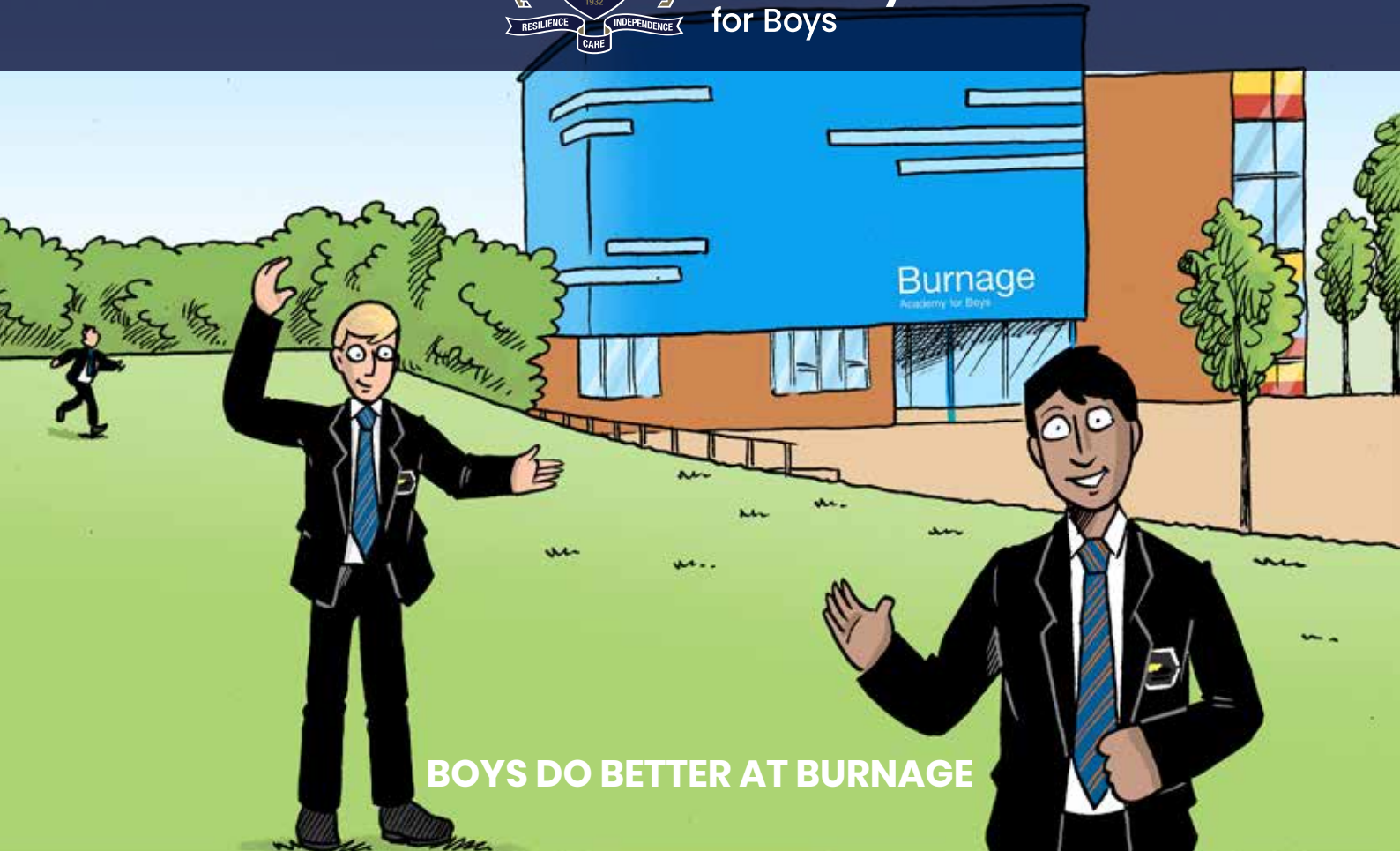




**Burnage
Academy**
for Boys



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How should I get ready for my first day?

We are proud of our school. We want our students to show how proud they are too, by looking smart and wearing the correct uniform.

- **Blazer** – black with school badge
- **Jumper** – black V-neck with school logo (optional)
- **Shirt** – plain white with a collar
- **Trousers** – plain black, smart trousers
- **Tie** – school tie in House colours
- **Footwear** – shoes must be black and unbranded
- **Outer coat** – coats may be worn to and from school but not in the school building

You will also need a PE kit:

- **PE top** – black polo shirt with school logo
- **PE bottoms** – black shorts or training bottoms
- **PE socks** – black sports socks
- **PE jumper** – black hoodie or zip up training top with school logo (optional)



You will need to bring the following items with you in a strong school bag (large enough to fit your coat in):

- Pencil case containing:
 - Black or blue pen – including a spare
 - Pencil
 - Ruler
 - Rubber
- Full PE kit on days where required for PE lessons or after-school clubs
- Other useful equipment includes calculators, geometry sets or coloured pencils.

Make sure you pack your school bag the night before, so you don't forget anything and check your route to school to make sure you arrive on time!

Please remember you are not permitted to use mobile phones anywhere in school.



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Everyone here at Burnage will do everything they can to make you feel welcome and settle in!



There will be lots of opportunities to meet all the other students in Year 7, get to know them and start making friends!

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What happens on my first day at Burnage?

On your first day at Burnage, you will have form time which will start at 8.25am, however it is important that you arrive by 8.15am to make sure you are on time. You will also need to make sure you are wearing the correct uniform.

Tutor time

Tutor time will be your opportunity to say hello to your Form Tutor again. You will see them every day and they will help to make sure you settle in.

You will also meet the rest of your form and be given your timetable so you will find out who your teachers are, and which lessons you have on each day.

House Leader

You will also meet your House Leader; they are here to support you and will act as the main point of contact between the school and your family.

During the day, you will be given a tour of the academy when you will visit classrooms and departments where lots of your lessons will take place.

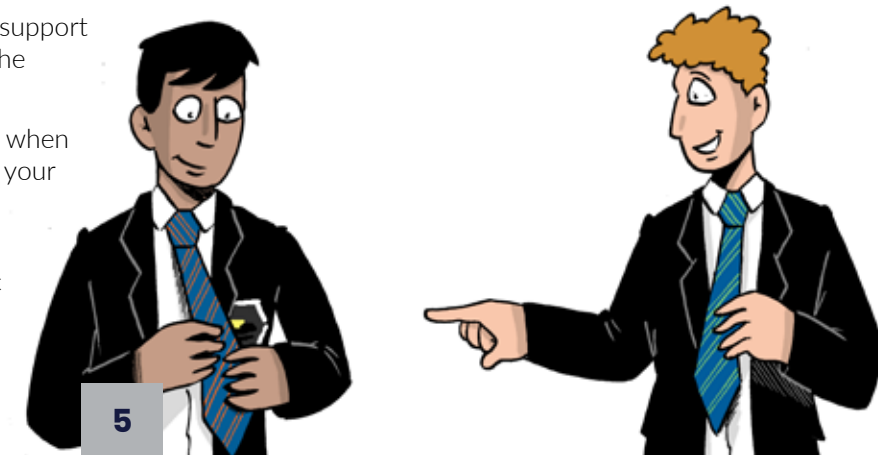
You will be told about our core values of resilience, independence and care and learn about all the fantastic enrichment opportunities you can take part in.

House system

Your form group will be in one of the four houses at Burnage: Ash, Maple, Oak and Rowan.

Each house is made up of pupils from across year groups and is identified by a different colour tie. You will be in the same House throughout your five years at Burnage.

The house system means we can give you and your family the best possible care and support. It helps you to reach your full potential, and encourages teamwork. There are lots of opportunities to represent your house, such as in sports day, spelling bees and inter-house competitions.



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What happens in a school day?

Every day there are five periods, plus form time.
There is also a break and lunchtime.

Year 7 Day

8.25am-8.50am	Form registration
8.50am-9.50am	Period 1
9.50am-10.10am	Break
10.10am-11.10am	Period 2
11.10am-12.10pm	Period 3
12.10pm-12.55pm	Lunchtime
12.55pm-1.55pm	Period 4
1.55pm-2.55pm	Period 5



You will be in different classrooms for each lesson but will soon get used to finding your way around. Everyone will be happy to help, so just ask an older student or a teacher if you get lost.

You will study English, Maths, Science, PE, Languages, Art, Drama, Music, History, Geography, RS, Computing, DT and Food. Some of these might be new subjects for you, and others will build on what you have already learnt at primary school.

Facilities

We are very lucky to have some excellent facilities here at Burnage. The classrooms are modern and have interactive white boards, visualisers and projectors. For practical subjects such as Drama, DT, Food and Art, we have specialist equipment which allows you to gain important hands-on experience. We have a dedicated sports hall, climbing wall, gym, 3G football pitches and expansive grass pitches, which we use for both PE lessons and after-school clubs.



Lunch

At lunchtime you can enjoy one of the delicious, healthy and freshly cooked meals in the school dining room. There are lots of different options available and some lighter choices too. If you prefer, you can bring in a packed lunch from home to eat in school. We use a cashless system to pay for school meals, so you don't need to bring any money into school – use your fingerprint or even facial recognition!

What is expected of me?

Burnage is an inclusive school community where we all work together to ensure you will be the best you can be. This means that, no matter your background, strengths or previous experiences, you will thrive!

Our school vision is to develop:

Resilience – teach the skills to face challenges in life with determination and self-awareness.

Independence – create confident individuals who are able to think critically and make informed decisions.

Care – go further to make a difference to our students, staff and families, creating a safe school environment.

Success – celebrate the progress and achievement of all in our school community, recognising that boys do better at Burnage.

Togetherness – ensure all students take part fully in the range of diverse cultural experiences that Burnage and Manchester has to offer.



Behavioural standards

We set very high standards for our pupils and we expect you to behave well at all times and aim for excellent attendance. Our 'etiquettes' were designed and agreed by staff and pupils and form the basis of our behaviour system. Teachers regularly reward pupils with etiquette praise postcards, and there are regular celebration assemblies and reward trips.

We use ClassCharts to monitor and record behaviour and set homework. You can earn points that can be used in the school shop to buy things such as stationery, books and electronics. Your family can also access your ClassCharts account.



Need someone to talk to?

If you feel you are struggling with something and need someone to talk to, you can always speak to your Form Tutor or House Leader – they are there to make sure you are safe and happy. If you would feel more comfortable speaking with someone else, we also have a team of mentors and social work staff on site who will be able to support you.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

At Burnage, we know that if you experience the world around you, you will develop essential skills that will help you in all areas of life, making you more successful. That is why we pride ourselves on giving you such a wide range of opportunities.

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Experiences

We dedicate significant curriculum time to your social, moral, spiritual and cultural education (SMSC). This includes giving you the chance to explore the people, history and culture of our city and beyond! Activities have included canoeing on the River Mersey, a walking tour of Manchester's architecture, a Blackpool culture trip and a visit to Quarry Bank Mill.

Visiting the Countryside

You will visit our Buxworth base, a former railway station in the Peak District which has been converted into our very own fully equipped residential centre, including space for camping.

This is a great place to take part in team-building experiences, and to spend time in the countryside with your new friends.



Clubs

We encourage everyone at Burnage to take part in at least one extra-curricular club. They run both at lunchtime and after school. There is a huge range to choose from and we are lucky to have excellent facilities. Some of the clubs available are football, future engineers, debating, gaming, maths, gardening, art, Lego, food, badminton, basketball and climate care.

There is something for everyone! Joining a club is a brilliant way to make new friends, find a new interest or learn a new skill. If you have an idea for a new club, you can raise this through the Smart School Council and they will support you in creating it.



Our Smart School Council is led entirely by students. Every student is involved and gets to have their say through class meetings. These are held in form time and a student communications team keeps everyone up to date.





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