

Try and develop a new interest or talent at Samuel Ward.

There is evidence to show that students who make very good progress at secondary school have developed talents and interests alongside their school work.

This is why we are keen to encourage your child to try out a variety of enrichment activities after lessons on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We hope your child will develop new interests and have a go at new experiences.

Committing time and energy to talents and interests can often have positive spin-offs for other work in School. They often develop confidence, organisational skills, self-discipline and good communication skills, as well as being a lot of fun.



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SAMUEL WARD

Working together

for our new students

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This leaflet is intended for Parents of our new Students. We recognise that your role as a Parent is most important in influencing and encouraging your child to do well. We look forward to establishing a positive and supportive relationship for the benefit of your child.



## Working in Partnership.

Your child's individuality is important to us, which is why we like to work in partnership with Parents and Carers to try and ensure a really successful experience at Samuel Ward.

Research shows that Parent support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than any other input.

You are the expert on your child and your support, encouragement and interest can make a huge difference to your child's motivation and ability to cope with settling in a new School.

Communication with your child's learning coach will help us support your child. So please feel free to jot a note in your child's planner or phone us with any concerns you think we ought to know. Even if we cannot talk to you immediately, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## How you can help:

- Encourage your child to be ready to learn by having the correct equipment every day, such as: pens, pencils, a rule and an eraser. Also, bringing PE kit when it is needed.
- Help your child understand the importance of attendance and punctuality. Good attendance helps lead to success. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unwell.
- Keep an eye on your child's planner by signing it each week. In it you will find information about the homework they are set as well as letters with key dates, trip details and school events. It is another line of communication between us the School and you, so feel free to jot a note to us in here.
- Encourage your child to discuss their work with you and help them find the space and time to complete homework. Showing an interest in your child's work helps to underline the idea that you think it is as important as we do.
- Attend Pupil review meetings and get involved in helping your child set targets for their own improvement. Your support in helping achieve targets can be really motivating and set your child on the road to success.

All Staff at Samuel Ward Academy are there to help students to learn and progress.

So you can ask any member of staff for help at any time.

To help Students to **PERFORM** well at Samuel Ward Academy they need to.....

Positively participate in all tasks.

Encourage everyone with kindness and fairness.

Respect each other and the environment at all times.

Follow instructions immediately.

On task always.

Ready to learn with resilience and responsibility.

Make the most of yourself, be trustworthy and honest.