

Simply

THE BEST

BARKING ABBEY
PARENTAL NEWSLETTER 2

Parental involvement is consistently associated with pupils' success at school

Your Role Matters...

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

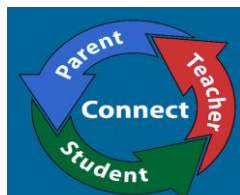
1. **Explain what it means**
2. **Show your child how to model the behaviour**
3. **Offer plenty of examples of how other members of the family have modelled the behaviour**

(Please use the resource for tips to help you, or find out more from:

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

Babies point at things to signal interest, "I want to know about that – what is it?" Before they can speak, they can ask a question with their finger. Whether they keep pointing depends on how their parents react. [Teodora Gliga](#), psychologist at Birkbeck College, London says if babies are given the object they are pointing to, they learn that the function of pointing is getting things. If they are told the name of the object, they come to think of it as a way of getting answers. What happens if they get neither? **"They stop pointing."**

Further Reading: Engels 'The Hungry Mind' 2015

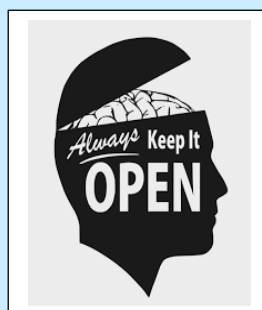


What happens when you have a day off?

- ½ day missed every week = **10% absence**
 - 1 school year at 10% absence = **4 whole weeks of lessons missed**
 - 10% absence over 5 years of secondary school = **½ a school year missed**
 - **Our research and data shows that students who have absence of 5% or less achieve the highest grades/levels**
- Above 95% attendance gives you...**
- An increased lifetime salary/a higher quality of life**
- Improved health/a longer life!**

Here is our fortnightly learning habit and some tips to guide you:

Curiosity



A desire to investigate and find out more

Behaviours that you can develop:

Asking questions, for example, I wonder why...? What if...? Independently seeking answers, being enthusiastic about learning and viewing gaps in your knowledge as opportunities to learn

Top Tips

Students

- **As you are learning, record the questions that spring to mind so you can investigate them at another time.**
- **Next time you have a choice of meal/cuisine, try a different culture.**
- **Debate a news story/issue you feel strongly about from the opposite viewpoint.**
- **Find out how different religions/cultures celebrate holy days, worship, greet each other, socialise etc.**

Parents

- **Visit a museum or gallery with your son/daughter and discuss the items on display.**
- **Watch a topical news story together and talk about the different viewpoints expressed.**

Remember

What is rewarded is repeated