

Monday, 12 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you and your family are well and have been able to enjoy the good weather during the break. I also hope the students have been looking forward to their return to school and the start of the final half term of the summer. We continue to fulfil the Academy's vision of having *uncompromising aspirations for all of our students and to be 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 offer through our Carlton Edge programme.

There has been a range of experiences which have complimented learning including:

- Our Next Gen Leaders returned from the regional championship with an amazing five trophies!
- Year 9 girls archery sessions resumed
- Year 9 visit to the University of Hull as part of the Sparks project
- Year 10 visit to the Alhambra to watch An Inspector Calls
- DofE visit to Malham Cove
- Communal Eid Party
- Over 40 sporting and extra-curricular events before and after school

For more information about the activities and events please follow our Twitter account: [Carlton Bolling \(@CarltonBolling\) / Twitter](#)

Attendance and punctuality to the Academy

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day. Your support for their education is invaluable, and the benefits they gain from being at school every day cannot be underestimated. Students who arrive late on a morning to school are impacting on their learning time and the consistency of the school day. More information including tips and guidance on attendance can be found on the Bradford Council website by clicking [here](#).

Students' must arrive no later than 8:20am every morning. We are aware that roads surrounding the area are often busy, so please consider this in your departure time. This is causing significant issues for a few our students as they are gaining an increasing number of detentions as well as missing essential learning.

Parking near and around the Academy

May I please remind parents to be considerate when collecting and dropping students off in cars. There have been 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.

PE Kit and Expectations

The PE department at Carlton Bolling promote a healthy active lifestyle by providing equal opportunities for all students to create a lifelong love of sport and physical activity whether that is in school, in further education or in the workplace. We do this by encouraging participation, coaching, leadership and officiating within lessons. In order for this to happen all students need to be in PE kit for all lessons.

If students are injured, they need to get a handwritten note from home excusing them from PE but they still bring their kit along so they can participate within the lesson. We will not go against the note; students can coach, lead and or officiate when injured.

We thank you for your support with these expectations:

- All students bring the correct PE kit to school; including those who are to be excused
- Students who are excused have a handwritten note from home excusing them

Year 11 study leave

Year 11 students have started their study leave and are only expected to attend school for their examinations. Can I please reiterate the importance of attending the examinations in full uniform and equipped for the exam. More details will follow in regards to the Celebration Evening and the summer results day.

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.

Thank you to everybody who contributed towards the consultation, and I am pleased to announce the following changes to the school day below

The table below shows the proposed changes from September 2023.

September 2023 Start Time	September 2023 End Time Mon - Thurs	September 2023 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

Upcoming events

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

Trips:

- 13th to 15th June – Year 9 Seaside Trip
- 20th to 22nd June – Year 8 Countryside trip
- 10th to 12th July – Year 10 Malham trip

Internal events and examinations:

- 21st June to 3rd July – Year 10 PPE [Mock Exams]
- 26th June to 7th July – KS3 [Year 7 to Year 9] end of year examinations
- Thursday 13th July – Year 10 parents evening
- Tuesday 18th July – KS3 Graduation
- Thursday 20th July – Summer Showcase
- Wednesday 26th July – Break up for summer holidays
- Monday 4th September – Students return to school

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Azum
Head of School