



CARLTON

BOLLING

Tuesday, 18 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the final term, I would like to start by thanking you for the continued support you have given our entire school community since we returned in January. We continue to fulfil the Academy's vision of having *uncompromising aspirations for all our students and being an exceptional and inspirational community of lifelong learners*. Our core values, Ambition, Respect and Resilience, continue to underpin everything that we do at Carlton Bolling.

As ever, we are very proud of how well pupils settled into the rhythm of school life, participating in high-quality learning in lessons and the wider curriculum offered through our Carlton Edge programme.

There have been a range of experiences which have complimented learning, including Science week projects created by key stage 3 pupils; Pupils who have selected Triple Science next year took part in a Neuroscience workshop; Next Gen Leaders spent the day raising awareness amongst young drivers at the University of Bradford; All of year 9 visited the city of York including a tour of the University of York and York Minister. We had over 40+ activities running after school each day with high numbers of sporting fixtures. For more information about the activities and events please follow our Twitter account: [Carlton Bolling \(@CarltonBolling\) / Twitter](#)

As we move towards the summer term, I want to wish our Year 11 students the best of luck as they start the final push towards their exams. Revision activities and websites will now become a big part of their lives as they drive to achieve the successes they deserve.

Student Expectations

At the beginning of each term, we remind students about our expectations in school regarding conduct and attendance. So that parents and carers can support their child in meeting these expectations, I will briefly outline them below. If you wish to have further detail please refer to Carlton Academy Trust's Behaviour Policy and the Attendance and punctuality policy which can be found on the Trust website by clicking [here](#).

Students should:

- Attend school every day, on time and be punctual to lessons, fully equipped for all learning activities.
- Wear full uniform, including lanyards at all times, including on journeys to and from school and whilst in school.
- Demonstrate politeness and respect to all adults and students at all times.
- Respect the learning environment and the property of others.
- Move and behave safely around the school building and within lessons.
- Respond immediately and without argument to the instructions of staff.

In addition to this, students are not allowed to wear jewellery other than a watch and one pair of ear -studs and a small nose stud if they choose to. Heavy makeup, false eyelashes and false nails are not permitted in school.

These expectations are checked every day. Breaches will result in a same-day detention. You will be informed of this by your child's Head of Year by phone call or text message.

If your contact details are not up to date, please contact reception at your earliest convenience so that we can update your details on the school system. It is vital that we can communicate effectively with you whenever issues arise.

Parking near and around the Academy

May I please remind parents to be considerate when collecting and dropping students off in cars. There are concerns raised around parking on footpaths causing students to walk on the road. I have forwarded concerns flagged by the community around parking to the local police, who have since visited after school to support with traffic.

Upcoming events and key dates

We have some exciting and informative events planned for the next half term to continue to build our inclusive caring culture and ethos, these include:

- Friday 21st of April – School Closed
- Monday 24th of April – Culture Day and Eid celebration with students [non-uniform day]
- Monday 1st of May – Early May Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th of May – Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
- Thursday 11th of May - Year 7 parents' evening
- Monday 15th of May - Year 11 GCSE examinations begin
- Friday 26th of May – Break for May half term

Proposed strike dates [more information to follow]:

Thursday 27th of April and Tuesday 2nd of May

Changes to the school day from September 2023

As a result of the national proposal for all schools to be open for 32.5 hours a week, which was announced by the Secretary of State for Education; the Academy has been considering the start and end of day timings for pupils from September 2023. Although the amount of learning time at Carlton Bolling currently exceeds the national expectations for Secondary aged pupils, the length of our current school day means our school week is slightly shorter than the proposed 32.5 hours.

We have, therefore, concluded that the easiest way to meet the government's expectations for the length of the school week, causing the least inconvenience and disruption to pupils and parents, would be to slightly extend the start and end of the school day for pupils.

The table below shows the current timings and the proposed changes from September 2023.

Current Start Time	Current End Time Mon - Thurs	Current End Time Friday
Students are expected to be in lessons at 8.25 am	Students leave school at 2.40 pm	Students leave school at 1.00 pm

Proposed Start Time	Proposed End Time Mon - Thurs	Proposed End Time Friday
Students are expected to be in lessons at 8.15 am	Students leave school at 3.10 pm	Students leave school at 1.10 pm

Before we implement these timings, we would like to consult with parents and hear any thoughts you may have on what we are proposing. If you would like to make any comments about the changes, you can do so by sending an email to cbconsultation@cb.catrust.uk. The closing date for comments to be submitted is Friday 28th April 2023. Any comments that are received will be given due consideration and you may be contacted for further discussion. Once this consultation period has ended, and the Academy has made a final decision on the new timings of the school day to commence from September 2023, we will contact parents again to confirm these.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Azum
Head of School