

Dear Parent/carer,

As part of the Academy's drive for improvement there is a need for us to challenge and provide for all of our students and ensure that any student who has a particular talent or skill is recognised. Every child is unique and each has their own individual strengths and talents that may not necessarily be evident within their academic progress. At Balby Carr we want to ensure that any student who may have a particular talent or skill is identified on our 'Talented Students at Balby' register.

Talented students are defined as those with practical abilities 'significantly above average' in the arts, sport, personal, interpersonal, vocational and entrepreneurial areas as well as academic subjects. This student is one with the potential to develop skills significantly ahead of their year group, or one who already exhibits skills developed beyond those of their year group. They may not be 'Academically More Able' but they may be talented in a subject, skill or specialism.

We aim to excel at bringing out the best in students for their future success by:

- Identifying the talented students as early as possible;
- Involving parents/carers and students in the provision for the talented students, supporting students and their parents/carers in order that their full potential is met;
- Ensuring full entitlement and access for talented students to high quality education within a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum so that they can reach their full potential;
- Providing increased opportunities for talented students within the classroom as well as offering enrichment activities when appropriate;
- Stimulating and maintaining student curiosity, interest and enjoyment in their own education.

As part of this initiative we have asked all staff members to nominate any student who they feel may exhibit talents in their subject area so that we can create a record of these students. To ensure that we are not overlooking any students' talents we would like you to complete the attached nomination form if you feel your child has a particular talent or strength in a particular area. We can then monitor your child in the relevant subject area and give careful consideration to whether it is appropriate to add them to our *Talented Students at Balby* register. Once this is completed you will be advised of our decision in due course. Students who display talents in any subject area will be nurtured and developed by subject staff to ensure that they can meet their full potential in this area and their progress closely monitored.

If you require any further information about this then please do not hesitate to contact me using the details given below.

Mrs L Tester

Assistant Headteacher