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Kindness | Humility | Integrity | Courageousness | Perseverance

Welcome

Year 7 Induction – Parent Information Evening
For September 2025




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What do we value?


Courageousness, Perseverance, Humility, Kindness, Integrity




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We value ...

Continuing, not in the absence of fear ...
...but to triumph over it




... Courageousness



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SCHOOL

We value ...

Working hard to achieve ...
... no matter how far you have to go



... Perseverance



FINHAM PARK
SCHOOL

We value ...

Thinking of yourself, less...
...not thinking less of yourself



... Humility



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SCHOOL

We value ...

Changing the world...
...with one act of random kindness every day



... Kindness



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SCHOOL

We value ...

Doing the right thing ...
...even when no-one is watching you do it



... Integrity



**INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL AWARD**



**UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM**



**THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY**



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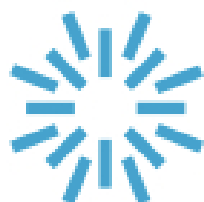


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A Primary/Secondary Teaching School

World Class Students Make

World Class Schools



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THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK



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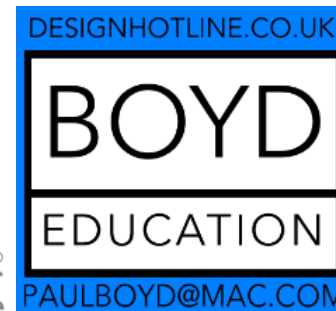


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Headteacher

Mr David Bedford



Deputy Headteacher

Ms Sarah Megeney

How will we be supporting our students to settle in?



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Settling in...

- Early to lunch for first few weeks of the half term
- Vertical system Years 7-10
- Only Year 7 and 12 in school on first day
- Tour on first day
- On going support from Mentor, College Leaders, students and staff
- Groupings are very carefully balanced



The Timetable

- Each student will study a 6 period day
- Personal development is $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour and all other lessons are 1 hour long
- We operate a 2 week timetable (10 x $\frac{1}{2}$ hr & 50 x 1 hr periods), so the lessons studied in Week 1 will be different to those studied in Week 2

The School Day

Time	Period			
8:45 – 9:15	Period 1 (Personal Development)			
9:15 – 10:15	Period 2			
10:15 – 11:15	Period 3			
11:15 – 11:35	Break			
11:35 – 12:35	Period 4			
12:35 – 1:15	Lunch	OR	12:35 – 1:35	Period 5a
1:15 – 2:15	Period 5b		Lunch	
2:15 – 3:15	Period 6			

Subjects – courses studies

➤ English	(6 periods)
➤ Maths	(6 periods)
➤ Science	(5 periods)
➤ History, Geography, RE, PSHE	(10 periods)
➤ World Class Studies	(2 periods)
➤ Modern Foreign Languages	(5 periods)
➤ Creative Arts (Drama, Music, Art)	(7 periods)
➤ PE	(4 periods)
➤ ICT, Tech	(5 periods)

Student Support - The Gateway

- The Gateway provides support for students.
- Some students have had additional visit from Finham to help prepare them for the transition process.
- Mrs Hurton has met with all the SENDCOs from the Primary schools.
- The PLC team will have invited you to a coffee morning on Wednesday 9 July at 9:15am.

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World Class Studies



What is World Class Studies in Year 7?

- An opportunity to study something new
- Lessons designed to complement “normal” lessons
- A chance to experience subject areas which may be offered at GCSE and beyond.
- Lessons planned to enhance learning skills



How will it work next year?

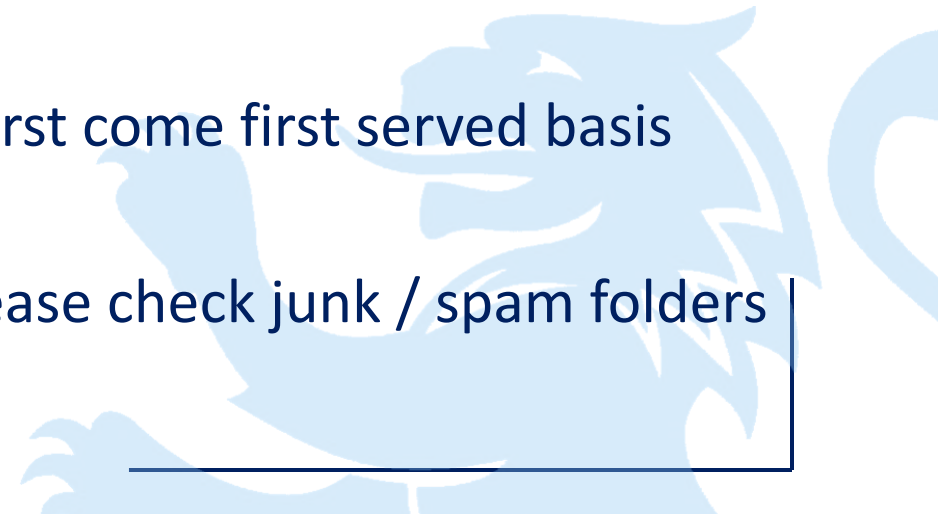
- 1 lesson a week of World Class Studies
- 3 different subjects across the year from Film, Discovery, Philosophy for Children, Drama and Computing
- Each subject lasts 12 weeks / 1 term
- If your child is taking Mandarin they will have lessons for that during this time.

Music @ Finham

Students who already study an instrument choose an extra, new instrument

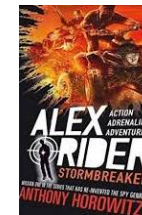
Lessons take place each term, assigned on first come first served basis

All communication is through parent email – please check junk / spam folders



Reading for pleasure!

- Our English home learning for Year 7 and 8 centres around "careful reading" using the Sparx Reader platform. Students will need to achieve 300 points a week, the equivalent to around 30 minutes of reading. For rewards, this year we've given out reward points and book prizes as well as running an author workshop and a Booknic celebration.
- We have a wonderfully resourced library (D19) and students will need to bring a book in Year 7 and 8 to their once a fortnight library lessons. Help with recommendations can be found via the reading site (QR code attached) and students can also access one of several reading stations around the school site.
- In our mentor programme, we run a weekly 'Finham Reads' session: books include Stormbreaker and Welcome to Trashland.
- We also run a Reading Quest programme and phonics support for selected students in Year 7.



READING IS ROARSOME AT FINHAM, WE



Deputy Headteacher

Rob Morey



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High Expectations High Reward

*We want YOU to arrive with a dream and leave equipped for YOUR
amazing future*



Uniform- main points

- ✓ Navy blazer with school logo
- ✓ College tie
- ✓ Black all leather shoes
- ✓ Grey school trousers
- ✓ Grey pleated skirt to the knee
- ✓ White school shirt
- ✓ Shorts/Skorts
- ✓ Navy jumper/ sleeveless jumper with gold stripe
- ✓ Black/ blue headscarves
- ✓ Small clips/ hair bands
- ✓ School bag
- ✓ One pair of studs
- ✓ Black/ grey/ flesh plain tights



THINK SMART

Correct uniform for all students at Finham Park



Suitable school coat

Jewellery: only one pair of stud earrings can be worn in ears and one small ring is allowed



The School Code

- ✓ Be on time
- ✓ Be ready to learn
- ✓ Do your best
- ✓ Show respect
- ✓ Allow others to learn
- ✓ Wear correct uniform
- ✓ Mobile phones / headphones should not be seen
- ✓ Value and support everyone



FINHAM STUDENTS DO THE



**RIGHT
THING**



IN THE



**RIGHT
PLACE**



AT THE



**RIGHT
TIME**



Attendance and Punctuality

- ❖ School starts at 8.40am
- ❖ Holidays in term time
- ❖ Keeping the school informed
- ❖ Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school
- ❖ Get the app or register now
(<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Biometric System

- ❖ No money in school
- ❖ Speeds up queuing time
- ❖ Know what your child eats
- ❖ Ensure money gets where you want it to go!




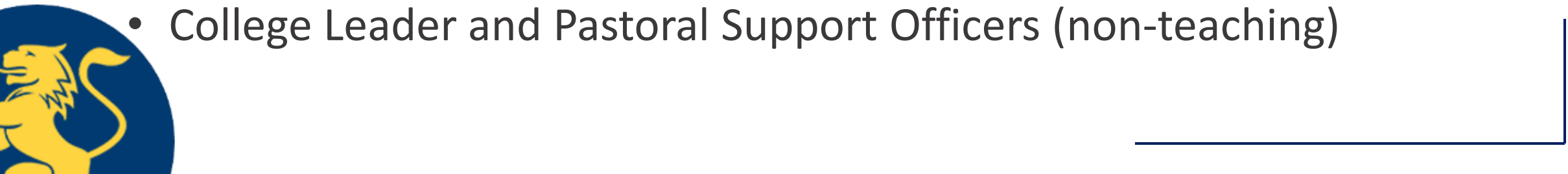
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The College System

The backbone of our school



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- Vertical Mentor groups years 7-10
 - 5 Colleges – Breeds of Lion
 - Colleges different to teaching groups
 - Colleges mixed in each teaching group
 - College Leader and Pastoral Support Officers (non-teaching)
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Katanga College



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Asiatic College



Barbary College



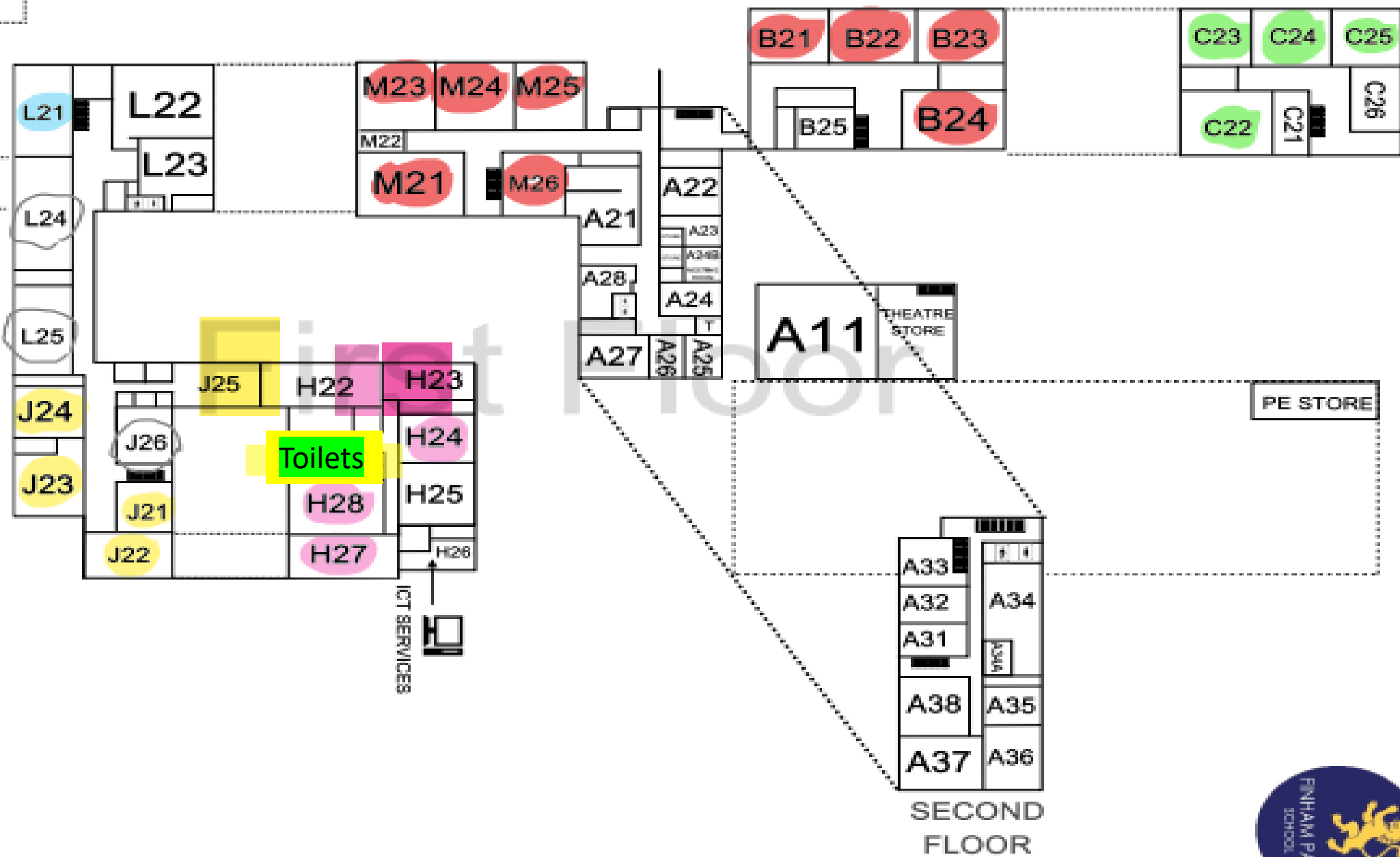
Masai College



Nubian College

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SECOND FLOOR



Ready for learning and basics:

- Help to establish routines
- Uniform and equipment check - No phones OR headphones, No trainers.
- Delivery of the weekly mentor programme.
- Monitoring rewards and consequences – praise and support.
- 121 mentoring
- Contact parents to praise or inform





Connection before correction.

Rewarding good behaviour



Choices or consequences system for those where changes in behaviour are needed with our support












Rewards and Celebrations

Lots of opportunities for positive behaviours in school to be highlighted:

- Reward points issued by subject teachers for positive lesson behaviours.
 - Reward points issued by mentors for maintaining high standards (e.g. attendance, punctuality etc.)
 - Regular praise postcards home linked to higher level behaviours or events.
 - Termly celebration assembly within colleges.
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Mentor Time Programme

College	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Asiatic 	Assembly & 121 mentoring	Finham Reads	PSHRE Discussion	Personal Development - School Values (Topic on half termly rotation)	Well-being Activities & Quiz
Barbary 	Personal Development - School Values (Topic on half termly rotation)	Assembly & 121 mentoring	PSHRE Discussion	Finham Reads	Well-being Activities & Quiz
Katanga 	Personal Development - School Values (Topic on half termly rotation)	Finham Reads	Assembly & 121 mentoring	PSHRE Discussion	Well-being Activities & Quiz
Masai 	Personal Development - School Values (Topic on half termly rotation)	Finham Reads	PSHRE Discussion	Assembly & 121 mentoring	Well-being Activities & Quiz
Nubian 	Personal Development - School Values (Topic on half termly rotation)	Finham Reads	PSHRE Discussion	Well-being Activities & Quiz	Assembly & 121 mentoring



Make the most of the opportunities that come your way...

- Student Leadership including Sports Leaders, School Council
- Out of School Hours Learning (Extra Curricular)
- Educational visits and trips
- The World Class Guarantee
- Ambassador roles (Sports/Transition)



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Thank you

If you have any questions, please do contact the school via email link on the website front page

