



Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the first of the new Balby Carr Community Academy newsletter. We will be producing these at the end of each term as of now and they will give you a few details of the many wonderful things that are taking place at the Academy on a daily basis.

All faculty leaders will contribute and I hope that it will inform you of the rich tapestry of experiences that we are providing for a range of year groups. My personal highlight has to be the sports day when all students and staff took part in a hastily organised sports day in the rain. The students and staff were outstanding in the approach and the number of smiles on all people's faces was a pleasure to behold.

The hard work that went into the summer exams was a great pleasure to see and the new formation of the Parents Forum group was yet another high point demonstrating the increased parental involvement in the shaping of the direction of the school.

We are currently finalising the calendar for next year and this includes a range of new enrichment activities including rewards trips at the end of each term including a trip to Beauty and The Beast in December. This term we have welcomed to two new Deputy Heads, Mr K Harris (Teaching and Learning) and Mr Niland (Behaviour and safeguarding.) These are experienced senior leaders who have led rapid improvements in a number of schools and academies. I am confident they will add to the skill set of the senior team and also improve our ability to further improve the provision at Balby Carr.

We do have several areas in which we need to improve but this newsletter highlights the numerous positive things that are taking place. I hope that you get some summer break and enjoy some time with your children. I look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday the 6th of September and thank you once again for the support this year.

Yours Sincerely
Tom Ashley
Headteacher

LANGUAGES

Here in Languages yet another year has flown by and it is again time for us to say a sad goodbye to our Languages assistant.

This year we had the pleasure of having Jassiel, all the way from La Paz in Mexico, to support with the Spanish team. As well as being able to do fun language-based activities with Y7 to 11 students, this also gave staff and students alike a fantastic opportunity to learn about life in a very different Spanish-speaking country.

Jassiel shared information about the many different festivals in Mexico, such as 'El dia de los muertos' (Day of the Dead) and 'Diez y Seis' (Mexican Independence Day) and at Christmas, taught us how to make authentic Mexican piñatas. This was open to all students at lunchtimes, where much fun (and a considerable amount of mess) was to be had.

More recently, Jassiel supported with our Spanish / Mexican food tasting sessions with Y8s as a culmination to our food topic. Jassiel provided home-made re-fried beans and a spicy salsa dip to accompany our shop-bought but equally delicious olives, chorizo, Manchego cheese, guacamole, Spanish omelette and nachos. It was great to see our students being adventurous and digging in, much to the disappointment of Mrs Lee, who found there were no left-overs for lunch.

We thank Jassiel for all his hard work with us this year and we look forward to welcoming our new Spanish assistant from Valencia in Spain in October 2017.





SCIENCE

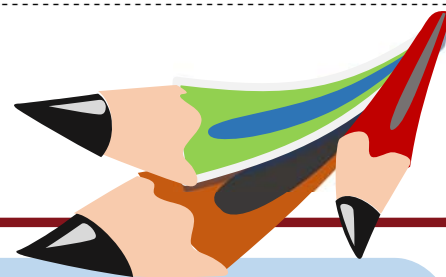
Since the start of the new term the Science department has seen some considerable changes, a new Head of Department has been appointed, Mr Taylor, as well as four new members of staff, Mr Greaves, Mr D'Rozario, Miss Sefton and Mr Hadjieleftheriou (Mr. H to the students). They bring with them a considerable skill set and already their expertise is having a positive effect on the teaching and learning taking place within Science.

From September we will be running an after school club so if any of our parents/carers would like to contribute or have any ideas please contact Mr Taylor at the Academy on 01302 312140 or via email: office@balbycarr.org



Doncaster Schools Athletics Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th June 2017

On the 19th and 20th of June, a very select field of Balby's finest tuned athletes were selected to compete at the Doncaster Schools Athletics Competition. This annual event never fails to provide outstanding performances from both students of Balby and also talented athletes across the borough.



The scorching Monday was the platform for our year 7 and 8 teams to perform and the opportunity for Mr Watson to top up his burn lines. Two standout performances came from David Nawokocha (Year 7) coming 3rd overall in the 100m and Brandon Wheat (Year 8) running a fantastic low 2minute 800m. All of our young Balby Athletes were remarkably well behaved and motivated to compete at their best within their individual events.

Tuesday provided the second day of incredible performances given by our year 9 and year 10 students. This day ultimately ended with our year 10 boys team winning the competition, with points being collected throughout the day by Kamran Latif (100m), Demba Ramsay Sowe (200m), Connor Whiteley (400m) Zak Timms (800m and Long Jump), Dominic Bow (1500m), Kieron Stuart (Shot Putt), Shaquille Chibanga (Triple Jump) and Ede Jakab (Discus).

An assortment of school records were additionally broken throughout the day Alex Spinks (Year 9) shattered the 400m record with a time of 1.14mins. Brothers Isaac and Zak Timms together took their share of school records with Isaac hurling the discus an astounding 32.15m and brother Zak leaping a huge 4m 93cm. Stealing the show was the year 10 boys relay team, concreting their victory with an awesome display of technique, speed and interesting haircuts, covering the 400 meters in a rapid time of 51.32 seconds.

Mr Watson and Miss O'Grady can't praise the students involved enough, both days were a pleasure to witness and clearly demonstrated the outstanding progress our students follow within athletics in school. Keep training for next year team!

TECHNOLOGY

Yr5 'Tech' Open Evening

On Thursday 11th May, Technology hosted Yr5 students for after-school activities. Students took part in pizza-making and finger puppet making (although, not at the same time!). Students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and parents were invited into rooms at the end to see the wonderful outcomes.

In the interests of convenience for students, Mr. North fashioned a new product that was a cross between a pizza and a burger! Students made these in large quantities with heaps of enthusiasm. Watch out in the future for 'North's Burgza' products in Iceland!



The Annual Art and Technology Open Evening

This year, on Thursday 13th July from 4.30pm, there was an exhibition to showcase a selection of all the wonderful work produced by our students.

Students, parents and staff attended the superb exhibition in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere that includes excellent quality refreshments!

CADCAM Club

This extremely successful lunchtime club run by our Technician, Mr Doughty, has seen students from all year groups engaging in computerised design and make activities. A massive 'well-done' to the students and really big thanks for the hard work of Mr Doughty. Also, the laser cutter has worked so hard this term that it has requested 2 weeks leave and is planning a holiday in 'Lazerote'!. Last year it went to Laser Quest.



Y11 After-School Clubs

These were as well-attended as ever. There are too many names to mention. We wish all of our Y11 students well on their results and their futures. There is no better feeling for our dedicated team than to see happy and contented students on the results day in August.



Success Story

Celine Powell, who completed her 'A' Level in product Design with us 2 years ago, visited the school on Thu 18th May to speak to current 'A' level students. Having just completed the 2nd year of her Design Degree at Lincoln University so successfully, Celine was happy to share her experiences as well as her current work.



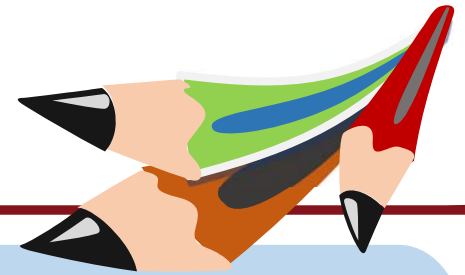
ACADEMY OF SPORTS

Well, what a year it's been in the Academy of Sport. We have had some phenomenal results both on and off the sporting playing fields.

Our year 13 students, who have just completed a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness), have been predicted to achieve some of the best results we have seen in the Academy of Sport since it began in 2007. Last year we had an amazing 75% of students complete the course achieving a minimum of DDD, which is the equivalent to 3 A grades at A level. This year we are predicting an astounding 100% of the year group to achieve a minimum of DDD, this is way above National average and is a testament to the unbelievable efforts of these students and the staff in the Academy of Sport.

We currently have 3 Football Academy students who have taken a scholarship place in America, due to fly out in August of this year, and 3 more students who have been offered a scholarship in August 2018. The students who applied to study at university in the UK, 100% have been offered a place in their first choice university.

This group of students have amazed staff with their positive attitudes, unbelievable work ethic and professionalism both in and out of college. All staff wish them a lot of luck in their endeavours, and we are more than certain they will make a huge success within their chosen pathway.



Football Academy

In this academic year we have had some of the best results from the football students, it is going to be really difficult to retain these titles at this level of competition. However, having met the new recruits in July, we are more than certain we can continue our run of success.

The Girls Football Academy have had some extremely tough games this year, that have really tested the students, both physically and mentally, however they have more than proved their worth with their dedication and commitment to the Academy of Sport. The squad this year managed to make it to the Semi Finals of the ESFA National Cup, which is a phenomenal achievement, a huge well done ladies!

We currently have 2 squads in the Boys Football Academy, who have equally demonstrated an outstanding attitude on the pitch, and worked really well together as a team to achieve some phenomenal results.

The Boys Second team reached the Semi Final of the ESFA National Cup. The First team reached the final of the ECFA National Cup. Collectively the Boys Football Academy are Doncaster Schools Champions, winners of the Doncaster Sixth Form league and Cup, and South Yorkshire Cup winners.

I think you will agree that we have had an amazing season, one we are looking to replicate and build upon for next year. The new students and our current year 12 students are preparing for pre-season training in August so they can literally hit the ground running when their fixtures start in the next academic year.

Coaching and Teaching:

This academic year the year 12 and year 13 students from the Coaching and Teaching Academy have been massively involved in the planning, delivering, leading and hosting Primary school sporting events both in the local community, in Doncaster, and the South Yorkshire School Games.

They have very successfully and professional delivered after school clubs at Mallard primary school, including Football, Rounders, Tri golf, and Rugby. These students have supported Carr Lodge Academy during they're Sports fortnight, and assisted with the running of Balby Central and Owston Parks sports days. Also, the students have assisted within the PE department here at Balby Carr community academy, planning and delivering sessions to the students in Key Stage 3 and 4, helping to enhance and further develop skills and abilities within school sport.

As Volunteers they have officiated, umpired, marshalled and scored for the School games program, at competitions such Football, Boccia and Kurling, Cross country, Athletics, Cheerleading, Tag Rugby, Cricket, Orienteering, Tri-golf, Rounders and the School Games Summer finals. They have also engaged in a PFSA Football scouting qualification, and a Tri-Golf Activators course.

As well as these opportunities, the students have also planned, delivered and evaluated a curriculum of work and sessions at Northridge Community School, a Special educational school in Doncaster.

These students have taken part in a tremendous amount of events, competitions and activities in relation to physical activity and school sport. They are passionate about improving the amount of physical activity young people take part in as well as helping to develop the talented athletes of the future. These students are highly regarded in the local community and we are looking forward to continuing with supporting the provision of school sport within South Yorkshire.

Sports Medicine Academy:

The students within the Sports Medicine academy have had an extremely successful year. These students are not only completing a large number of Sports Therapy related qualifications in addition to the BTEC level 3 qualification, they are also taking part in a number of professional work placements within the NHS and local professional Rugby and Football clubs. These students are all completing personal training qualifications, Sports Massaging, as well as taping and strapping qualifications, with an overall aim to work within Physiotherapy and the Sport Therapy fields. They fully support all the athletes within the Academy of Sport, delivering Strength and Conditioning sessions, and providing pre and post-game treatment for our athletes. They are a vital part of the successes we have on the pitch as well as within the academic studies in the Academy of Sport.



GOLF ACADEMY ROLE OF HONOUR 2016-17

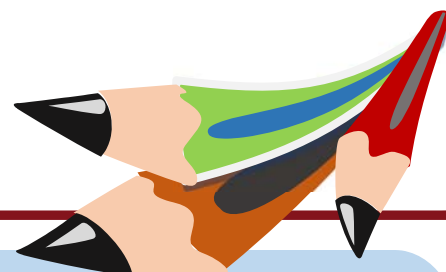
British Colleges National Open Championships: Team Champions at Fairmont St Andrews. Luke Palmowski, Harry Emmingham, Nicola Slater, Owen Musgrave & Tom Guttridge

British Colleges National Open Championships: Nicola Slater Girls Champion (Gross Nett Mixed)

Intercollegiate Tour National Gross & Nett Champions Area C League Gross & Nett Champions "A" squad. Luke Palmowski won the local league order of merit. In the final at Moortown Golf Club Balby came in 6th place (Team Luke Palmowski, Tom Guttridge, Harry Emmingham, Nicola Slater, Harrison Naylor & Owen Musgrave). In the Individual Gross competition Luke Palmowski (77-73-72) finished in 5th place in the boy's event and Nicola Slater finished as Runner Up in the girls event

British Schools & College Golf Tour National final: In the local league Balby "A" squad were winners of the gross league and Balby @B@ squad were winners of the nett leagues. Luke Palmowski won the local league order of merit. We had 8 players reaching the finals. The "A" team squad (Luke Palmowski, Nicola Slater, Harry Emmingham & Tom Guttridge) came in 9th place gross at The Forest of Arden Golf Club in the finals.

Northern Schools Open: At Fleetwood Golf Club Balby entered 3 teams. Northern Schools gross Champions were Tom Guttridge and Luke Palmowski. Individual gross Runner up was Tom Guttridge.



Doncaster Schools Champions (Retford GC)
Luke Palmowski, Tom Gutridge & Harry Emmingham.
Luke Palmowski Gross Champion.

Bassetlaw Schools Champions (Retford GC)

South Yorkshire Schools Runner Up (Hickleton GC) Oliver Sullivan, Kavan Gough & Liam Bennett.
Luke Palmowski South Yorkshire Individual Champion & Harry Emmingham Runner up. Nicola Slater was Girls Champion. Luke Palmowski, Harry Emmingham & Nicola Slater qualified for The North of England Schools Championships at Whickham Golf Club, Durham in May 2017

Yorkshire Schools Team Champions (Low Laithes GC) Luke Palmowski, Oliver Sullivan & Harry Emmingham

English Schools Team Championship (Woodhall Spa Bracken Course) Luke Palmowski, Harry Emmingham & Oliver Sullivan

Academy Golf Tour to Portugal, Tour winner Tom Guttridge, Knock Out Champion Harrison Naylor and Team McClune retain tour team champions

Individual Achievements 2016-2017

Luke Palmowski representing Yorkshire Men's & U18's, Sheffield & District

Men's & U 18's. Oklahoma State University USA

Luke Palmowski, Tom Guttridge, Harry Emmingham, Oliver Sullivan, Harrison Naylor representing Sheffield & District U18's

Owen Musgrave representing Lincolnshire

Nicola Slater representing Yorkshire Ladies Champions at Northern Finals, Faldo Series World Champion U16 girls, Faldo Series Asia Finals Vietnam, Faldo v Els Competition South Africa, Yorkshire Girls Champion,

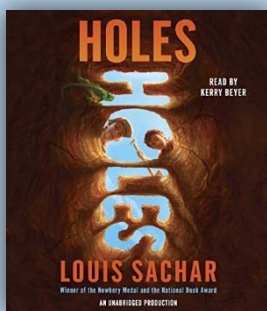
Harry Emmingham Tournament Golf College, Marjon University next year

ENGLISH

Here in English, yet another academic year has flown by and as a team, we have worked hard to ensure that our students were confident in entering their GCSE Language and Literature exams. This year marked the first year without coursework, and, although a daunting prospect at first, through the use of walking/talking mocks, a wealth of mock exam material, and quality first teaching, we were able to ensure that students were as confident as possible when sitting their exams.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March this year, English led on celebrating World Book Day whereby we celebrated and promoted reading for pleasure. As usual, the English staff got dressed up and this year, the theme was Holes by Louis Sachar- lots of bright orange boiler suits; you couldn't miss us! The incredibly supportive PE staff, as always, also got involved and took a left field approach by dressing up as Where's Wally! The day also involved numerous book-related quizzes, including 'guess the autobiography', in which students had to guess staff autobiographies, just from the title. We also held a 'Literary lunch' in which students were invited for a free lunch, book and vouchers that they could put towards buying a new book! Next year, World Book Day will be held on Thursday 1st March and I promise we will celebrate the day in a bigger and better way!

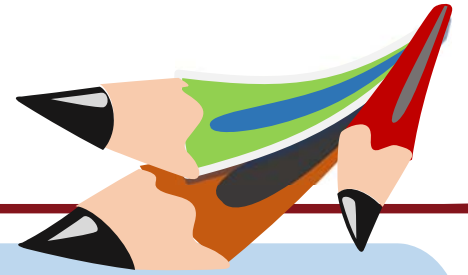


Goodbyes!

For the past seven years, we have had the absolute privilege of having an outstanding member of staff work within the department who is now seeking a new challenge in Thailand (we're not jealous at all!). During his time here, Mr Doherty has been responsible for securing a significant amount of successful results for our students and has been an incredibly dedicated, conscientious and hard-working member of staff who students and staff alike will miss dearly. I'd like to thank Andy on behalf of the whole Academy for the positive impact he's made on the lives of students, past and present.

We will also be saying goodbye (again) to Miss Wild after returning to us and working incredibly hard and continuing to build strong relationships with students. However, we know this is not a goodbye, just a see you soon!





Lake District 2017

On 12th July 2017 we took 29 Y7 students to Great Tower Scout Adventure Centre in Cumbria in the Lake District. The 2 night, 3 day trip included a variety of team building and outdoor activities which were both fun and challenging for the students. The trip focused on helping students to improve their confidence and courage. Students were able to push themselves to their limits taking part in activities such as low ropes, raft building and leap of faith. They had to use their wits and teamwork to complete group problem solving challenges on tree trunks and through outdoor games. They also had to work efficiently in order to create and build their own fire, and use exceptional concentration and aim in order to succeed in archery.

Students this year had the fantastic opportunity to participate in activities on Lake Windermere. Students were lucky enough to take part in raft building and kayaking. As a team, students had to design their own raft using logs, barrels and string. In the process they had to learn to tie various knots. Students then had to create their design before testing it on the water to see if it would float – some designs were much more successful than others!

On the last night students got to show off their singing voices and dance moves at the campfire. They sang their hearts out and afterwards we all toasted marshmallows over the fire. Students rose to the daily 'room inspections' challenge providing outstanding bribes to the judges! In their own time students were very well behaved exploring the site, playing cards and of course looking for 'Peggy'!!!!



We were extremely lucky to have fantastic weather for the whole of the trip. Students were an absolute credit to the school and a particular big shout out needs to go to Emily Miles and Tèa Riley from the Balby Carr Sixth Form Coaching and Teaching Academy. The students attended the trip as assistants and were amazing leaders and role models to the Y7 students – well done girls!!! Top boy and girl of the trip were awarded to Matthew Fletcher and Jorgie Derrick for their amazing attitude, maturity and conduct through the entire trip. The students had a fantastic time and made all of their teachers and leaders proud! An overall fabulous experience for all.

Miss Geldart, Mr Watson, Miss Reed



ATTENDANCE REWARDS



Cinema Experience

On Tuesday 11th July, 160 students were involved in a rewards trip to the Savoy Cinema at Worksop to watch Despicable Me 3.

Students were selected on the criteria they had displayed a positive attitude towards learning, obtained 100% attendance throughout the year and/or had improved attendance were selected from a draw.

The viewing at the cinema was only for Balby Carr students and they thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

More reward activities will be planned for next academic year for those students that have achieved 100% attendance or significantly improved their attendance throughout the year.



Commando Joe

On Friday 14th July, 45 year 7 students were involved in a fun inflatable assault course run by Commando Joe.

The students selected had obtained 100% attendance or had been selected from a prize draw which had been run since May ½ term. The students had a great day and the instructor commented on the outstanding attitude of the students involved.

Miss Brigham

Unstoppable Teen

We had the great privilege of Kevin Mincher from Unstoppable Teen work with our year 10s earlier this term.

Kevin went through his life starting from being born to his time at Sheffield United.

Kevin will be working with us over the coming year inspiring students to set goals for the future.

We will make sure that all students have this fantastic opportunity to work with Kevin as he will be visiting us every month during the new academic year.

Mr Harris

