

# Simply THE BEST

BARKING ABBEY  
PARENTAL NEWSLETTER 1

Parental involvement is consistently associated with pupils' success at school

**Your Role Matters...**

Private and Independent Schools deliver success because of the emphasis placed on:

Excellent Teaching and Excellent Learning in their schools

Excellent Character Development in their schools

Excellent Partnership and Shared Responsibility between parents/caregivers and the school

A recent study found that a young person's attitude to work, shown through skills such as **resilience**, **teamwork** and **leadership** is the most important factor for employers when recruiting school or college leavers (CBI/Pearson, 2017).

Every 2 weeks your child is introduced to a **BEST Learning Habit** at school, please ensure that you:

1. Explain what it means
2. Show your child how to model the behaviour
3. Offer plenty of examples of how other members of the family have modelled the behaviour

(Please use the resource for tips to help you, from this link:

<http://www.barkingabbey.school.co.uk/assets/Uploads/Documents/The-Best-Learning-Habits-for-Parental-guidance.pdf>

Here are the **BEST** learning habits for 2017-18

<b>BRAVERY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courage W/B 11/9/17</li> <li>• Optimism W/B 25/9/17</li> <li>• Empathy W/B 9/10/17</li> </ul>
<b>EXCELLENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience W/B 30/10/17</li> <li>• Determination W/B 13/11/17</li> <li>• Perseverance W/B 27/11/17</li> <li>• Curiosity W/B 11/12/17</li> </ul>
<b>SELF-DISCIPLINE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing distractions W/B 3/1/18</li> <li>• Practising W/B 15/1/18</li> <li>• Prioritising W/B 5/2/18</li> <li>• Self-regulation W/B 26/2/18</li> </ul>
<b>TEAM - BA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration W/B 5/3/18</li> <li>• Listening W/B 20/3/18</li> <li>• Open-mindedness W/B 16/4/18</li> </ul>

Here is this week's learning habit and some tips to guide you:

## Perseverance



The willingness to engage in a task regardless of the rate of progress/showing the ability to overcome setbacks/staying focused on your learning.

### Behaviours that you can develop

Understanding that progress can be difficult

Practising, drafting and revising learning.

Maintaining focus through difficulties and re-establishing concentration when you are stuck or frustrated.

Enjoying the challenge of difficult learning

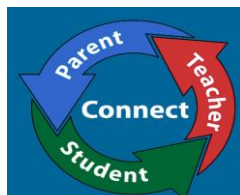
### Top Tips

#### Students

- Re-draft a piece of writing until you are certain that it is the best that it can be.
- Complete a jigsaw, crossword or Sudoku puzzle and persevere until you complete every part of it.
- Meticulously proof-read all your work to ensure it is accurate.
- Persevere with a reading book that you find challenging or not to your taste.

#### Parents

- Encourage your son/daughter to practise the skills they find the most challenging.
- Talk to your son/daughter about the tasks that you find challenging and how you persevere to complete them to a high standard



**Remember**

What is rewarded is repeated