

July 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this term I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support over the course of the last year. The academy has certainly made significant progress on its journey to 'good,' then 'outstanding' and with your support these improvements will continue.

### **New Local Governing Body (LGB)**

I am pleased to inform you that the academy now has a new LGB that replaces the Interim Executive Committee (IEC). The LGB will work with the WCAT board to ensure that the planned improvements are delivered. The members of the LGB are:

**Jackie Bickerstaffe (Chair)**

**James Gittins**

**Tina Slater (Vice-Chair)**

**Mark Ladley**

**John Innes (Headteacher)**

**John Owens**

**Lorraine Burton**

**Richard Stuart**

**Graham Moffatt**

There will be further information on the school website from September.

### **Academy Telephone Number**

In response to requests from parents/carers the 0845 345 1629 will be withdrawn from September. Please use **01302 312140** with immediate effect to contact the school. The stationery and website will be updated over the summer to reflect the change.

## **Energy Drinks: Banned from September 2015**

In light of recent advice from the Department of Education and growing concerns around the impact of these drinks on young people, 'Energy Drinks' (including Monster, Red Bull, Relentless) will not be allowed in school from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

The British soft drinks association (BSDA) support this stance stating "we are clear that energy drinks are not recommended for children, and we want to get that message across to young people and their parents."

## **Academy Uniform**

The new uniform introduced last September looks incredibly smart. There are no changes for September 2015 and confirmation of the requirements are shown below. Further information and pictures are available on the website.

Uniform:

- Black school trousers (full length) or black skirt (below the knee)
- As an alternative a black Salwar Kameez may be worn.
- White collared shirt and formal school tie
- BCCA blazer
- Optional plain black V Neck jumper (no logos)
- Black shoes (no boots or trainers) please see the website for a brochure showing examples of suitable school shoe styles (please note we are not endorsing Wynsors, but want to show these as examples).
- Coats should not be worn in the classroom

Students should not have:

- Fashion hoodies or jumpers
- Shapes cut into their hair styles
- Extreme hair colour
- Body piercings
- Visible tattoos 'It is an offence to tattoo a person under the age of eighteen in the UK'

School blazers and ties can be purchased from Cliffs, 11A-15 Printing Office St, Doncaster DN1 1TJ, Telephone 01302 342983.

Trousers/Shirts etc can be purchased from any retailer such as Tesco, BHS, Asda, Sainsbury's etc.

PE Kit:

- White sports t-shirt with Academy logo
- Black shorts with Academy logo (summer)
- Black tracksuit bottoms with Academy logo (winter)
- Black tracksuit top with Academy logo (winter)
- Trainers

The PE Kit can be purchased from [www.live4soccer.co.uk](http://www.live4soccer.co.uk), there is a link on the website.

Jewellery

- 1 small ring
- 1 watch
- 1 small pair of stud earrings
- A plain black belt

### **Mobile phones and hand held devices**

Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the Academy during or between lessons. Due to health and safety precautions the wearing of headphones with accompanying wires is not allowed and if used inappropriately, will be confiscated until the end of the day. Repeat offenders will have them confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them.

### **Key Dates**

**End of Term;** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**September start for students;** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am.

**Autumn Term 1:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

(Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015)

**Autumn Term 2:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

(Half Term; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016)

**Spring Term 1:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016

(Half Term; Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016)

**Spring Term 2:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

(Half Term; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016)

**Summer Term 1:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

(Half Term; Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016)

**Summer Term 2:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Summer Holidays 2016:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016)

Please ensure that you use the above dates to ensure students are not taken out of school during term time.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all our students back in September. Remember for all the latest news and updates please use our website [www.balbycarr.org.uk](http://www.balbycarr.org.uk) and follow us on Twitter @BalbyCarrCA.

Yours Sincerely

John Innes

Headteacher