

EVENT TO HIGHLIGHT FREE FAMILY SUPPORT

SUPPORT for families across the borough will be on the agenda at an event hosted by a Doncaster secondary school this month.

Balby Carr Community Academy is holding its tenth family support and advice fair to showcase local services that offer practical resources to Doncaster residents.

More than 30 exhibitors with expert knowledge of family support such as learning and training opportunities, housing, community facilities, debt, health, careers and child support will be among those providing information.

Staff from the Money Matters project run by Doncaster West Development Trust (DWDT) will share their tips for budgeting, saving and cutting costs as well as giving details of a new one-to-one debt support service. They will also invite people to take part in a free competition to win a supermarket hamper by guessing the price.

The school's careers service, Victim Support and organisations supporting homeless people and young parents will also be represented.

These regular events have previously attracted up to 800 people, demonstrating the need for wide-ranging advice. Jessica Congreve of Balby Carr said the event was open to all members of the community including other schools and agencies.

"It's a chance to see what support and information is available in the hope of increasing the support network to local people," she explained. "It also serves as a really positive networking opportunity for professionals."

The advice fair takes place on Thursday, November 27 between 10am and 3pm in the main hall of Balby Carr Academy on Weston Road. It is free to attend and refreshments will be available.

Anyone interested in exhibiting at the event can contact Jessica Congreve on 0845 3451629.

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Caption: MONEY MATTERS: Carol Ogle of DWDT will be among those offering support and advice to local residents.

Editors' notes:

About Doncaster West Development Trust: DWDT is a not-for-profit company founded in 1993 and based at The Terrace in Conisbrough. As a social

enterprise, it helps communities to become more sustainable by working with local people to develop regeneration projects. Operating across Doncaster, its staff work on an outreach basis to provide services including money management advice and access to education, training and employment opportunities.

About Balby Carr Community Academy:

Balby Carr is a vibrant and rapidly improving 11 - 18 Community Academy serving the districts of Balby and Hexthorpe in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. It was redesignated as a Specialist Sports and Science College in November 2007 and are the Ogden Trust Physics Hub for South Yorkshire. . It forges close community links and encourages the involvement of parents and partners in numerous aspects of school life. The school converted to an Academy on 1st November 2013 in conjunction with City Academy Wakefield, an Outstanding School serving a similar community to Balby and Hexthorpe.

The school currently has 1300 Students, including over 300 in the Sixth Form.

For more information: Contact Jessica Congreve on 0845 3451629.