

Dear parents

I am writing to you with news of an exciting opportunity for your child.

As a result of our successful application, Ballard school is the lucky recipient of a fully-funded grant to run an EU Erasmus+ project entitled '*Better Together: Opening young minds to the positive re-branding of age.*'

The Erasmus+ project is a British Council initiative which was established to broaden the horizons of pupils and teachers within the European Union. The focus is primarily cultural, in that it seeks to promote diversity and to celebrate differences within our communities.

This programme is an excellent opportunity for your child to:

- Become a global citizen by undertaking a variety of cultural events including: the arts, languages, music, cookery, debate and presentations.
- Participate in cultural visits to our partner school in Italy and to host Italian students in return.
- Be a part of a social research project which impacts on citizens 'in the real world'.
- Work with national charities in making a positive difference to our world.

This project will touch upon a wide range of curriculum subjects: it is not simply a language exchange and as such, there is no requirement for your child to speak another language- unless of course they wish to!

Students have now been introduced to the project and those students who are interested have been asked to apply for their place on this programme by submitting a **letter of application**. This should be no more than 300 words in length, outlining their reasons for wanting to participate and how they feel they could contribute to the project. The deadline for this application is **Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>** to me, in person, please.

I hope that you feel as enthused about this initiative as I do; and that you share in my belief that as an international school, this enrichment project offers a wonderful opportunity for Ballard students to become even more socially involved. Alongside of a sense of reward and achievement, it is also important to note that there is a high degree of personal commitment required- on the part of the student- in attending regular meetings and completing case studies.

The following online sites are relevant and accessible and should offer you further details about the work of The British Council and the Erasmus+ programme:

[www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org).

[www.erasmusplus.org](http://www.erasmusplus.org).

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you need further information:

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With best wishes,

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