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Anouska Gardner

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Chris Mulqueen



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as our new Assistant Vice Principal: Student Welfare. I am very proud to be joining the Barlby High School team and am looking forward to meeting students and their families over the coming weeks.

May I take this opportunity to update you on a few important areas to help us all enjoy a smooth and enjoyable start to the new school year.

Planners

Your child will be bringing home a new style student planner. These will be an important tool for organisation and communication. There is space for students to record homework, details on uniform, rewards, sanctions and well-being among many other things. Please take a moment to look at the planner as it is an excellent source of information. Please could you also read and sign the Home School Agreement on page 10. At the end of each week there is a space for parents and carers to sign to show that they have seen the planner and acknowledged any messages from school. You may also use this space to write messages to school staff. Please ask your child to show their tutor in the morning.

Please note that we will still be using Edulink to report merits, C1's and other key information you may need.

Uniform

Our young people always look smart and well presented and this is an important part of creating a school identity and preparing students for the world of work. Our uniform is outlined on page 11 of the student planner. We expect all students to be in full and correctly worn school uniform from the start of term. If you have any issues accessing uniform, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

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Jewellery, nails and piercings

These items present a health and safety risk in school and therefore we have clear guidance for students on page 11 of their planner.

“Jewellery is restricted to ear studs and one plain watch. No other jewellery will be allowed apart from exceptional circumstances, e.g. medical jewellery.

“Nails must be natural, with no nail varnish or false nails of any type.”

Students wearing non permitted jewellery will be asked to remove this and it will be stored at Reception for them to collect at the end of the day. Any subsequent confiscations will require a parent to come and collect the item.

Students wearing false or acrylic nails of an unsuitable length will not be permitted to take part in certain practical activities such as PE, Design and Food Technology and, if they are of an extreme length, be removed from busy social areas.

If your child is currently wearing non natural nails please could you book an appointment for them to be removed over the weekend to avoid sanctions next week.

Mobile Phones

We understand that students need mobile phones for bus passes and for safety reasons traveling to and from school. Our expectation is that during the school day these are switched off and safely stored in students’ bags. If a student is using their phone in school without permission this will be removed and stored at Reception for them to collect at the end of the day. Any subsequent confiscations will require a parent to come and collect the item.

Expectations

Please see our expectations and daily equipment list on page 8 of the planner. It is vital that students attend ready to learn by being punctual, equipped and focussed. Pages 14 and 15

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explain our Respect Charter and Anti-bullying policy. We have high expectations from all of the Barlby High School community and prioritise us all working together to create a respectful and safe school.

Contacting school and contacting your child at school

It is important to us all at BHS to respond to any queries or concerns parents and carers may have in a timely manner. You can email school staff directly by clicking on the hyperlink on the Our Staff page on the website <https://bhs.hslt.academy/our-staff/>

Individual teaching subject enquiry	Pastoral enquiry
Who to approach first: 1st: Your child's subject teacher 2nd: The Curriculum Team Leader for the subject	Who to approach first: 1st: Your child's form tutor 2nd: Your child's Student Liaison Officer

General contact with the school (or if you do not know an email address for a member of staff)

Please ring Reception on: 01757 706161

Email: hello@bhs.hslt.academy

Complete our online contact page: <https://bhs.hslt.academy/contact/>

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Contacting your child at school

If you need to contact your son/daughter during the day, please call Reception on 01757 706161 and we will pass the message on. Please do not call your child(ren) on their mobile phone(s) as this is disruptive to learning and may put your child in conflict with a member of staff, including during break and lunchtimes.

To help us with communication please could you check that your details on Edulink are up to date and make any changes necessary.

I hope your child has enjoyed their first few days of the new school year and has settled into the new routines. If you have any queries or concerns please do use the contact information above. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Sam Tanner-Smith
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