wants to discuss this or any other topic in more detail. Alternatively, contact the Academy Reception for further details and a nomination form.

Find out more about academy governors at www.becomeagovernor.com

School Website

For all the latest Academy news please remember to visit the school website www.balbycarr.org.uk Improvements will be made throughout the year and any suggestions to improve the website can be made by contacting us through the links on the website.

Dates for your Diary

19th November – Oliver Concert (Year 7 parents invited)
20th November – Post 16 Information evening (5.45 pm – 8.15 pm)
w/c 24th November – Year 11 Trial Exams (2 weeks)
27th November – Progress Review Day – all years
28th November – Professional Learning Day (No students in school)
11th December – Balby's Got Talent
16th December – Christmas Carol Concert, St Johns Church
17th December – Christmas Dance Show
18th December – School closes at lunchtime*
05th January – School opens (Spring Term)

*Please note the change of date, Christmas celebration assemblies will be held on Thursday morning with school closing for the Christmas holidays at lunchtime. The school will be closed on Friday 19th December.

I look forward to meeting you at these events over the next few weeks

Yours Sincerely

Mr J Innes
Headteacher