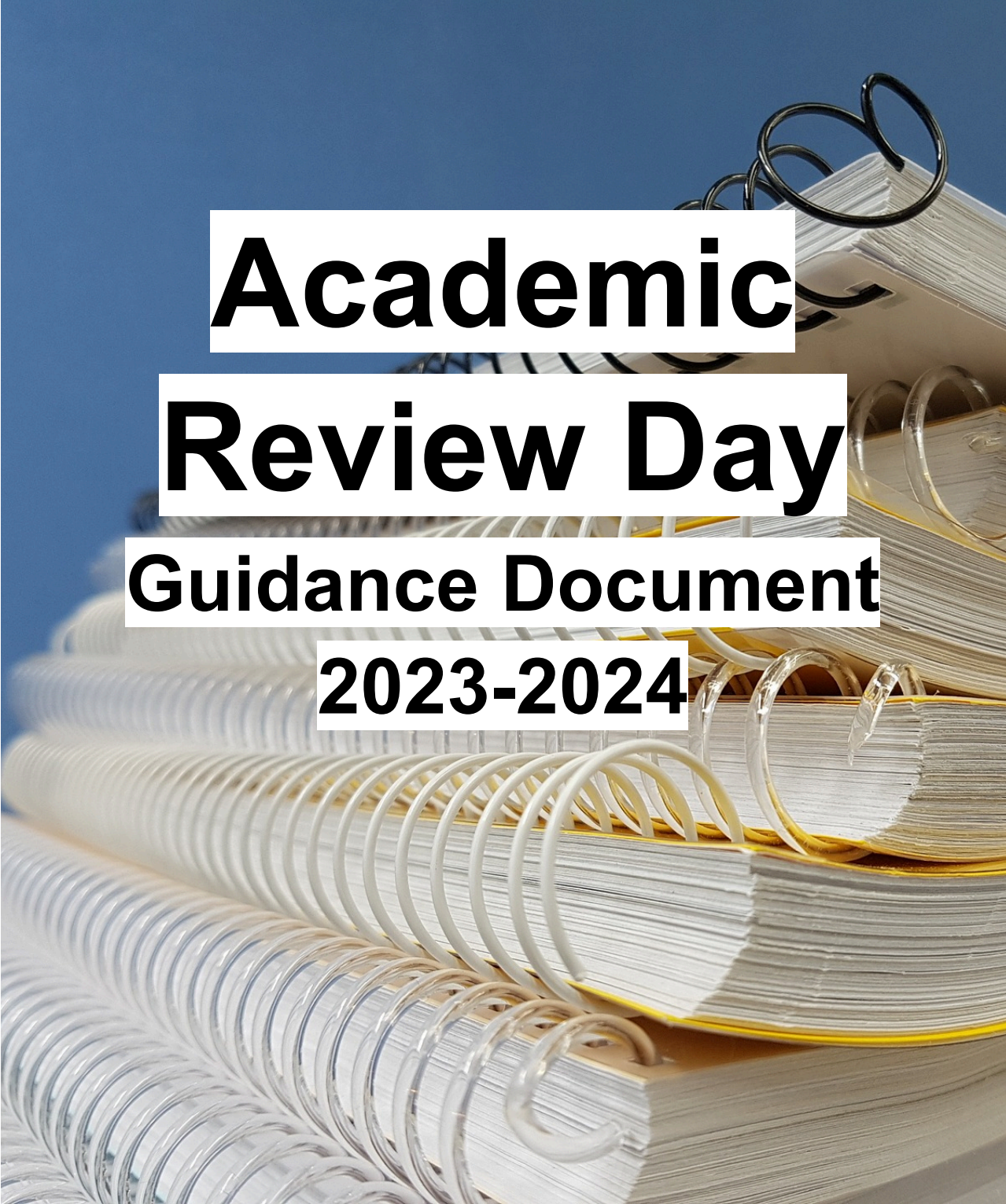




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**Academic
Review Day
Guidance Document
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What is Academic Review Day?



Academic Review Day is a pivotal event in our school calendar, designed to foster collaboration and reflection among tutors, parents, and students. The normal teaching timetable is suspended for the day so parents and students can attend meetings where we delve into a comprehensive discussion of each student's progress, academic achievements, areas needing improvement, and future aspirations. It's a day dedicated to interpreting the wealth of data collected by the school, allowing us to set personalised targets for each student's progress and development.

In secondary school, Academic Review Day plays a crucial role in establishing the tutor as the primary point of contact and the guardian of the holistic progress and well-being of each student, just as the class teacher is in primary. While most meetings will be held between tutors and parents, in certain instances, we may recommend that the meeting be conducted with specific Heads of Department, Heads of House, or Heads of School when there is a particular focus for the meeting.

Why are we moving to this model?

At BIC, like all educational institutions, we gather a vast amount of data concerning each student's progress across various domains. These Academic Review Days are an opportunity for tutors, students, and families to look across all of this information and collaborate and reflect on the student's journey. We aim to identify strengths, areas for improvement, and collectively set meaningful targets for the year ahead, ensuring each student's academic success and personal development.



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Why do they occur where they do on the calendar?



We strategically schedule our Academic Review Days to take place at both the beginning and end of the school year, shortly after the publication of key school reports. This timing allows us to set meaningful targets that can be used to track and evaluate progress between the two checkpoints. By doing so, we ensure that our educational strategies remain dynamic and responsive to each student's evolving needs.

What do I need to do as a parent/family member?

When the booking system for these appointments becomes available, we kindly request that all family members use the SchoolCloud system to book appointments. Then, on Academic Review Day, we require all students and parents to attend these meetings either in person or online. These meetings are vital for understanding your child's progress, discussing potential challenges, and collaboratively establishing goals for the upcoming year. They are also a time for us to hear from you about your child's journey and talk to us about anything that helps us better understand their needs as a learner.



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What should I expect on the day?



On Academic Review Day, you will meet with your child's tutor or class teacher in primary, or, in certain cases, a Head of Department, Head of House, or Head of School. During this meeting, you will have the opportunity to discuss various aspects, including academic progress, behaviour, attendance, and any concerns or challenges your child may be facing. Additionally, we aim to celebrate your child's achievements, explore plans for their future beyond school, delve into their extracurricular interests, and address any other pertinent matters related to their personal and academic development. As an outcome of these discussions, your child will depart with personalised targets and goals tailored to their performance, skills, and aspirations.

What should my child be doing when they are not in the meeting?



To maximise the Academic Review Day experience, we will provide a selection of online activities for students via our Canvas platform as part of the Academic Review cycle. These activities will engage students constructively while they are not in meetings, ensuring a productive and enriching day for all. When not in the Academic Review meeting, students should be off-site.



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What if I need to speak to a specific subject teacher, as well as the tutor?



Parents are always encouraged to reach out to specific subject teachers whenever issues or questions arise. You do not need to wait until Academic Review Day to do so. Nevertheless, Academic Review Day also presents an opportunity to convey any concerns or questions you may have for your child's tutor to pass on to specific academic departments. We will ensure a timely response to these inquiries.

What if I have childcare issues on that day?

We understand that childcare logistics can pose challenges on Academic Review Day. If this day presents insurmountable childcare issues for any parents, please do not hesitate to contact either the Head of Primary or the Head of Secondary. We are committed to finding appropriate solutions to accommodate your needs and ensure your participation in this important event. Your child's education and development are our top priorities, and we will work together to overcome any obstacles.