

Frequently Asked Questions - Parents

- **Where and how do I get the uniform?**

You can buy your child's uniform from Cat Balou and you can go into the shop to buy this or buy it online <https://www.catballou.co.uk/>

- **How many tutor groups will there be?**

There will be 6 tutor groups in total (Birmingham, UCL, Warwick, Loughborough, Cambridge, Oxford) named after Universities.

- **What are the times of the school day?**

8.45am – 3pm

- **What do I need to buy for my child before s/he starts?**

Their uniform (including PE Kit and school shoes – please see uniform guidance in the welcome pack.) A school bag, big enough to place an A4 book inside and equipment for your child's 'five': a challenging yet age appropriate reading book, a pencil case with pens, pencils, rubber, ruler inside, a dictionary/thesaurus, scientific calculator, a planner (will be provided by the school.)

- **Can my child wear a bright coloured coat to/from school for safety?**

Yes as long as this is one colour and is removed indoors. Hoodies and leather/denim jackets are not allowed.

- **How long are detentions?**

A detention can be anything from 15 minutes to an hour. If a detention is set for longer than 15 minutes you will be informed before the detention about this.

- **What after-school activities do you offer?**

A wide range – please check the enrichment timetable – available soon!

- **How do I pay for my child's lunch?**

Via ParentPay – more information about this in the Welcome pack.

- **What are the lunches like?**

Healthy and nutritious; a selection of hot and cold food available.

- **What is the FIVE?**

A full pencil case, a reading book, a scientific calculator, a thesaurus/dictionary and a planner (we will provide this for you on your first day).

- **What are PRIDE points?**

PRIDE points are virtual points your child will collect throughout the year whenever they demonstrate PRIDE. Your child can use these to buy exciting things in our reward shop.

- **What are your results like?**

Our results are amongst the best in the city for the progress our students make and we are improving every year. We believe all our pupils can achieve great things!

- **What is behaviour like at Barr's Hill?**

Behaviour is very good, students enjoy being part of our school community and have a strong sense of belonging.

- **Do you have a breakfast club?**

Yes, every morning this opens at 8am in the canteen and is free.

- **What sports do you do in PE?**

In PE we complete Invasion games (this could be anything from Football, Netball Rugby or Handball), Net/Wall activities (Badminton, table tennis), Health and Fitness, Strike/Field (Rounders, Softball), Athletics and Gymnastics/Dance in year 7. Students will do at least one sport from each area above at various points in the year.