Welcome to Barnwood Park School

Here is a message from our Headteacher:

I am delighted that you are joining our school community in September.

I know moving to secondary school comes with a mixture of excitement and nerves - this is perfectly normal but I can assure you that you will be absolutely fine.

There are lots of opportunities available to all our pupils both in and outside of the classroom and we hope you experience as many of these new opportunities as possible so that your time with us is a happy and memorable one. You will also get the opportunity to meet lots of new people and make new friends, some of whom will be for life!

Every adult in our school is here for you, to support you with your leaning and to help you if you have a problem or worry.

We are all very much looking forward to meeting you in September.

What the students say...

"Changing schools can be a stressful time. However, at Barnwood Park, if you feel worried there will always be someone to talk to and help."

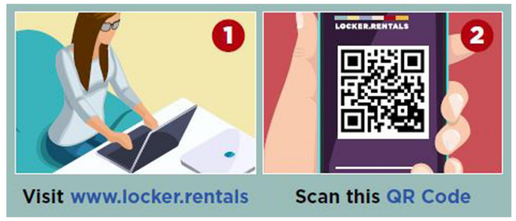
"Barnwood can help you grow and learn. It is easy to make friends, especially at our after school clubs."

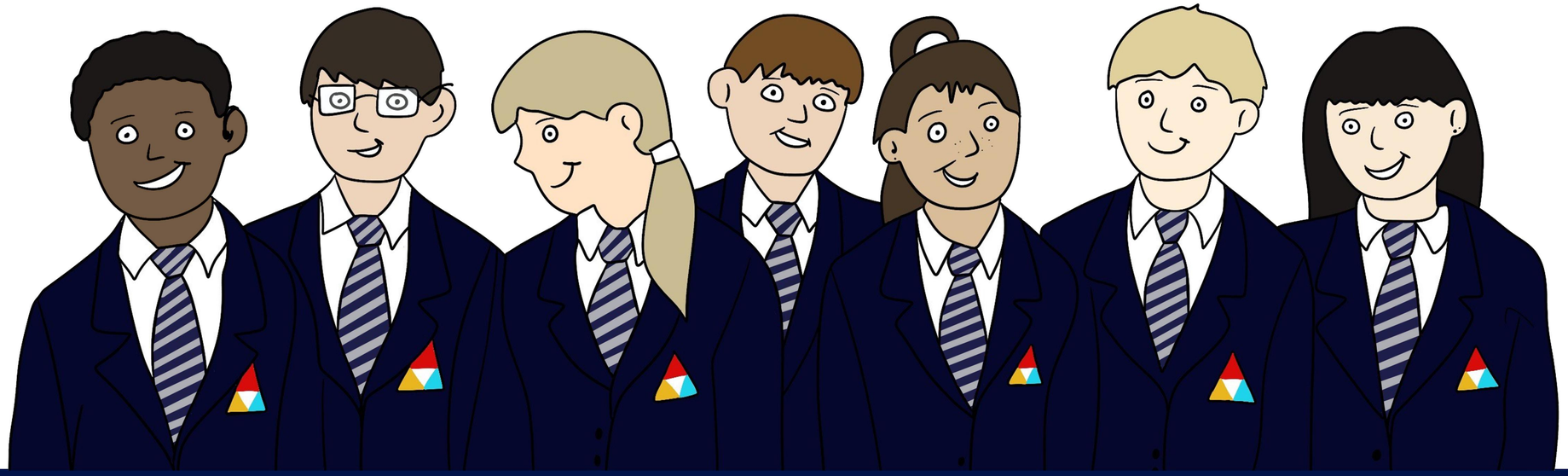
How will you help me get ready to come to Barnwood Park?

You may feel a mix of emotions about coming to secondary school. It is quite normal to feel a bit worried because starting secondary school is a big change. We are a very friendly and welcoming school and we can all remember what it feels like starting Year 7. We will do everything we can to help you settle in as quickly and happily as possible.

You will come and visit us for transition days to meet your form and Form Tutors. Your parents/carers will also be invited to a transition evening.

If you wish to hire a locker so you are ready for your first day, you can choose your locker online at Secure Locker Rentals: **www.locker.rentals**. Lockers for the 2026/27 academic year will be available to book after Easter.





What do I need for my first day?

We believe in excellence in everything, which means we expect you to present yourself smartly and wear your uniform with pride.

We have clear, simple rules about uniform and you will need to follow them from your first day with us.

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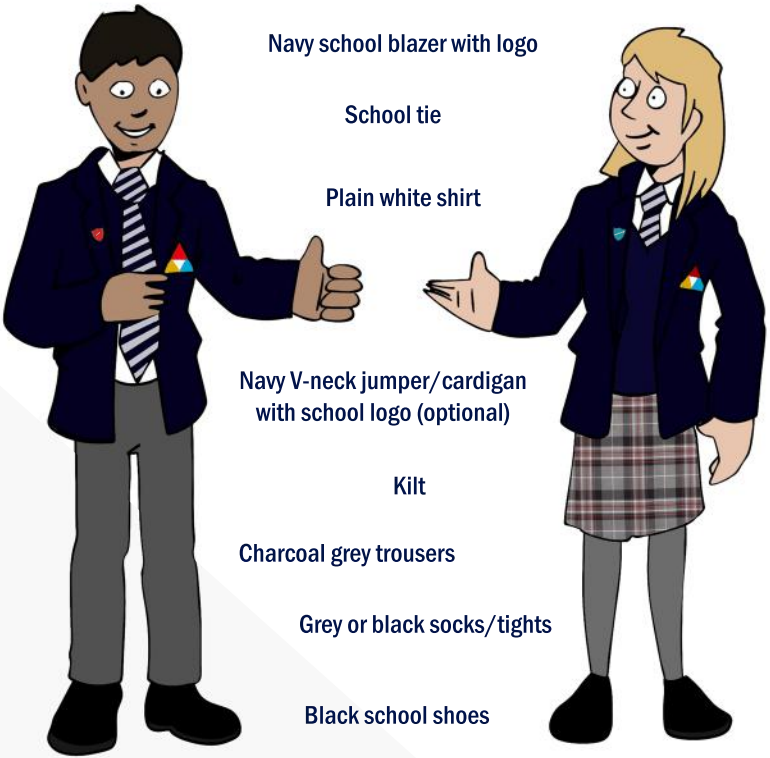
- Plain navy shorts/skort
- Navy polo shirt with school logo
- Navy and white rugby shirt with school logo
- Trainers
- Football boots & shin pads
- Navy football/rugby socks
- White ankle socks

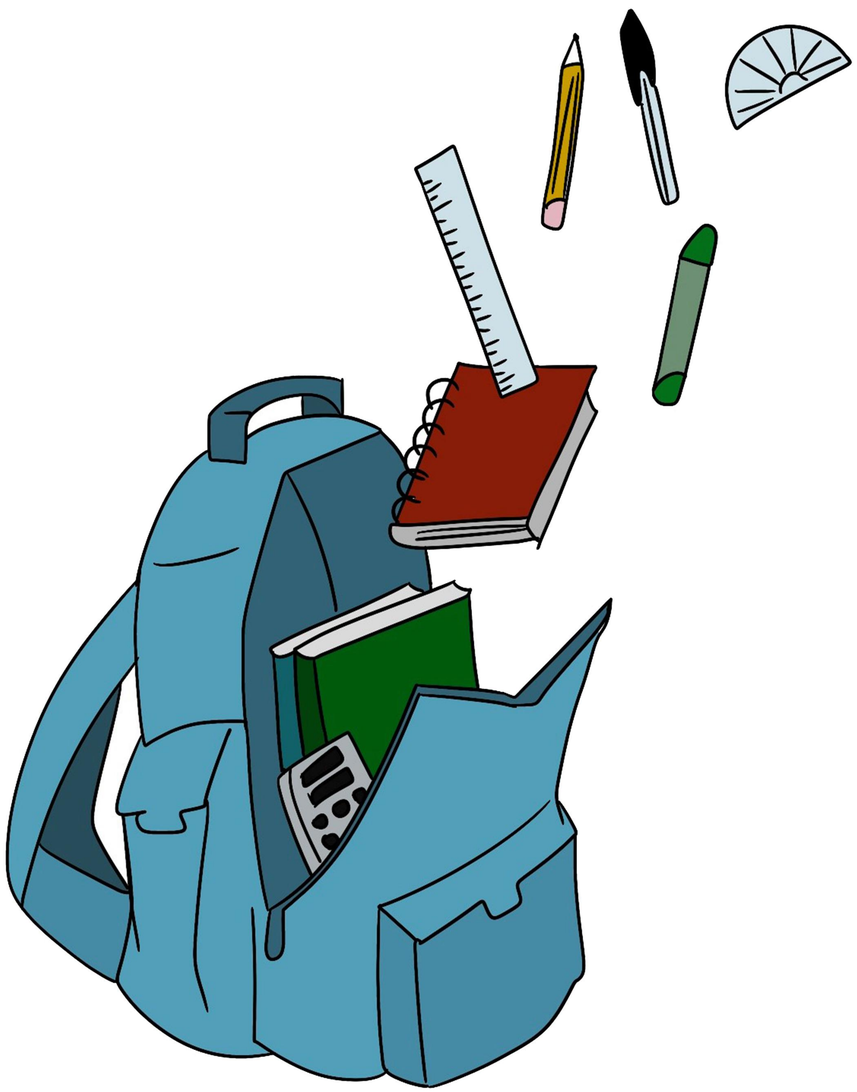
OPTIONAL

- Navy leggings/tracksuit bottoms with school logo
- 1/4 zip training top with school logo
- Navy base layer with school logo



You will be given a badge of your house to wear on your blazer

You must also bring the following items with you every day in a strong bag:



On your first day you will be provided with:

- Pencil Case
- Black Pens
- Green Pen
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber

You will need to bring:

- Scientific Calculator
- Angle Measurer/Protractor

Optional:

- Coloured Pencils (no felt tip pens)
- Highlighters
- Glue Stick

We will check you have everything you need at the start of each day but you will need to remember to bring it all in. Pack your bag the night before so you are less likely to be in a rush and forget anything.

To allow you to study without any distractions, you are not allowed to use any phones, smart watches or any other unauthorised electronic device from home (such as AirPods) in the school building.

What happens in a school day?

We have a 2 week timetable, Week A and Week B.

You will be given a timetable on your first day in September.

You will move between classrooms for each lesson and have different teachers. Don't worry about finding your way around. If you get lost, older students and teachers will be happy to help you. You will soon know where everything is and feel at home!

What about food?

We have a canteen that serves food before school and at breaktime and lunchtime. You can eat there or get something from the snack hut.

Why not start your day with your free breakfast, which you can collect between 8:10 and 8:40am from the Learning Support Centre.

Snacks, such as paninis, wraps, pasta pots and sandwiches, are available at break and lunchtime. Meals are also available. There is always lots of variety on the menu, including options for any students who have allergies and dietary requirements.

You don't need to bring cash with you. Your parents/carers will pay into an online account (Scopay) and you pay for your food using your fingerprint. If you have free school meals, you will use the same fingerprint system. You can also top up the account using cash in the machines we have in school.

You can also bring in a packed lunch from home.

If you ever forget your lunch or find your account doesn't have enough money in it, don't worry, speak to someone in Admin and they will help.

What will I study?

You will continue studying lots of the same subjects you studied in primary school. There are lots of brilliant new subjects in Year 7.

This is what you will study:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Design Technology
- Digital Art
- Drama
- Fine Art
- Food Technology
- French or Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PSHE
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Textiles

What about books and reading?

At Barnwood Park we love books and are a 'reading school'. Reading a range of forms of text is of course very important in all of your lessons. Every morning, after Morning Greeting, students in years 7-10 go with their Form Tutor to take part in our Tutor Time Reading Programme. The teachers read aloud for 30 minutes, while students follow the literature with a bookmark.

There are also book clubs and reading challenges for you to be part of. You will read during form time every morning.

Our Library is open before school, break and lunchtime.

We also have fantastic facilities including:

- Fully equipped Art classrooms
- Netball/Tennis courts
- Sports Hall
- Dance Studio
- IT rooms
- Fully equipped DT workshop
- Textiles rooms with sewing machines
- Fully equipped Catering rooms
- Fully equipped Science labs

....and many more!

What happens when I have done well?

We ask that you do your best in everything and we will reward you when you have done well in the classroom and outside.

When a teacher sees that you have displayed one of our school values - Respect, Ambition, Determination, Success, they will give you a ‘house point’ and at the end of each term we will celebrate your achievements. You will be awarded Half-Colours and Full Colours badges when you complete activities from our Legacy Pillars. House points and colours can also be gained through house competitions and events, or through a referral from a teacher.

You may also receive a ‘positive postcard’ which is sent home to celebrate something you have done.

What do I do when I need help?

We all have problems from time to time. We know you can only do your best when you feel happy and safe, so please let us know if you are worried about anything in school or outside.

You will get to know your Form Tutors really well so they will be the best person to speak to. You can also speak to your Head of Year or any adult at the school that you feel comfortable talking to. They will listen to you and help. It always helps to talk.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We have lots of clubs on offer at Barnwood Park which currently take place after school.

Some of the clubs include:

- Art
- Basketball
- Music Band
- Football
- Netball
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Book Group
- Dance
- Drama
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Maths
- Lego
- Young Writers

You can do music lessons, including singing and we have a variety of options available.

You can also take part in fundraising, trips and school productions.

We look forward to welcoming you to Barnwood Park!

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