New Year 7 Evening
March 2026



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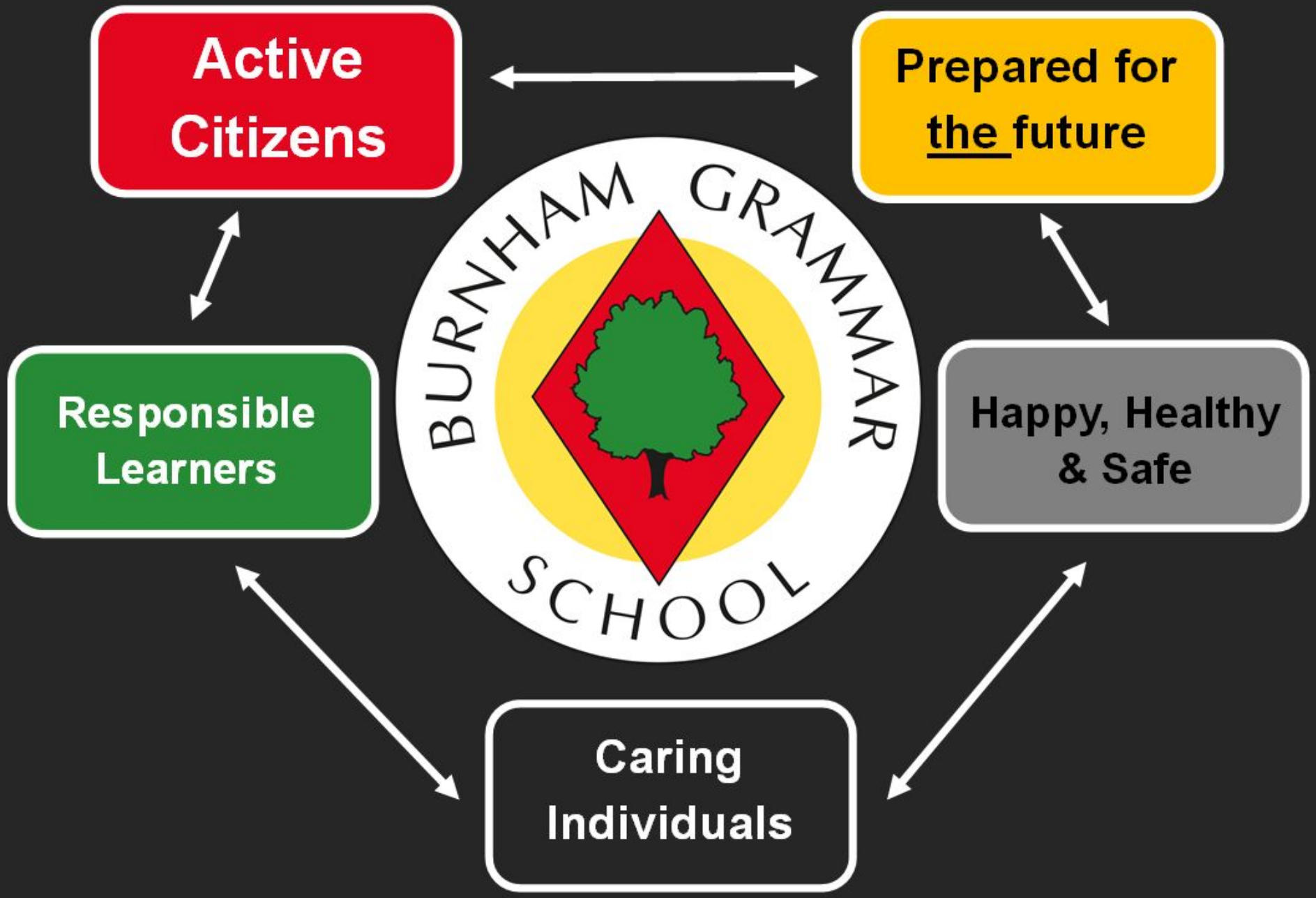

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Burnham Grammar School
HAS RECEIVED A SCHOOL GUIDE RATING OF
AND HAS THEREFORE BEEN AWARDED A
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
FOR THE YEAR 2024 - 2025
Victoria Bond, CEO of School Guide
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Embracing Challenge

Inspirational learning to support every student to embrace and overcome challenges in every lesson and learning experience, every day to transform their own lives and those of others

This is the school where “ethos and values" are visible and demonstrated in daily practice and inclusion “is lived not laminated.”

IQM Assessment November 2025

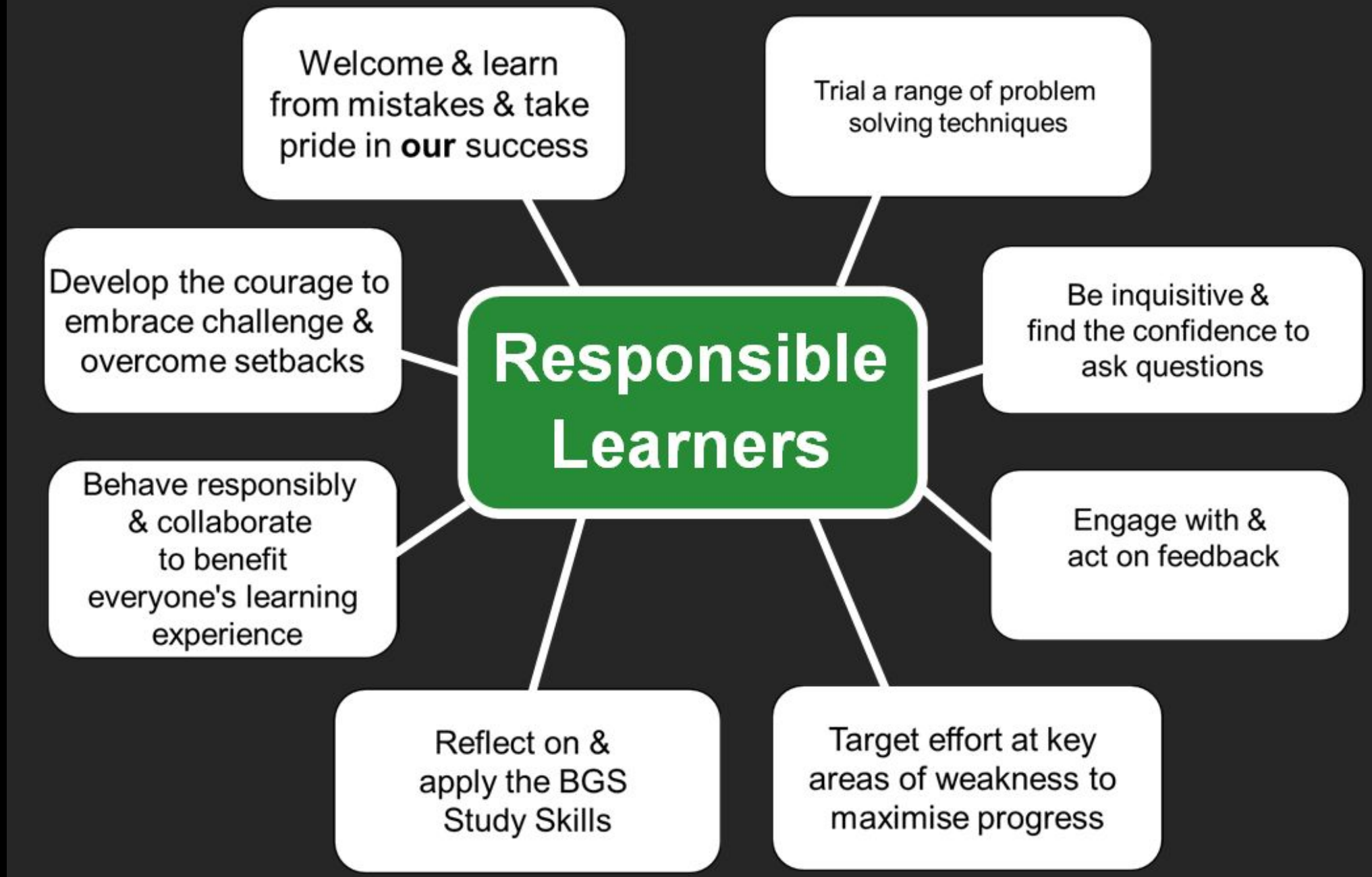

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Happy, Healthy & Safe
Caring Individuals

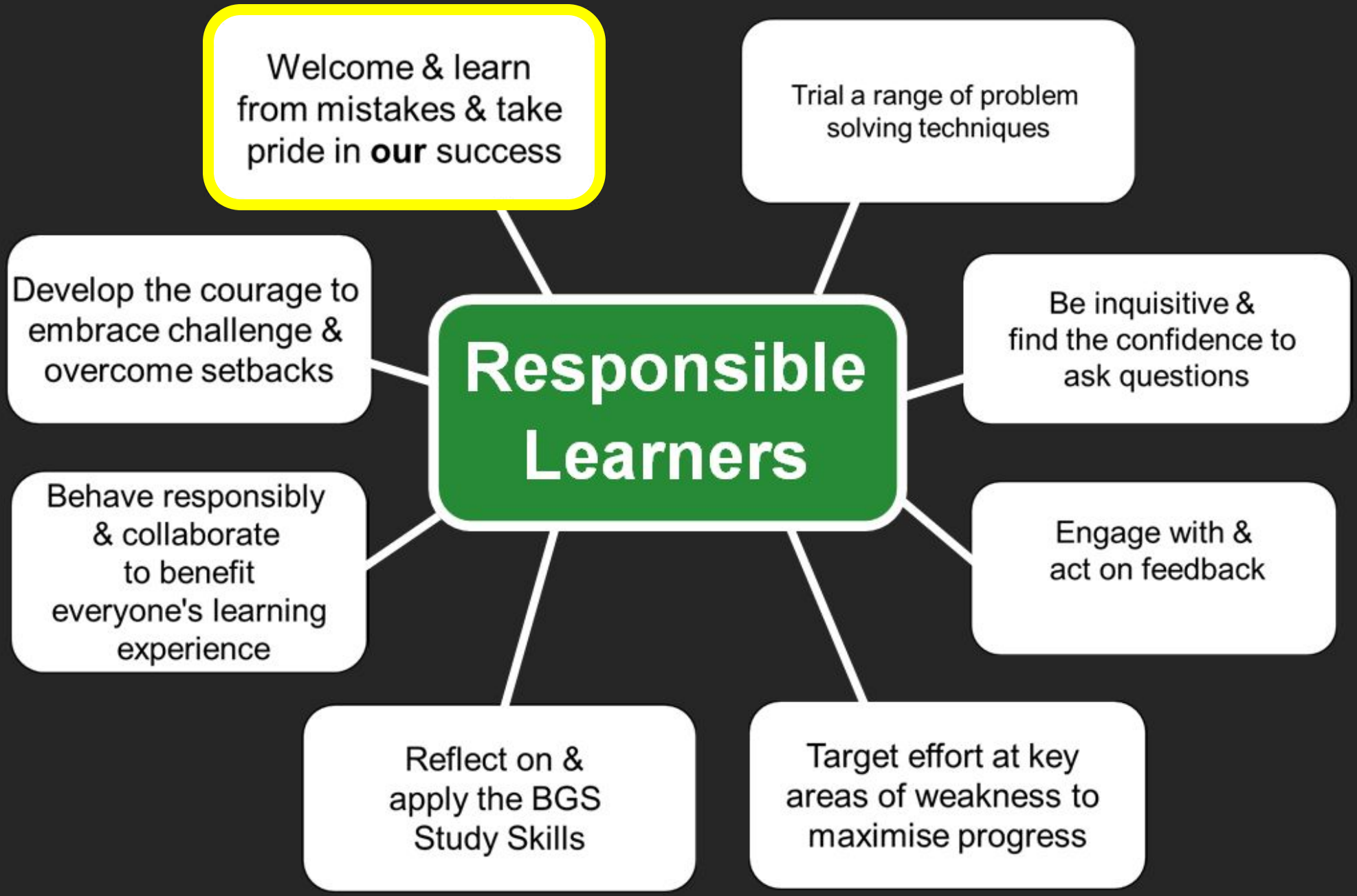
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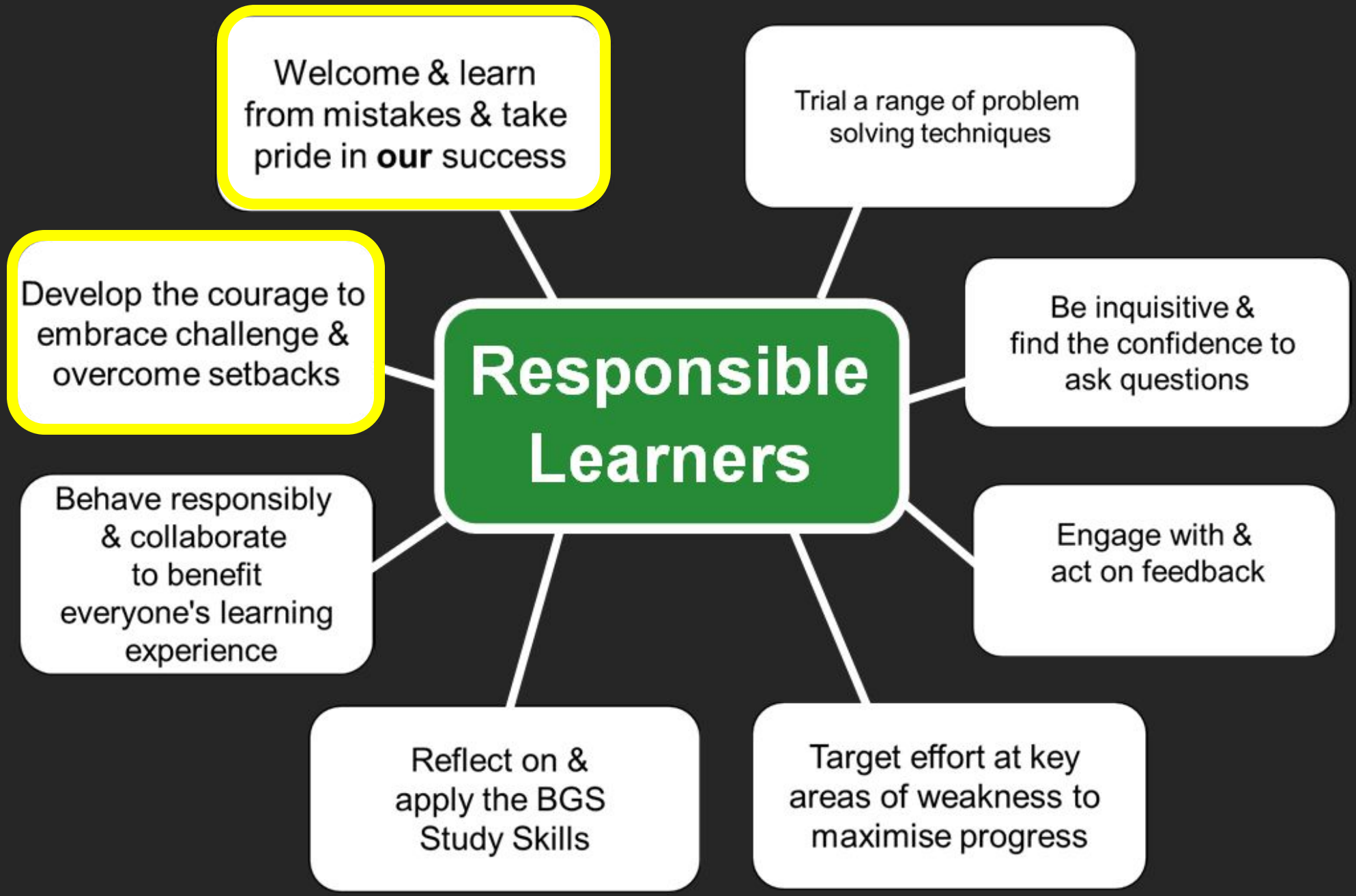
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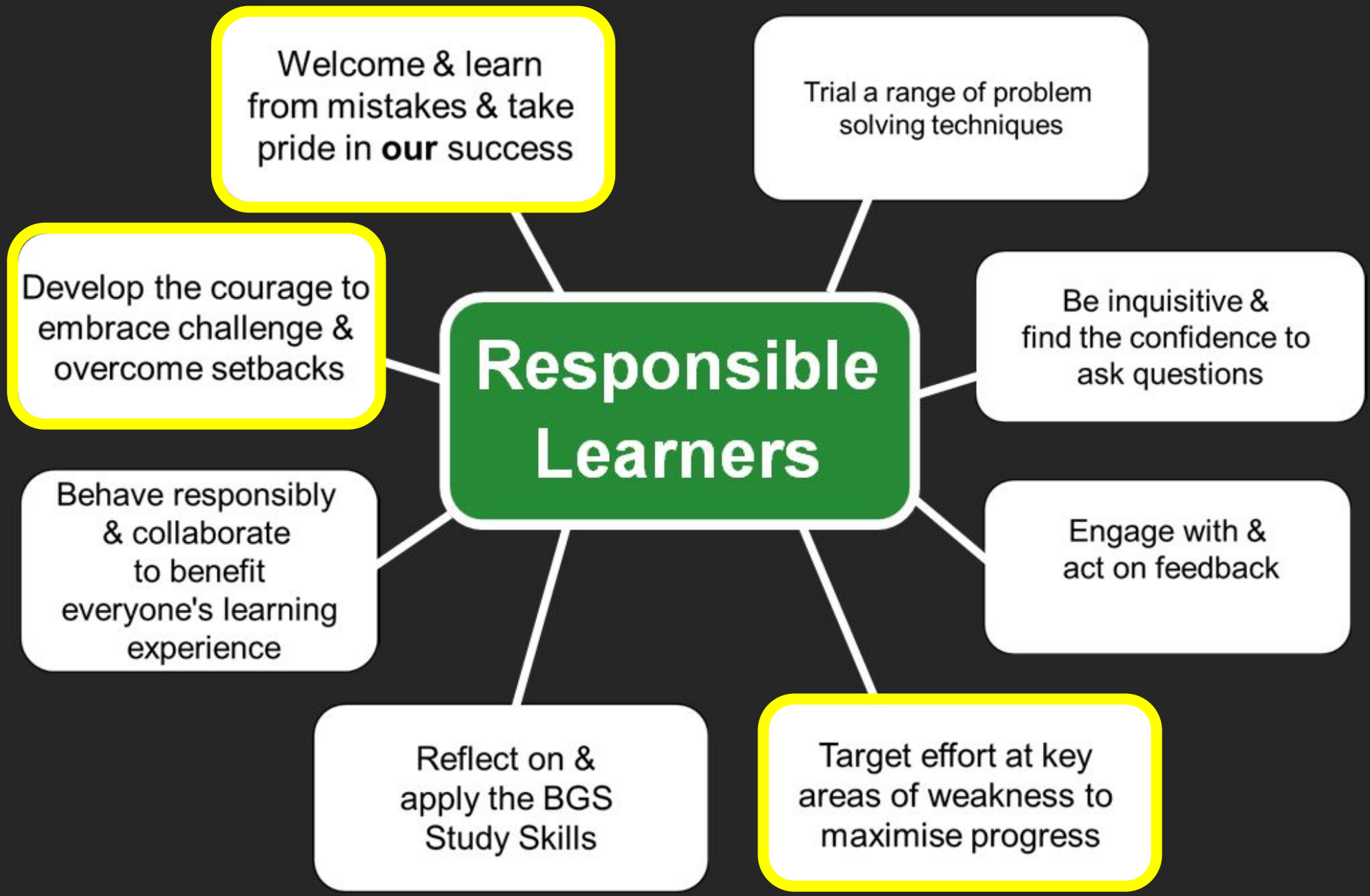
Responsible Learning

is fundamental to your child's success in all areas of school life


Welcome & learn from mistakes & take pride in **our** success
Trial a range of problem solving techniques
Develop the courage to embrace challenge & overcome setbacks
Responsible Learners
Be inquisitive & find the confidence to ask questions
Behave responsibly & collaborate to benefit everyone's learning experience
Engage with & act on feedback
Reflect on & apply the BGS Study Skills
Target effort at key areas of weakness to maximise progress


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"Burnham Grammar School has developed a self-image of the school that emphasises individual progress. Staff encourage students to work hard and “push themselves to the point when they make mistakes.”

IQM Assessment November 2025

“When invited to reflect on their time at Burnham Grammar School, the alumni described how the schools’ ethos and values shaped their attitudes and helped them to achieve their goals.”

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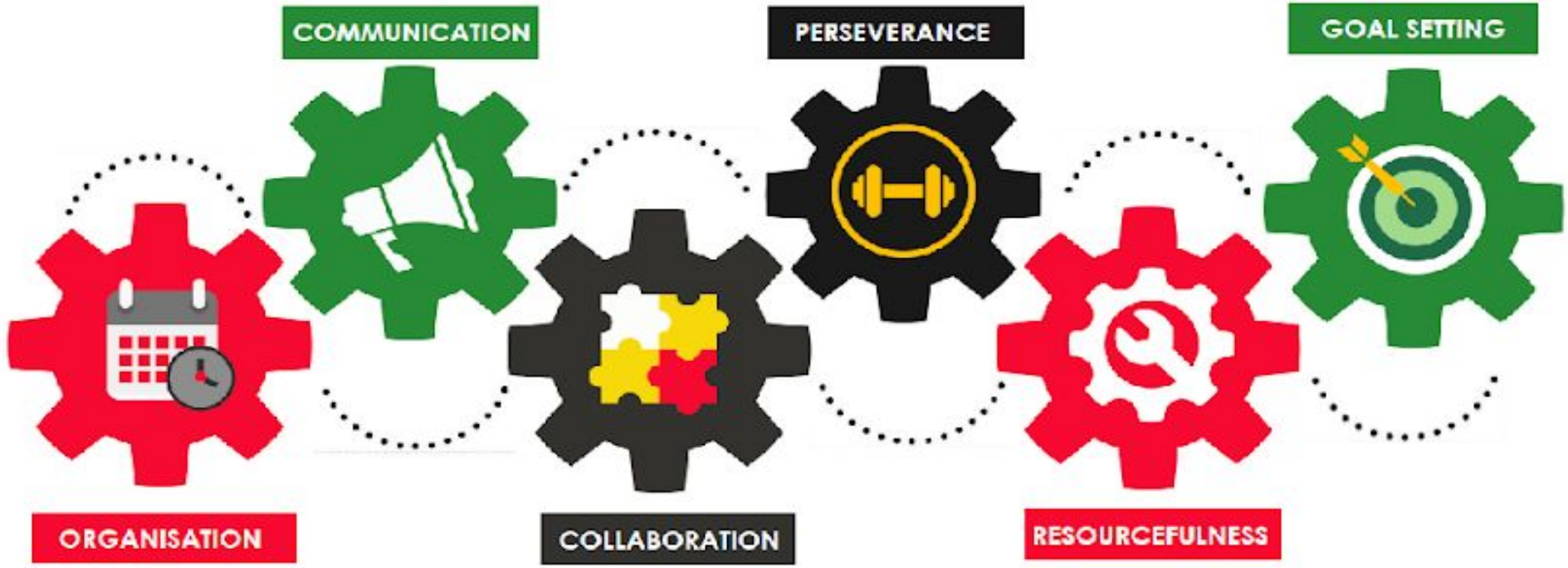
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEPTION

Year 7 BGS Diploma & Psychology for Learning

BGS Year 7 Diploma

- Foundations for **Responsible Learning** & developing key study skills
- Students focus on a key skill every half term – reinforced in every lesson and evaluated by tutors
- There are 4 key challenges linked to the school aims
- There are Bronze, Silver & Gold awards at the end of the year

BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL : YEAR 7 DIPLOMA



DIPLOMA CHALLENGES

- Responsible Learner
- Active Citizen
- Happy, Healthy & Safe
- Prepared for their future

DIPLOMA CHALLENGES

Responsible Learner

Setting relevant and challenging targets at SRD
Participation and engagement with mentoring
Completion of the BGS Reading Journal
Going beyond the classroom to explore interests and passion for subjects
Talk the Talk and CSI Investigators: referring to skills that can be used in lessons

Active Citizen

Complete a minimum of 5 hours community work
Contribute to the Eco Pledge
Be part of and/or engage with School Council activity
Acts of kindness
Working with others

Happy, Healthy & Safe

Participation in Inter House Competitions
Extra Curricular participation: including Longridge and trips
Attend and support self and others with Peer Education Training Programme
Enriching awareness and participation in culture and diversity: theatre, museums, places of worship
Charity work- fund raising and volunteering

Prepared for the future

Develop touch typing skills
Achieve Bronze certification in iDEA: employability, enterprise and digital skills development
Participate and engage with industry visits and careers events to explore interests
Finding out about careers and links to subjects of interest

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Psychology for Learning

- A taught course in Year 7 & Year 8
- Students study
- How the brain works
- Memory and how to improve recall
- Recognising and understanding the benefits of short term stress and health issues of long term stress
- Wellbeing and the mental health continuum

ALL Subject Areas are Important in Your Child's Development

Please do not pigeon hole them or allow them to pigeon hole themselves as only being good in certain areas







ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES





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MUSICAL ENSEMBLES







DANCE SHOW







SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS





DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES







CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES









SPORTS EVENTS

Bullying occurs very infrequently. On the rare occasions when it does happen staff deal with it swiftly and effectively. Pupils told inspectors that they feel happy and safe at school.

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Caring Individuals
Seek support when we are concerned about ourselves or others
Believe in, care for & respect ourselves & each other
Think through & anticipate the consequences of our actions
Respect & value diversity of beliefs, thoughts & ideas in order to be active allies
Actively listen to, communicate & support others
Take care of the environment around us
Treat yourself & others considerately & fairly
Act to improve the lives of others around us & make others feel welcome & safe

Home Learning

No homework for the first two weeks

3 days notice for homework

Try to stick to the indicated times

Putting the Diploma & P4L into context

Student Chromebooks

- All students will have the opportunity to purchase a Chromebook using a flexible financial scheme
- All devices will be provided with a 3year warranty, insurance, a Google licence and will be owned by the student once the lease term is complete
- Access to a Chromebook both in school and at home can help improve students' academic progress and independent learning
- The scheme will be heavily subsidised for students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.
- There will be an information evening for parents in June 2026
- Please be aware that costs for the 2026 scheme have increased
- Families are encouraged to compare prices with other retailers

Mobile Phone Policy

- No phones on display on **site**
- Phones to be put in lockers until end of the day
- Phones will be confiscated until following Friday
- Social media – parents need to monitor access to age-appropriate sites

Think about establishing routines before your child has a phone

Sleep is Important

You will need 8-10 hours

Establish a routine

Digital Detox – remove phones & tablets etc

Wind Down – 30-60mins before lights out

Avoid Energy Drinks/Coke in the afternoon

Year 7

Our Expectations

We just need you to try your best, Embrace Challenges and be a Responsible Learner

What we need from our new Year 7 students?

1. We want you to be Happy! (Tell us when you are not!)
2. You must always try to be a Caring Individual.
3. Challenge yourself in every lesson, every day and keep going when things get difficult.
4. Strive to be the best you can as an individual.
5. Recognise the key importance of effort that is focused.
6. Testing possible answers and getting things wrong is the sign of great learning.
7. Be inquisitive; ask questions of yourself, other students and your teachers.

School Transport

Please visit the webpage or the Year 7 Information Site for details regarding the school bus(es) and route(s)

Mr Churchouse
Head of Year 7

Vertical Form Groups & Teaching Groups

Vertical Form Groups

- Students meet in form groups for morning registration
- Students from Years 7 to 13
- Provide consistent start to the school day
- Personalised pastoral support from form tutor to tutees
- Older students mentor younger students
- Prepares students for life beyond school

Teaching Groups

- Taught in the same group for most lessons
- Teaching groups are created before September induction day
- Current student situations are considered (Interests / friendships / personalities)
- The goal is to create balanced teaching groups which give every student the best possible chance of a successful transition

Subjects Studied in Year 7

English (including Literacy)

Maths

Combined Science

Art

Computer Science

Design Technology

Drama

Geography

Modern Foreign Language

Music

PE

Psychology for Learning

PSHE

Religious Studies

History

School Day

Structure of the BGS School Day

	YR 7	YR 8	YR 9	YR 10	YR 11	YR 12	YR 13
Tutor	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00
P1	9.05-10.05	9.05-10.05	9.05-10.05	9.05-10.05	9.05-10.05	9.05-10.05	9.05-10.05
P2	10.10-11.10	10.10-11.10	10.10-11.10	10.30-11.30	10.30-11.30	10.30-11.30	10.30-11.30
Break	11.10-11.30	11.10-11.30	11.10-11.30	10.05-10.25	10.05-10.25	10.05-10.25	10.05-10.25
P3	11.35-12.35	11.35-12.35	11.35-12.35	11.35-12.35	11.35-12.35	11.35-12.35	11.35-12.35
P4	12.40-1.40	12.40-1.40	12.40-1.40	12.40-1.40	12.40-1.40	12.40-1.40	12.40-1.40
Lunch	1.40-2.25	1.40-2.25	1.40-2.25	1.40-2.25	1.40-2.25	1.40-2.25	1.40-2.25
P5	2.30-3.30	2.30-3.30	2.30-3.30	2.30-3.30	2.30-3.30	2.30-3.30	2.30-3.30

Modern Foreign Languages

Modern Foreign Languages

- For timetabling reasons it is not possible to opt for the language to be studied in Year 7
- If there is a valid reason why your child **should be** allocated one of the two languages (e.g one of the languages is spoken at home), then please contact Admissions: admissions@burnhamgrammar.org.uk
- The fact your child may not have previously studied the language allocated to them at BGS is not a reason to be concerned
- The majority of Year 7 students very quickly close the gap between those who have studied the language in primary school and those that haven't

Extracurricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Clubs

- Just as important as your curriculum lessons
- Clubs take place at lunch times and after school throughout the year
- Rich and varied programme with both sporting and non-sporting activities
- ALL Year 7 students are expected to be involved in extracurricular clubs as part of the Diploma Challenge

Extra-Curricular Clubs

- Music (inc. Music tech, choir, orchestra, pop choir)
- Sports (inc. rugby, netball, football, cricket, softball, table tennis, rounders, tennis,basketball, badminton)
- Creative writing
- Photography
- Crochet
- Engineering
- Chess
- Art
- Digital game development
- Debate
- History
- Environmental group
- Board games/Friendship

Music Lessons

- Lessons are now only provided through Bucks Music Trust who employ teachers selected on their talent and ability to inspire pupils.

- Lessons will happen during the school day on a weekly rotation in order to minimize disruption to your son/daughter's curriculum education.
- Further details and the signing up form can be found on the New Year 7 Information Site.



Homework Club

Monday – Thursday 3:30-5pm

in the Library

Pastoral & Wellbeing Support

The House System

House & Pastoral Leadership

In Year 7, each House has:

- Head of Year 7
- Head of House (HOH)
- Deputy Head of House (DHOH)
- Form Tutors

Pastoral Team has:

- Full time Administrators for each key stage – available for parents to contact

Pastoral Support & Wellbeing



Miss White
Senior Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Wellbeing Manager



Mrs Vig
Student Welfare Officer

number22
community counselling services

- Mental Health First Aiders – staff members who can identify and support students in difficulty
- Peer Education Project – All news students will take part in the MHF PEP course outlining how positive mental health supports for all students.
- BGS Student Mind Ambassadors

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The data on referrals to student MIND ambassadors again serves to demonstrate the positive impact of this programme. I particularly appreciated the broad understanding that students have of allyship and its importance in challenging discrimination and ensuring that everyone feels they belong

Gold Pupil Wellbeing Award June 2025

There is a strong focus on supporting positive mental health in pupils and staff. Some older students receive training as 'Mind Ambassadors'. Different coloured lanyards indicate trained mental health champions. Pupils appreciate being able to seek support from their peers as well as from adults

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SEND Support

- Ever student is supported to achieve their full potential
- If your child has Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), we offer:
- **Early identification and support** through collaboration with parents and previous schools
- Access to our **SEND Team** and pastoral team
- **Individual Learning Support plans** where appropriate
- **In-class strategies and reasonable adjustments** to support learning
- **Small group or targeted interventions** when needed
- **Close communication with families** to ensure the nest support for each student
- Links with **external specialists and services** where appropriate
    - Our aim:
    - To ensure every student feels **supported, confident, and able to thrive both academically and personally**



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Key Year 7 Induction Events 2026

Key Induction Events

Event	Date	Aim
Primary School Visits	June & July	Address initial questions and worries & find out individual needs – Students will complete their transition packs to assist with a smooth passage to secondary school.
Transition Day	7th July 2026	A chance to meet tutors and teaching groups & understand expectations at BGS
Space Camp	23rd – 27th July 2026	Making friends, getting to know the buildings and staff & Embracing Challenge
First Day	**Thursday 3rd September 2026**	Only Year 7 and 12 are in school Getting to know teaching rooms, groups, understand timetables and ICT systems
Meet the Tutor/Head of House Evening	8th October 2026	An opportunity for parents to meet senior staff, Heads of House and each other. Children's academic progress is not discussed
Longridge Outward Bounds Residential	September 2026	Team building, problem solving and Embracing Challenges
BGS Diploma & Challenges	All Year	Key to developing the foundations of learning skills and attitudes

Transition Day

Transition Day - 7th July 2026

- Students will attend a series of lessons throughout the school day
- Further information regarding timings for the day will be shared nearer the time
- ALL students will have access to a free 2-course lunch on the day. (menu TBC). Bring your own packed lunch if you prefer

Summer Camp









Summer Camp - 23rd to 27th July 2026

- Three-days
- Team building, social interaction activities and Embracing Challenge
- A carousel of interactive activities.
- Sessions with members of staff from different departments to increase familiarity in the school
- Opportunity to explore the school, meet potential classmates and reduce any anxieties

First Day in School
3rd September

First Day – Thursday 3rd September 2026

- Only Year 7 & 12 are in on this day
- Welcome Assembly: Headteacher, SLT, Heads of House / Head of Year 7
- Lockers
- Orientation; including locating form and teaching rooms
- Practise using the canteen and card systems
- Team building activities and opportunities to work on **Responsible Learning** skills

Longridge









Longridge – Year 7 activity days

Date: September 2026

- Teambuilding activities, Embracing Challenge, developing Resilience, Responsible Learning and practising being a Kind and Caring Individual in a practical environment
- Evening meal provided
- Great way to get to know other members of Year 7 and make friends across the year group
- There is a place available for every Year 7 student – we would encourage all students to go on the trip
- Located in Marlow

Dragonboat Giant Swing Climbing Laser Tag Leap of Faith Rafting Canoeing Kayaking Jacob's Ladder Water Orbs Go Karts

New Year 7 Information Site 2026

This is your One Stop Shop for ALL of the information that you will need

Please let us know if you cannot easily find an important piece of information

Year 7 Information Site for Parents



Uniform

SWI & the Website

Please visit the webpage or the information site for details on required items of branded, non-branded and optional uniform

Plain black trainers with logos are <u>NOT</u> part of the school uniform



Estimated Costs When Starting BGS

- Chromebook up to £500*
- Uniform £140
- Required sports kit £85
- Pencil case, school bag & calculator £20
- Additional sports kit (trainers & boots) £75
- Summer Camp £65 - £75
- Longridge Team Building £150
- At BGS we use ParentPay as a method of payment for all trips and School dinners
- You will receive activation details for ParentPay towards the end of May. Once you have activated your account you can make payments for trips assigned to your child.

Estimated Total up to £1000
Please do not purchase any uniform or kit yet.
However, we recommend budgeting for the upcoming school year.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

If you are receipt of any of the following benefits your child may qualify for free school meals:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Scheme
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Students in receipt of free school meals have funds loaded on to their cards in the same way as other students and **cannot be identified.**
- Registering for free school meals would also raise extra Pupil Premium funding for the school that will directly benefit your child's education.

Free School Meals from September 2026

- Parents need to apply for Free School Meals when joining secondary school
- Eligibility **no longer** automatically transfers from Primary School.
- "Transitional Protection" is due to end this academic year but not yet confirmed.
- **Once confirmed**, it means there will be periodic re-checks on a yearly basis for students eligible from September 2026
- Free School Meals eligibility will no longer be protected until Year 11.

If you have any questions please email:

admissions@burnhamgrammar.org.uk