



Baskerville School

Newsletter



11 September 2015

Dates for This Term

Please note the following events scheduled for this term:

Wednesday 14 October - Awards Evening (Normal school day for students. Students receiving awards / certificates and their families / carers will be invited to attend the evening ceremony)

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October - Staff Training Days (School closed to students)

Monday 26 to Friday 30 October - Half Term

Wednesday 11 November - Parents / Carers Evening (Parents / Carers will be invited to make appointments to meet teachers / residential staff 4-6pm)



TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Thursday 3.9.15 to
Wednesday
21.10.15*

HALF TERM

Monday 2.11.15 to
Friday 18.12.15
(Students will go
home at 2.30 pm on
the last day of term)

* **Staff training days:**
Thursday 22.10.15
and Friday 23.10.15.
School will be closed
to students.

Spring Term

Tuesday 5.1.16* to
Friday 12.2.16
HALF TERM
Tuesday 23.2.16* to
Thursday 24.3.16
(Students will go
home at 2.30 pm on
the last day of term)

* **Staff training days:**
Monday 4.1.16 and
Monday 22.2.16.
School will be closed
to students.

Summer Term

Tuesday 12.4.16* to
Friday 27.5.16
HALF TERM
Monday 6.6.16 to
Friday 22.7.16

* **Staff training day:**
Monday 11.4.16.
School will be closed
to students.

(Students will go
home at 2.30 pm on
the last day of term)

What Do Our School Governors Do?

The Governing Body of our school is composed of representatives from the key groups involved in our school – parents, staff, the Local Authority and co-opted members from the local community. Some Governors are appointed and some are elected. All serve the school on a voluntary basis. The Governors are the strategic leaders of our school and play a vital role in making sure every student gets the best possible education. In Baskerville School, the Governing Body places a strong focus on the following:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its students and also for the appraisal of all staff;
- Monitoring the performance and progress of all of our students;
- Working with the staff to ensure a high standard in the teaching and care of our students;
- Planning ahead so that the performance of our students and our school continues to improve; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.



The full Governing Body meets together at least once a term. There are also three committees: the Finance Committee, the School Improvement Committee and the Buildings and Premises Committee that focus on specific areas in the running of the school. School Governors also regularly carry out unannounced inspections of the school's residential units.

The Governors are always keen to hear the views of parents, carers, staff and students so please feel free to contact any Governor if you have any concerns, suggestions or positive comments about the school. For more details about individual school Governors, please visit our school website.

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New School Governor

A warm welcome to Nabila Zulfiqa who was appointed as a co-opted governor on the school's governing body in May 2015.

Nabila is a solicitor by profession and is currently the Chief Adjudicator for the Solicitors Regulation Authority. She has also been the Council Solicitor of the General Teaching Council, head of Children' Legal Services (East) for Birmingham City Council and was a governor at Yarnfield Primary school in Tyseley. Nabila is also currently serving on several professional bodies and as a mentor for a charity called Mosaic which involves going in to schools and mentoring children who are under-achieving. We are sure that with her passion, experience and expertise, Nabila will join forces with our governors to make sure our students gets the best possible education!



School Uniform and Personal Properties

The vast majority of students came back to school looking very smart in their school uniform. We appreciate the effort parents and carers have made to ensure that students wear the required school uniform.

Please don't forget to check your child's personal belongings, school uniforms and PE kits etc and make sure they **all have your child's name clearly written or sewn on them**. If you have any queries relating to uniform **please contact Pat or Becky**.



Farewell to Jodie

We would like to say a special



THANK YOU to Jodie, our piano teacher who has come into school to give piano lessons to our students over many years. All staff and students will miss her greatly and wish her all the best for the future in her new job. As the Music Service is no longer able to provide visiting music teachers for instrument lessons at school free of charge, any parents who would like to pay for their child to continue with or start piano lessons at school can contact Matt O'Neill, our Assistant Head Teacher (Pastoral) to discuss future arrangements.

QAC Open Days

Queen Alexandra College

Queen Alexandra College will host the following open days:

Wednesday 16th September 9.30am – 12pm

Wednesday 21st October 1.30pm – 4pm

Thursday 26th November 9.30am – 12pm

The events allow families/carers and potential students to explore their post secondary school options and offer the opportunity to discover more about QAC. Visits are booked on a first come first served basis by calling 0121 428 5041.



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Free Short Breaks

Sense is working with Birmingham City Council to provide free short breaks to children and young people with complex needs. A series of three flexible, individualised and fun-filled residential short breaks can be offered for each young person during school holidays over the next 12 months. To find out more, please contact Matt O'Neill, our Assistant Head Teacher (Pastoral).



Autism and Relationships, Puberty, Sex and Sexuality

The 'Relationships 2015' conference is organised by the National Autistic Society. It will give you tools and strategies to use at home, in the classroom or in other learning environments so that you can offer information and support, and help people with autism to make the right choices for them. It will take place on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at Villa Park. There will be presentations on challenging expectations around love and relationships and also an insider's view on puberty, relationships and sexuality for teenagers, and interactive seminars on issues such as teaching the difference between public and private behaviour, staying safe, and how to deliver group work on sex and relationships. All delegates attending this event will have free access to the Autism Central exhibition organised by the Queen Alexandra College at the same venue on the day. To find out more, call Janet Matthews on 0115 911 3367.