

Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

Monday 12th September, 2022



2018: The Birley Learning Framework



"At The Birley Academy, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way."

Paraphrasing Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Y11 2022 outcomes:



- Best results in the Academy's history.
- Local Authority published data:
 - Attainment 8 score – **6th most improved** outcomes across the City's 28 secondary schools
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 - 5+ in English and maths – **3rd most improved** outcomes across the City's 28 secondary schools

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- Improvements in our:
 - Attainment 8 score
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 - Maths Attainment 8 score
 - Ebacc Attainment 8 score
 - High prior attainers Attainment 8 score
 - Middle prior attainers Attainment 8 score
 - Low prior attainers Attainment 8 score
 - SEND Attainment 8 score
 - Pupil Premium Attainment 8 score
 - Boys Attainment 8 score
 - Individual subjects – Science, French, Geography, History, Art



Message to staff: We need to sustain improvement



- 2 days of recent INSET
- The message is clear – one set of results does not define us.

Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally. It comes from what you do consistently.

Marie Forleo

Head Teacher's welcome:

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Overview:

- Year 7 curriculum
- Adapted curriculum
- Assessment
- Classroom expectations / Attitude to Learning
- Homework

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- Year 7

- **Head of Year:** Ms Bickerstaffe
- **Deputy Head of Year:** Ms Yellott
- **Leadership Team link:** Ms Clark

Key individuals: Both year groups

- **SENDCo** – Lee Coddington
- **Educational Welfare Officers** – Penny Hunt and Laura Dronfield
- **Safeguarding team** – Theresa Clark; Jess Abbott; Mark Jones

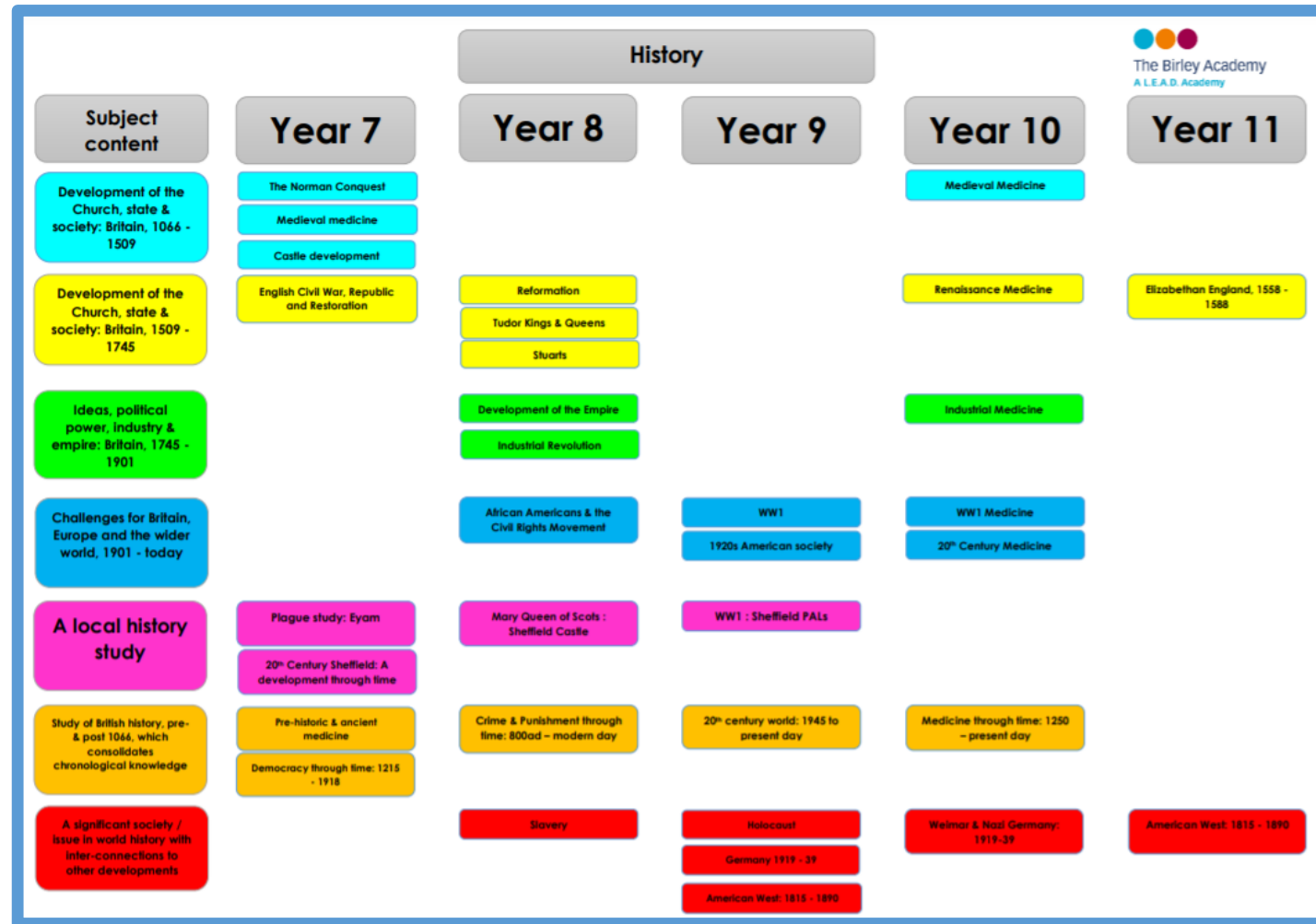
Year 7 curriculum:

- We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum to support all of our students to achieve their potential.
- The purpose of the curriculum is to develop the deep skills and knowledge that will allow students to thrive in life beyond the academy.
- We don't narrow our curriculum or gate keep, in later school years.

Year 7 curriculum: Broad, balanced and ambitious

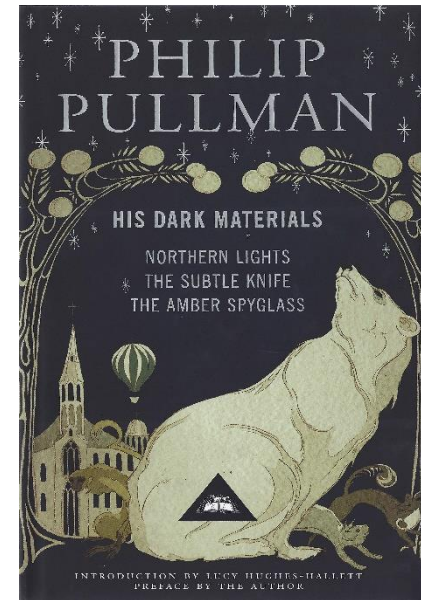
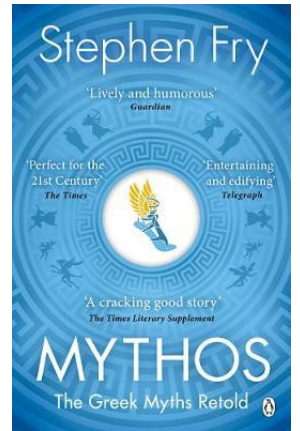
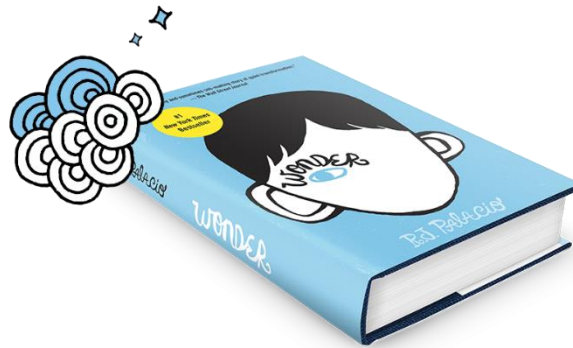
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- Art
- Computer science (through DT)
- Core PE
- DT (Graphics and Resistant Materials)
- Food Technology
- Performing Arts (Drama and Music)
- PSHE
- R.S.

Sequenced curriculum:



Tutor time curriculum:

- Development of reading
 - Mythos, by Stephen Fry
 - Wonder, by RJ Palacio
 - Noughts and Crosses, by Malorie Blackman
 - A Kestrel for a Knave, by Barry Hines
 - His Dark Materials, by Philip Pullman



The Adapted curriculum:

The Adapted Curriculum team have responsibility for any student who:

- Has a SEN or when a SEN is being investigated
- Whose provision is in the Integrated Resource (I.R.)
- Who is a Looked After Child

The Adapted curriculum:

Support is available in the form of:

- Advice on issues related to SEN or Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Meeting with parents to discuss any concerns they may have about their child's development or learning difficulties
- Assessments of individual pupils to identify need
- Referrals may be made to a range of other professionals such as:
 - Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist and Specialist Teacher Advisors in the City

SEND drop in

A virtual SEND drop in session will be available every Monday from 3-5pm.

These will be short meetings that are held without an appointment. Following on from these meetings a longer meeting will be arranged, if needed.

Assessment in Year 7:

3 forms of assessment:

- Day to day assessment, e.g. teacher questioning, quizzes, etc.
- Summative assessments
 - Typically students complete 1 summative assessment in most subjects per half term.
 - These are endpoint assessments that are carefully designed to assess students knowledge, skills and/or understanding.
- Standardised tests:
 - GL assessment in English, maths and science
 - Reading age

Assessment weeks in Year 7:

- Over the year there will be three formal assessment weeks in which students will complete assessments in most subjects.
- After each assessment point, parents/carers will receive a written report containing their son/daughter's current attainment in each subject as well as an attitude to learning grade, alongside rewards, behaviour and attendance data.

Year 7 Assessment weeks 2022-23	
Assessment 1	7 th November 2022
Assessment 2	27 th February 2023
Assessment 3	19 th June 2023
GL assessments (standardised tests)	8 th May 2023

A good attitude to learning means:

-  Be punctual and equipped
-  Have positive body language
-  Listen attentively
-  Focus on the learning
-  Be part of the lesson
-  Take pride in your work

Homework: Manageable and meaningful

- The homework framework ensures that The Birley Academy's approach to homework is clear and based on research and **parental feedback**.
- The Academy recognises that homework should be *manageable* (time specific, pre-planned and published) and *meaningful* (compliments the curriculum).
- Y7 homework will come from **maths, English, science**, and will be set over a fortnight.
- Other subjects may/will set homework. Students have the opportunity to earn reward points by completing it.

Year 7 homework:

In Y7 homework will take the form of:

- Timetables and problem solving tasks
- Use of Hegarty maths (on-line platform)
- Pre-learning, e.g. reading
- Vocabulary and spelling revision
- Fact recall and key information summaries



Behaviour and attitudes: Mark Jones

Attendance Matters

At least 95% attendance is the goal

There are 175 non-school days per year for appointments, visits, holidays...

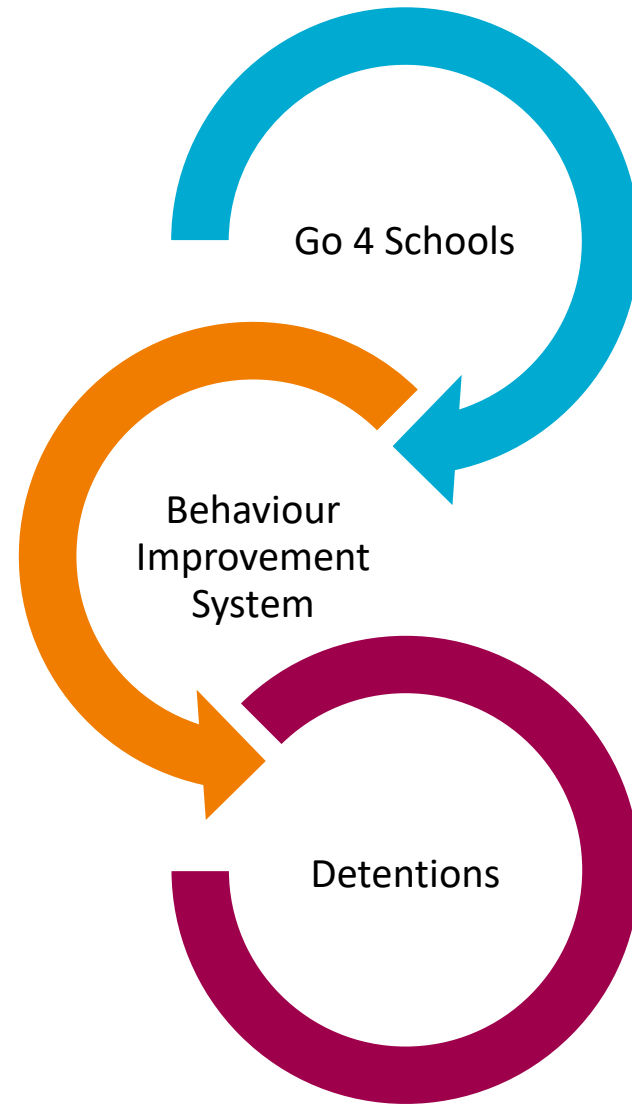
After two year of disruption it is crucial that students are given stability



%	Days Absent
85	29 days off
86	27 days off
87	25 days off
88	23 days off
89	21 days off
90	19 days off
91	17 days off
92	15 days off
93	13 days off
94	11 days off
95	9 days off
96	7 days off
97	5 days off
98	4 days off
99	2 days off
100	0 days off

Culture within our Academy

"You own your own behaviour"



Go 4 Schools

2022 (Current Year 9), 2021 (Year 8), 2020 (Year 7)




Today's timetable, detailed progress, attendance, behaviour, progress and reports

At a glance

Attendance	100.00%
Registration group	9A (Mr B Adams)
Behaviour ranking	3 out of 226 students
Positive behaviour points	20

[View full profile](#)

Today's timetable

Tu	09:00	10:00	10:00	11:00	11:15	12:15	12:15	13:45	13:45	14:45	14:45	15:45
	English 9y/En1 Mr A Hulme		Science 9y/Sc2 Mr I Gaunt		History 9y/Hi2 Mrs F Hayward		PSHE 9y/Ps2 Mrs N Middleton		Core PE 9y/Pe3 Mr K Cronin			

[View full timetable](#)

Detailed progress

Subject	Breakdown
Art Mrs H Jackson	-
Core PE Mr K Cronin	-
Design Technology Mr S Venables	-
English Mr A Hulme	-
Food Mr D Allan	-
French Mrs M Gray	-
Geography Mr M Hunt	-
History Mrs F Hayward	-
Maths Mr C Rowe, Mr S King	-
Performing Arts Miss A Bickerstaffe, Mr S...	-
PSHE Mrs N Middleton	
Registration Mr B Adams	
Religious Studies Miss J Godbehere	-
Science Mr I Gaunt	-

Attendance

Possible sessions	8
Attendance	
Percentage	100.00%
Number of sessions	8
Of which lates	0
Authorised absences	0
Unauthorised absences	0
Unknown marks	0



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Behaviour

[View full behaviour record](#)

Today's and upcoming allocated managed detentions

Detention session	When event occurred	Event and managed detention
No managed detentions recorded.		

Managed detentions awaiting allocation

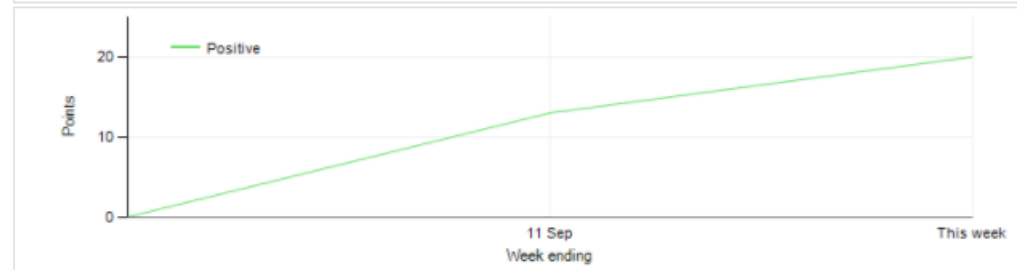
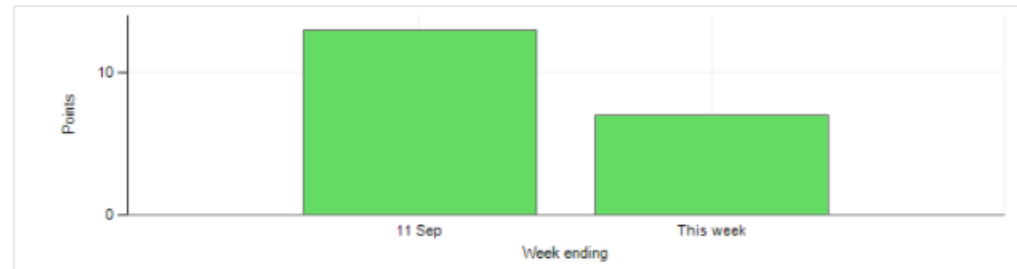
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Most recent events

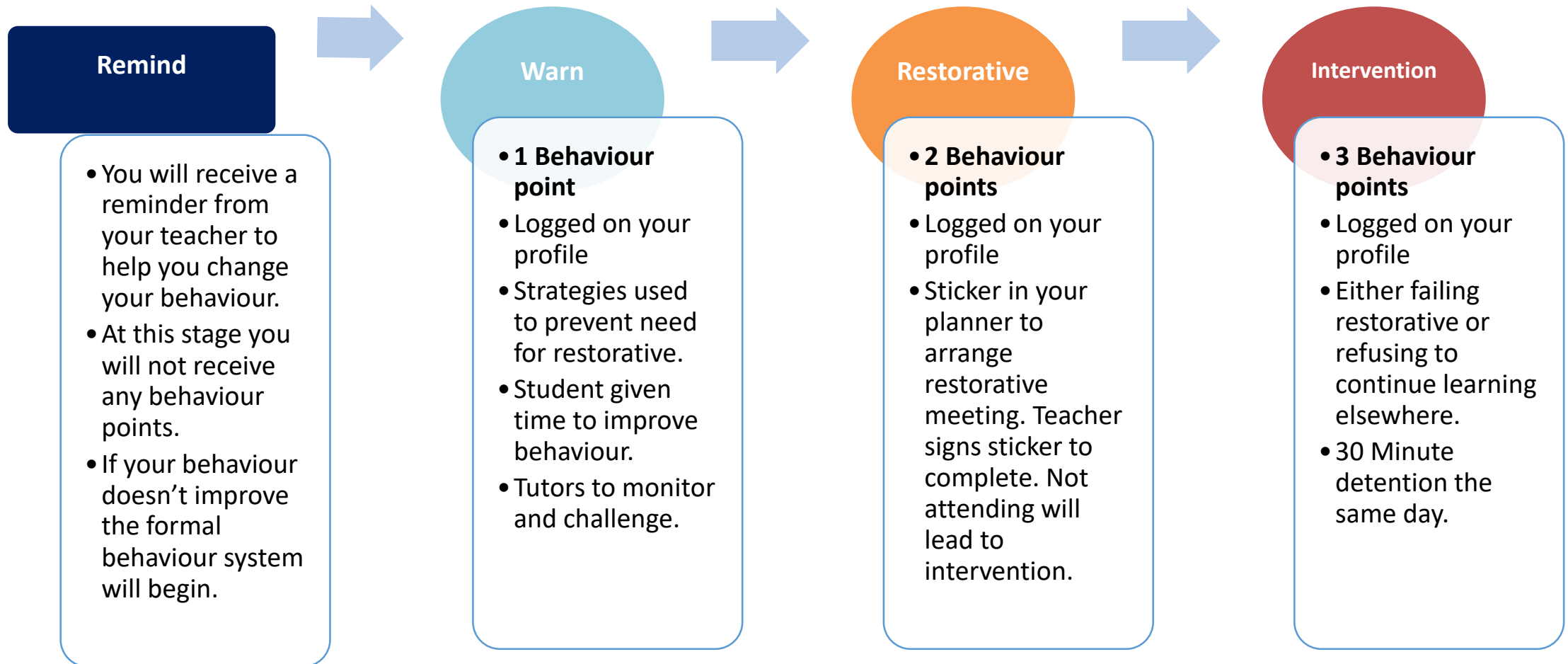
All events in 2022, Sep 2021

When event occurred	Event
Mon, 13 Sep Hulme, Andrew	2 Achieve Rewardpoints Year 9, English, 9y/En1, Room: 250
Mon, 13 Sep King, Saber	2 Achieve Rewardpoints Year 9, Maths, 9y/Ma1, Room: 139
Mon, 13 Sep Godbehere, Jess	3 Achieve Rewardpoints Year 9, Religious Studies, 9y/Re2, Room: 159
Fri, 10 Sep Jackson, Heather	1 Achieve Rewardpoint Year 9, Art, 9y/Ar2, Room: 220
Fri, 10 Sep Gray, Marie	3 Achieve Rewardpoints Year 9, French, 9y/Fr2, Room: 302

Behaviour over time



Behaviour Improvement System



Detentions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 – (14:45-15:15) Dining Hall	KS3 – (14:45-15:15) Dining Hall	KS3 – (14:45-15:15) Dining Hall	KS3 – (14:45-15:15) Dining Hall	KS3 – (14:45-15:15) Dining Hall
KS4 – (14:55-15:25) Main Hall	KS4 – (14:55-15:25) Main Hall	KS4 – (14:55-15:25) Main Hall	KS4 – (14:55-15:25) Main Hall	KS4 – (14:55-15:25) Main Hall
	Leadership – (14:45 – 15:15) Training Room		Leadership – (14:45 – 15:15) Training Room	



Rewards

Pupils can earn reward points

- During lessons
- In social times
- Extra Curricular activities and events
- Volunteering
- Out of school activities



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Rewards

We reward students in a variety of ways. Some examples include;

- Praise
- Encouragement
- Certificates
- Post Cards
- Positive phone call/email home
- Reward points on Go4School
- Headteachers award
- Recognition on social media



Celebration events

In addition we also have

- Celebration assemblies run by progress leaders
- Grand celebration evenings
- Reward events/opportunities
- Prizes/vouchers
- Reward badges









Reward Certificates

Reward Points Totals and Level of Reward

- 100 Bronze Achievement Certificate
- 250 Silver Achievement Certificate
- 500 Gold Achievement Certificate
- 750 Platinum Achievement Certificate
- 1000 Club Achievement Certificate – Entry into The Birley Academy Hall of Fame.

Reward Badges

	Outstanding Leadership
	The Empowerment Award
	Outstanding Achievement
	Outstanding Effort (Drive)
	The Year Leader Award
	The Leadership Team Award
	100% Attendance
	School Representation Badge

As part of our rewards system if your child wins an award at one of our celebration evenings they maybe issued with one of the badges.

The aim is to collect all of these badges by the time they reach Year 11.

Reward Badges

Student Leadership badges

Badge	Role
	Student ambassador – front of house at school events, tours of school during interviews, take part in student voice activities with external visitors.
	Sports Captain – Regularly captain academy sports team.
	Sports Leader – Completed the Junior Sports Leader Award and regularly takes a leadership in primary sports events.
	Performing Arts Leader – regularly takes assumes the leadership role in the Performing Arts Club. This will include writing scripts, directing, choreography as well as performing.
	Performing Arts Ambassador – regularly attends and takes part in the Performing Arts Club as well taking part in the academy productions.
	Student Council – For members of the Student Council

Students who regularly take part in these activities are issued with a badge to identify their role.

They are also regularly awarded through bonus reward points, celebration breakfasts and lunches and fun opportunities/ activities throughout the year

Enrichment

Enrichment gives pupils opportunities to try new and varied activities that may not strictly fit into the curriculum, but that develop character, resilience and motivation, and encourage them to pursue wider goals.

We promote enrichment activities through a range of:

- Extra curricular activities
- School Trips
- School Awards
- Leadership opportunities
- Debating opportunities



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Y7 clubs

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Trampolining (Sports Hall) 2.35pm	Sparx Maths homework club 132 2.35pm	Netball PE 2.35pm	Basketball PE 2.35pm	
Table Tennis (Sports Hall)2.35pm	Games Club 155 lunchtime	Boys Football PE 2.35pm	Girls Football PE 2.35pm	
Drama Club 122 – 2.35pm		Y7 Mountain Bike Club 112 2.35pm	Eco Committee Lunchtime 155	
Y9 Debate Club 218 – 2.35pm		Art Club 219 – 2.35pm	Music Club 121 – 2.35pm	
Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime	Quiet Club 204 (invite only) lunchtime

Library Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Y7/ Y10	KS3 Silent Reading Y11	Y8/Y10	KS4 Silent Reading Y9	Y7/Y11
2.35 – 3.55pm	All years drop in	All years drop in	All years drop in	All years drop in	All years drop in

Sign up for lunchtime library passes
The library is a quiet, calm space.



Mountain biking

“give it a go”
session.



Ever wanted to give mountain biking a go?

This year, British Cycling will be working with a group of Year 7 students (you!) to run a year long project to introduce youngsters to mountain biking, improve their skills and even race other schools in a downhill mountain bike competition.

Trek bikes have provided the Academy with 15 brand new bikes, and British Cycling will be sending a cycling coach to work with us.



Ever wanted to give mountain biking a go?



After school on Wednesday, we will be running a session (3 – 4pm) for anyone that is interested in taking part in this project. Why not come along and see if it's for you?

You can bring your own bike, or test out one of the new bikes that we have got.

After this session we will be asking for names of those students who would like to take part regularly in the project.

Interested? What to do next.



If you have your own mountain bike, then bring it to school on Wednesday (lock it safely in the bike racks, and remember your helmet).

If you don't have a bike, then you can use one of the school bikes.

After school meet outside the PE changing rooms. You will need to get changed into suitable clothing. You will not be able wear your school uniform!

The session will finish at roughly 4pm when you will collect your belongings from the changing rooms and either make your way home, or be collected by a parent.

Any questions, please see Mr Robertshaw in Room 112

Communication

We believe that a good two way communication between Birley Academy and parents/carers is necessary in supporting students success. Over the year we will communicate with you using a variety of methods.

Go4Schools: This is our primary method of communication with you. You will receive a login, username and password to access information on Go4Schools. You will be able to access your child's account to look at details of their reward points and behaviour points.

Newsletters

Emails and phone calls

Parents Evenings

Students reports

School Website: www.birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk

We also have a number of **social media** websites which you can follow.



Key contacts

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Deputy Headteacher for Quality of Education

LeeCoddington@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk

SENDCO

Questions and questionnaire:

- We will take questions individually (parent feedback)
- We would greatly appreciate some feedback. Can you please take a few minutes and complete the sheet?
- We will use your feedback to improve future Parents' Evenings.

Thank You!