

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent transition events we would like to thank the students for the way they responded to the activities in school and to staff at the University of Huddersfield. Both days were informative with students receiving information about the university life including student budgeting. Students have also attended taster sessions in subjects that they are thinking of studying in year 12. Students need to ensure that they complete the transition work set in any subject they wish to study next year. Booklets have been given out and this information is also available on the school website in the sixth form section.

### **GCSE Exam Results**

As you are aware the GCSE examination results will be available from school on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August** between **10.00am and 2.00pm**. Results will be available in the Sixth Form Centre, there will be staff and friends to share in your success, and there will be refreshments available. If you wish to have your exam results posted home then you need to provide reception with a self-addressed envelope **no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Advice sessions:** When you have received your results you may want to talk to someone about your next steps. Staff will be available in the Sixth Form Centre at the following times during the holiday to support, help and advise:

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – Drop in**

**MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST from 10.00am – 3.00pm. – appointments made on results day**

**TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST from 10.00am-3.00pm – appointments made on results day**

Careers information advice and guidance will also be available from the Independent Careers Advisor, John Jackson. Support can be offered about all options including sixth form, FE Colleges and the apprenticeship route. If you are intending to look for an apprenticeship you can contact the Participation Team on 01302 862151 for information about any support that they may be able to provide. The Participation Team can also discuss registering for extended child benefit and any other benefits you may be able to claim. Alternatively, you can access information from the careers service website, [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)

The College is required to register what you have gone on to do once you leave Balby Carr. We may phone or text you to ascertain your chosen pathway should you choose not to return to Balby Carr.

**Returning to Balby Carr Community Academy :** If you have previously completed an application form and have had an interview you will already have received a letter offering you a place. However, it is very important that you complete the enclosed options form to **confirm your subject choices** once you have your results. **You must return this to the Sixth Form Centre no later than Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 12pm.** This will enable us to organise mentor and teaching groups prior to the start of term. All students who have not already obtained a grade C or above in English and/or Maths must follow a programme of study in the relevant subject. This will be an expectation of your return to study in year 12.

**Arrangements for the Start of Term :** Term begins for Year 12 on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September,** All students are to register in the Sixth Form Centre at 8.30am.

### **Changes to the school day**

As the students start their year 13 courses we are eagerly looking forward to September and the improvements to the sixth form that will take effect. The students will benefit from the **new dedicated study and social space** with their own entrance where they will sign in and out of school. Students will need to be in school **from 8:30 until at least 2:40 each day** and, when not in lessons, may use the new space or the SFC which they currently have as well as the library and department areas. Outside of timetabled lessons, students need to be completing at least five hours of independent study for each subject/A level they study as well as contributing to the wider life of the school and undertaking work experience where appropriate.

Students will have the opportunity to choose up to four hours per week as their social time; they will be able to take advantage of the social area during these times and, if they allocate the lesson before lunch as social time, they can leave for lunch up to twenty minutes earlier than students in KS4 and KS3.

### **Dress code**

As part of our efforts to drive up standards we have also developed the dress code for sixth form students. From September the dress code will be:

- Smart black trousers (no studs)
- Smart black skirt with tights (female)
- Black shoes
- Collared shirt, short or long sleeved
- Blouse (female)
- Blazer / cardigan / jumper

Please note that the following items of clothing will not be appropriate:

- T Shirts / Polo shirts
- Any item with an offensive / socially or culturally inappropriate image or message
- Hats / fascinators
- Leggings
- Hoodies
- Jeans or denim of any kind
- Trainers or canvas shoes
- Or any item of clothing that is too revealing i.e. strappy tops

We are committed to creating the best possible climate for learning where each student can grow and progress to reach their full potential. We hope that we can count on your continued support as we continue our journey to developing an outstanding sixth form.

We wish you well for results day and look forward to seeing you in Year 12 in September. If you have other plans for next year, we wish you much happiness and success.

If you have any queries please contact sixth form reception on 01302 312140.

Yours sincerely,

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