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Subject: Year 7 Behaviour Expectations – September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A strong start in September begins with clear expectations. At Burnley High School, we are proud of the calm, respectful and purposeful environment we maintain and this is built on students understanding what is expected from the very beginning.

This letter outlines the key behaviour expectations that will support your child in settling quickly and succeeding in Year 7.

★ The BHS Way

Our approach to behaviour is rooted in what we call The BHS Way:

- Behave in a way that helps us achieve our potential
- Help others to grow and achieve their potential
- Support each other in keeping ourselves safe and happy

This shared approach helps students make positive choices and contributes to a strong sense of community across the school.

★ Our Expectations

From the first day of Year 7, students are expected to:

- Attend school every day and arrive on time
- Follow instructions from staff promptly
- Show respect to staff, students and the school environment
- Be ready to learn in every lesson
- Take responsibility for their behaviour and actions

These expectations apply at all times, including during lessons, social times and when travelling to and from school.

🗣️ Shared Classroom Language

To ensure consistency, staff use clear and simple language across all lessons. Students will become familiar with key phrases such as:

- “Ready to learn” → reminder to refocus
- “Act now” → immediate action required
- “One voice” → only one person speaking
- “3, 2, 1...” → signal for attention
- “All eyes on me” → full attention expected

This shared language helps students understand expectations quickly and respond with confidence.





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In the Classroom

Students are expected to:

- Arrive prepared with the correct equipment
- Listen carefully and follow instructions
- Work to the best of their ability
- Contribute positively
- Allow others to learn without disruption

Around School

Students are expected to:

- Move sensibly between lessons
- Follow staff instructions at all times
- Treat the environment with respect
- Interact positively with others

Our Values

We encourage all students to demonstrate:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Ambition
- Resilience

These values underpin daily life at Burnley High School.

High standards are applied consistently so that students are clear about expectations. This consistency helps students feel secure and supports a smooth transition into secondary school.

Staff will guide and support students as they develop these habits and routines. Your support in reinforcing these expectations at home is invaluable. When school and home work together, students are far more likely to succeed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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