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# ONE MISSION



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# **Welcome to Barnsley Academy**

## **Thursday, 27 June 2024**

Ambition | Determination | Respect

**Stephen Pitcher**  
**Principal** (from September)



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# Our mission (why we exist)

To provide a **world-class education** so students have the **choice** to attend a **top university** or a **real alternative**.



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# Our shared values (how we behave)

## **Ambition** comes with taking responsibility

To achieve the best for ourselves and others; we do not settle for the ordinary.

## **Determination** is demonstrated by hard work

To overcome obstacles and reach success.

## **Respect** is acted out by showing kindness and gratitude

Show due consideration for the feelings, values and beliefs of others.



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# Work hard. Be kind.



A man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, stands next to a smiling woman with dark hair in a black top. They are both looking down at a document held by the woman. In the background, other people are visible in an outdoor setting with trees and a fence. The text 'Unapologetically ambitious' is overlaid in large white font.

**‘Unapologetically  
ambitious’**



‘Unashamedly academic’



Purposeful, happy and  
fulfilled lives

# Purpose of this afternoon

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- Ensure a smooth start to September.
- Answer frequently asked questions.
- Set the scene for the next five years and how we can work together to get the best for your child.



# What students can expect from us...

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- Students at the centre of everything we do
- Hard-working staff
- Excellent lessons
- Support that meets your child's needs
- A strong, engaging curriculum and lots of extra-curricular opportunities
- Skills students need to succeed in life
- Excellent advice, guidance and support
- A safe and inclusive school – warm, but strict
- A promise that we will always listen
- Rewards for working hard and being kind



# What we expect from students...

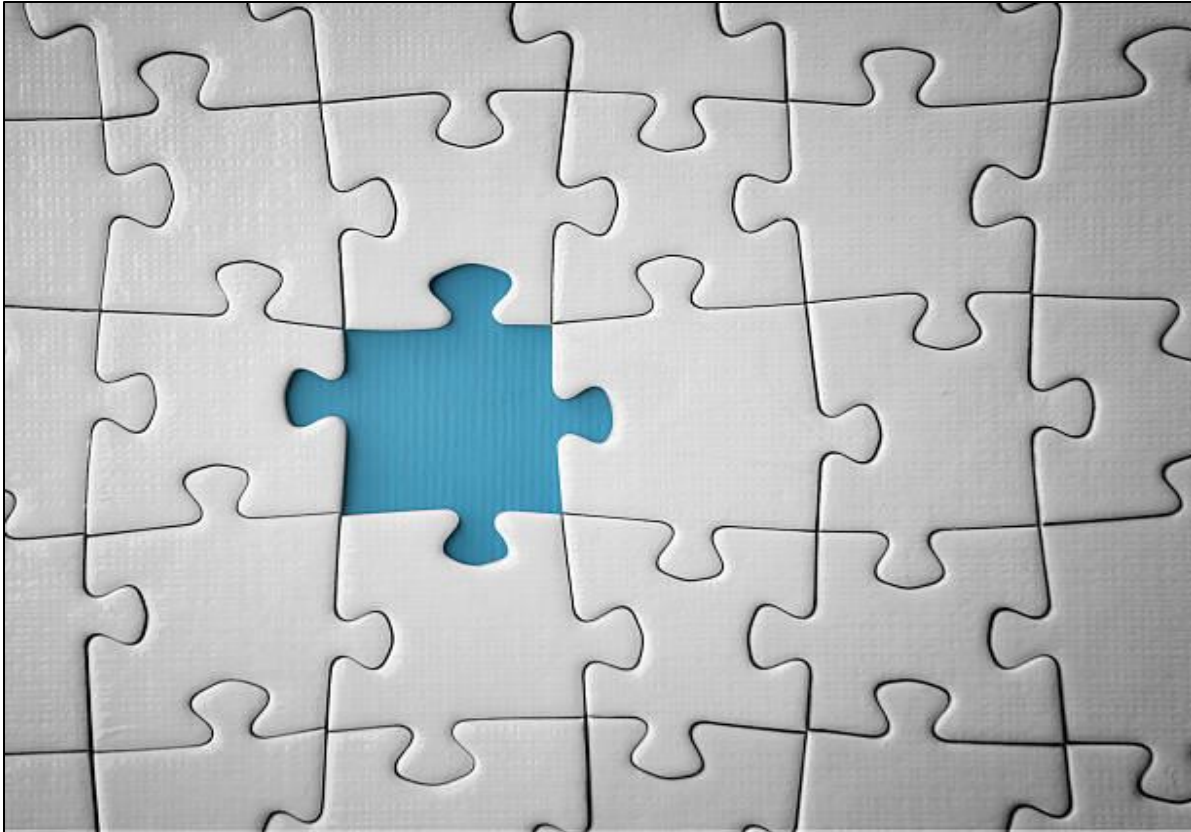
- Perfect uniform
- Outstanding behaviour in lessons and around school
- Always ready to learn
- Excellent engagement in lessons
- Outstanding progress every lesson
- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Valuing every lesson, every day
- To support and respect each other
- To respect the school environment
- To build high aspirations



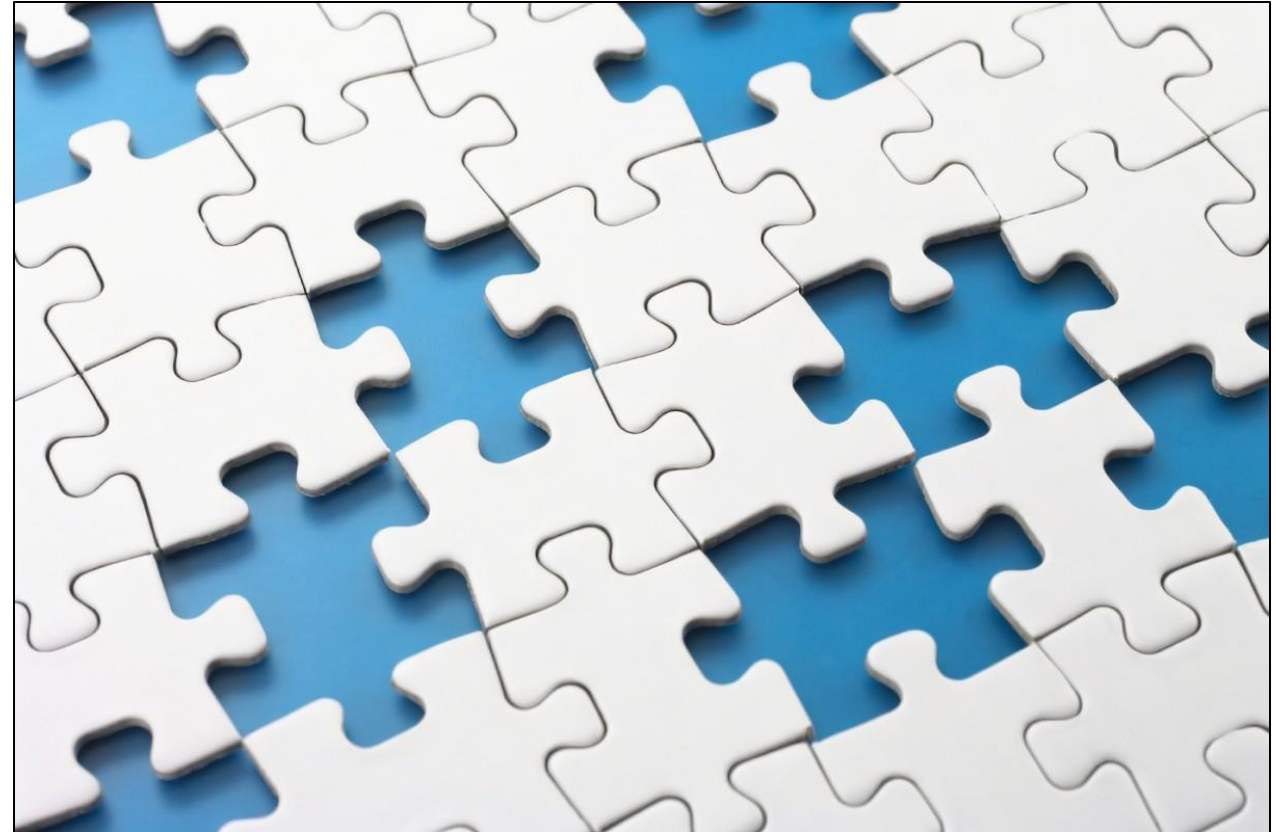
# What we expect from students...outstanding attendance.

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**Good Attendance**



**Poor Attendance**



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# What we expect from the school/home relationship...

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- Ambition
- Determination
- Respect
  
- Support
- Fair challenge
- Trust
- Tolerance
- Positive, solution-focused
- Good communication



Work hard.  
Be kind.



# Preparing for September

Ambition | Determination | Respect



# Transition Days – July 16-17

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- Transition days for all students will take place on Tuesday, 16 July and Wednesday, 17 July.
- Aims: to support our 2024 Year 7 cohort to become familiar with the building, key staff and expectations around how life works here at Barnsley Academy.
- Students should arrive by 8.15am and will finish at 2.50pm.
- Students can attend transition in their primary school uniform or a white shirt with trousers or skirt.
- A free lunch will be provided for all students on both days.



# Enhanced Transition

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- On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July (1.30-2.40pm), our SEND team will be completing an enhanced transition with a small group of students.
- Students have been identified by primary schools as requiring a bespoke, supported transition programme.
- Please speak to the SEND team if you have any questions around this or any concerns about potential barriers to learning for your child.



# School Day Structure

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## ■ Arrival – 8.15am

Form Time	8:20 am	8:50 am
Period 1	8:50 am	10:05 am
Break Time	10:05 am	10:25 am
Period 2	10:25 am	11:40 am
Period 3	11:40 am	12:55 pm
Lunch	12:55 pm	13:35 pm
Period 4	13:35 pm	14:50 pm
Period 5 & Extra Curricular	14:50 pm	15:40 pm



# Uniform and school bag

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Uniform shop will have the following:

- Barnsley Academy blazer
- Barnsley Academy tie
- Barnsley Academy trousers / skirt
- Plain black shoes (polishable)
- No jewellery / piercings



We will provide on the first day:

- Free school bag (for free) \*
- Pencil case
- School planner and timetable



\* The Barnsley Academy school bag will be provided at no cost and is part of the compulsory uniform list for all new Year 7 students.

# Homework in Year 7

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- Maths and English are important subjects both in school and beyond.
- Students will have compulsory weekly online homework set on:
  - Sparx Maths
  - Sparx Reader
- Completing this every week for the year equates to 10 additional weeks of Maths / English lessons.
- We will have computer room opens Monday to Thursday 2:50pm to 3:30pm for students to complete homework.



# Music at Barnsley Academy

- Proud partner school with the Music in Secondary School Trust.
- Students in Year 7 follow the Andrew Lloyd Webber music programme.
- Half of Year 7 will learn the viola and the other half will learn the trombone.
- Students will be able to take the music instrument home to practice.
- Opportunities for some to attend residencies and perform on stage in London.



# Online safety and mobile phones

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# Digital detox and an old-fashioned alarm clock

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# First Day Arrangements

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## First day of school - Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

- Arrive to school by 8:15am
- Your child will be gifted a Barnsley Academy bag and pencil case
- School finishes at 2:50pm



# Your support

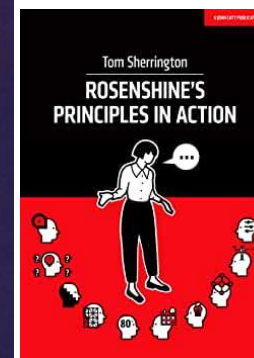
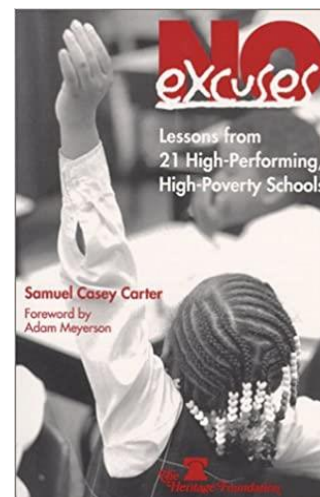
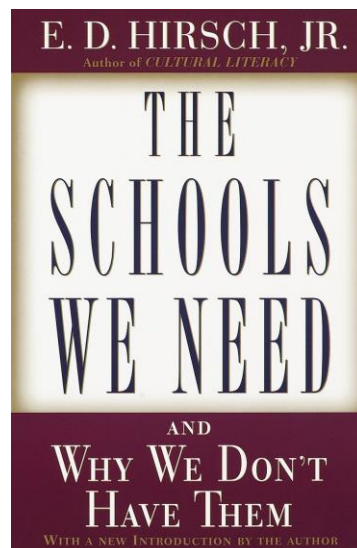
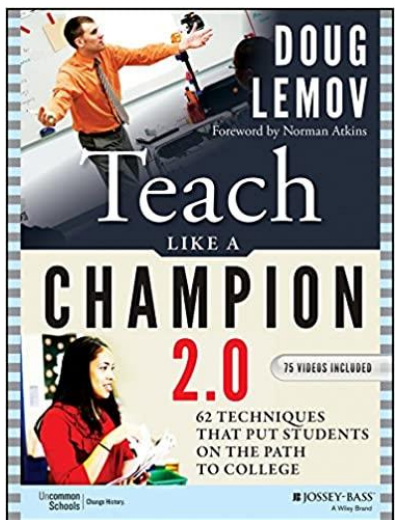
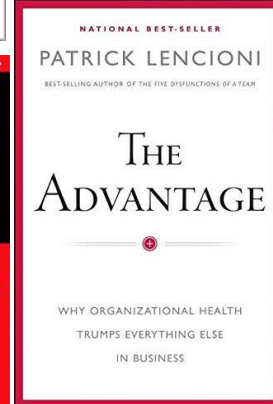
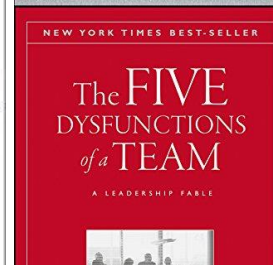
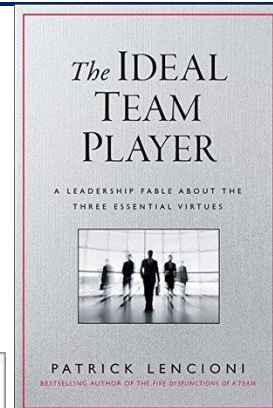
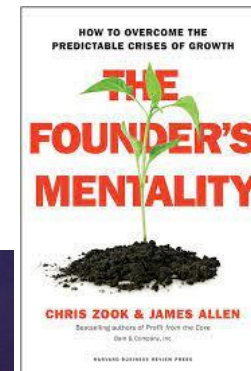
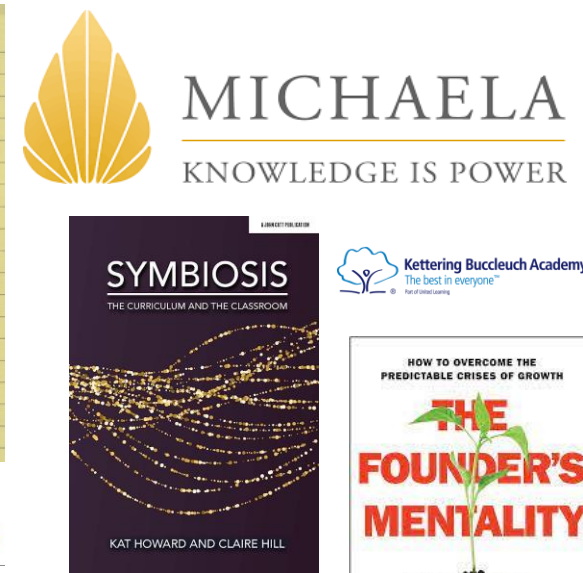
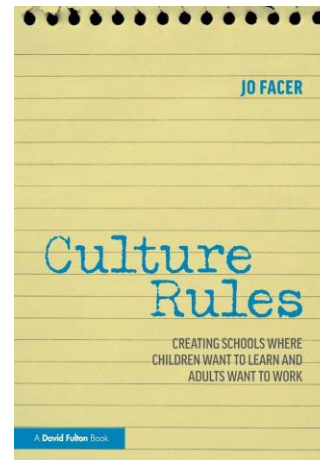
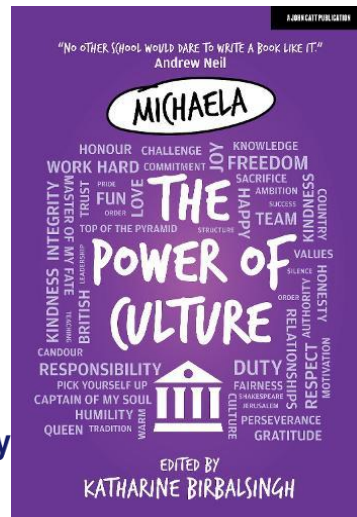
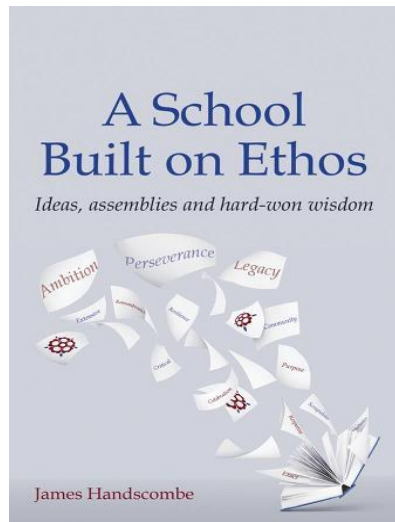
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Please...

- Back the school and support us to support your child – we both want the best for them.
- Speak to us if you have concerns or questions, rather than posting on social media.
- Encourage your child to read and do their online homework in Maths and English (we have after school club to support them in school too).
- Speak positively about school, education, the opportunities on offer and your child's future prospects. Model the behaviours and attitudes we all want from them.
- ***Remember, we know how important your child is.***



# References



# Thank you!

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Please now take the opportunity to stay to ask any questions and ensure you have completed all paperwork.



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