

21st February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for attending the Year 9 Parents' Evening which took place last week. It was lovely to see so many supportive parents' and carers' as well as our Year 9 students. We hope you found the evening informative in terms of key learning habits, and gained an understanding of the extensive academic and pastoral support available for our students.

BPS Learning Habits

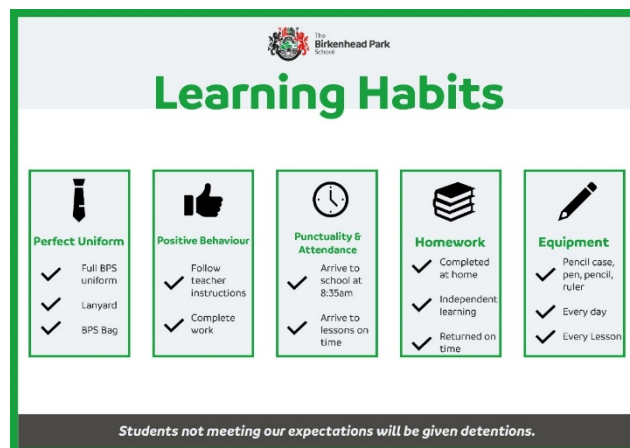
We have now embedded the learning habits of perfect uniform, positive behaviour, attendance/punctuality and have implemented our fourth learning habit – homework. The vast majority of our students attend school on time, every day, in full uniform and complete their homework. As shared before half term we are now introducing our fifth learning habit – equipment.

Learning Habit – Equipment

Students are required to have the following items:

- Pencil case
- 1 black or blue pen
- 1 red pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighter

It is important that students are fully equipped for all lessons as this maximises learning time for students, if a student does not have the relevant equipment it can be purchased from the school shop before school, at breaktime and lunchtime. Please support your child to meet these expectations.



Perfect Uniform	Positive Behaviour	Punctuality & Attendance	Homework	Equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full BPS uniform ✓ Lanyard ✓ BPS Bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow teacher instructions ✓ Complete work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Arrive to school at 8:35am ✓ Arrive to lessons on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed at home ✓ Independent learning ✓ Returned on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler ✓ Every day ✓ Every Lesson

Students not meeting our expectations will be given detentions.

Ofsted - Parent View Year 9

As you may be aware, schools and academies in the UK are subject to short notice Ofsted inspections. This means that we will receive a call the afternoon before the team are due to visit us. Ofsted believe that by doing this '*parents and all those interested in what is happening in our schools can have absolute confidence in Ofsted's findings.*'

We are therefore encouraging you to use Ofsted's on-line facility; 'Parent View' to offer your thoughts about The Birkenhead Park School.

Your views are important to us and are used to continue to make improvements at the school in order to support all our students.

The link that you will require to complete the online questionnaire is:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Attendance

As a rapidly improving school our greatest challenge is improving student attendance, the biggest threat to their future success is their lack of attendance.

There is no reason for children who attend Birkenhead Park School to attend less than their peers at other schools across the country. Your child will compete against these other students to gain the best GCSEs possible and the surest way to undermine your own child's success is to allow them to take time off. We need to work together to improve the life chances of the children who attend Birkenhead Park School.

I do hope that you will take this opportunity to complete the survey. Do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Mee
Head of School