



22 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Invitation – DCC Leading Learners programme re-launch 28 April 2021**

In January, I wrote to you to tell you about the partnership with the Rotary Club of Dundee, Dundee City Council and our school. Dundee City Council secured funding to develop a bespoke teacher/pupil mentoring programme to support attainment and achievement in the senior phase.

The programme - 'DCC Leading Learners' - was created in consultation with the Headteacher of the schools involved and the DCC Learning and Teaching Team.

Based on your child's December 2020 school report, we had identified that your child was either underachieving or at risk of not achieving 1 or more Higher qualifications. Therefore, we contacted you to inform you that we had allocated a place for your child on the programme.

This meant that your child was given access to their own personal Baldragon Academy teacher mentor/coach. These designated, and upskilled staff, were assigned to work alongside your child to help build their learning capacity, introduce them to effective learning strategies, and support them to implement these strategies in order to release their potential and overcome the challenges and difficulties in their identified areas of learning.

Following lockdown 2, we know that this support is more important than ever as we enter phase 2 of the SQA Alternative Certification Model 2021. Therefore, we are re-launching the programme on Wednesday 28 April at 3.45pm in our school assembly hall/atrium. **I would like your child to attend this re-launch to help build on the fantastic support they have received so far and to keep momentum. I am also aware that due to lockdown 2 and remote working, some invited young people did not engage. This re-launch is also an opportunity for a fresh start into the programme for invited young people who found lockdown 2 particularly challenging.** The next few weeks are vital for your child's attainment and achievement and I highly recommend that your child fully embraces this individualised support we are offering.

The afterschool session will run for approximately 1 hour and will involve supports from the teacher mentors/coaches as well as input from learning specialists within Dundee City Council and myself. We will also provide food and refreshments for all pupils – pizza night!

I do hope that both you and your child will fully embrace this opportunity for additional support. If you, or your child, opt out of this support then I will be contacting you directly to allow me to better understand what additional strategies/supports you intend to put in place to support your child's learning in place of this support.

Yours faithfully

**Mr McAninch**  
Headteacher