

A great place for your child to learn!

Your personal Class Charts code is overleaf.

Student name



BULWELL BULLETIN

PARENT UPDATE

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Helping young minds to grow and develop through building knowledge and skills is the reward for great teaching. For our students, the rewards are high grades and great prospects for the future.

We hold students to account for their behaviour. We reward good behaviour with special awards—for example, our prized yellow 'queue jump' card to get ahead at the lunch queue is always popular on fish-and-chips day and it was a real pleasure to present two brand-new bikes to our top attending students just before Christmas.

Students are wearing their bronze and silver rewards badges with pride and I am sure that there will be our first gold winner this term.

We celebrate student success with special assemblies and share their images across the school. Sometimes, something might go wrong and this Bulletin has been written to give you the information you need to work with us to get your child back on track with their learning.

Working in partnership

Our parents and carers are our closest partners—you hold the key to how well your child achieves at school.

We're keen to build on this partnership and we've been listening closely to your suggestions.

New Parents Evening Format

You told us that you would like privacy in your meetings with teachers—so we have changed the rooming arrangements. It's now just two teachers per room and waiting areas are outside.

You wanted hot refreshments to feed hungry families—we have organised for hot snacks to be available in our Restaurant as well as free tea and coffee.



You wanted more childcare—we have arranged for a crèche to look after younger children who might not like to hang around and wait for too long.

The new format for Parents Evening is for a trial period only and we will be pleased to hear your thoughts on the changes.

Mr Williams
Principal

Rewarding Success and good behaviour

We reward students with:

- ◇ Positive Class Charts*
- ◇ **60 thousand positives since Christmas!**
- ◇ Rewards post cards
- ◇ Trips and visits
- ◇ Rewards events including cinema and ice skating trips

* Are you signed in to Class Charts?

All staff record positive behaviour, great learning or special achievements.

- You can track your child's behaviour on Class Charts
- Quick, simple information on your phone, tablet or computer

If you haven't already linked up, your personal log in code is on the back.

Taking responsibility

Guidance on the detention system—how it works.

Across the Academy, we take the behaviour of students very seriously. If a child does well—we celebrate! If a child chooses to disrupt the learning of others, we need to support them to help them understand what is expected of them.

The Behaviour 1-2-3

1

In the classroom and around the site, our expectations regarding behaviour are sensible and safe. If a child is not making any effort, disrupting others or disrespectful the teacher will give a **'Behaviour Warning'**. Nothing more happens and the student should understand that it's time to change their behaviour.

2

If the student repeats the behaviour and continues to disrupt others, they will receive a **second warning** and it will be logged on Class Charts as a 'negative'.

3

If the behaviour continues after this, a third warning will be given. This **third warning** triggers a 30 minute detention after school. You will receive a text message alerting you to this.

If, after all these warnings, the behaviour continues, your child will be asked to leave the classroom and attend another class. This is called **Colleague Support**. If they refuse/fail to do this, they will be sent to **Year Group Isolation** to spend the day working independently and issued with a 45 minute detention.



Detentions

Detentions give students the time to reflect on their behaviour and to identify where improvements can be made.

We have a range of detention times from 15 minutes to 2 hours. We will inform you by text message if a detention is given so it is really important that you keep us up to date with changes to phone numbers and contact details.

We know that this detention system is working effectively as the number of students required to attend has dropped. The very few students who are failing to meet these expectations are challenged and we work closely with parents to ensure that our expectations are the same for all students.

Further details about detentions are available on the Academy website:

www.bulwellacademy.co.uk

If you haven't logged in to Class Charts yet, you might like to visit www.classcharts.com

Your personal code is:

If you prefer, we can set up your account at any Parents Evening.

Changing behaviour for the better

Thank you to all the parents who have helped us to drive forward changes:

- ◇ *Students arriving late has reduced by 70% since September 2016.*
- ◇ *Confiscated mobile phones have reduced significantly (as has loss/damage to phones)*
- ◇ *Personal presentation of students has rapidly improved.*
- ◇ *Over 260 bronze awards and 81 silver awards issued since September.*

Contact Us

Your child's tutor is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns.

Class Charts gives you up-to-date information on your child's behaviour.

We are developing the use of Class Charts to track homework too.



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