



A Great Place to Learn

Bolton Academy

- Opened August 2003
- Serve Bolton, Riverside, Hills Park and Whittier Mill communities
- Part of the North Atlanta Cluster
- Approximately 550 students serving Pre-K - 5th grade
- An International Baccalaureate Authorized World School since 2010



International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Offers 4 programs of international education (**PYP**, MYP, DP, CP)
- Taught in over 109 countries
- Develops the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills
- Inquiry-based instruction
- Explore local and global issues in real-life context
- Focus on fostering critical thinking and building problem-solving skills, while encouraging diversity in thought, international mindedness, curiosity, and a healthy appetite for learning and excellence.

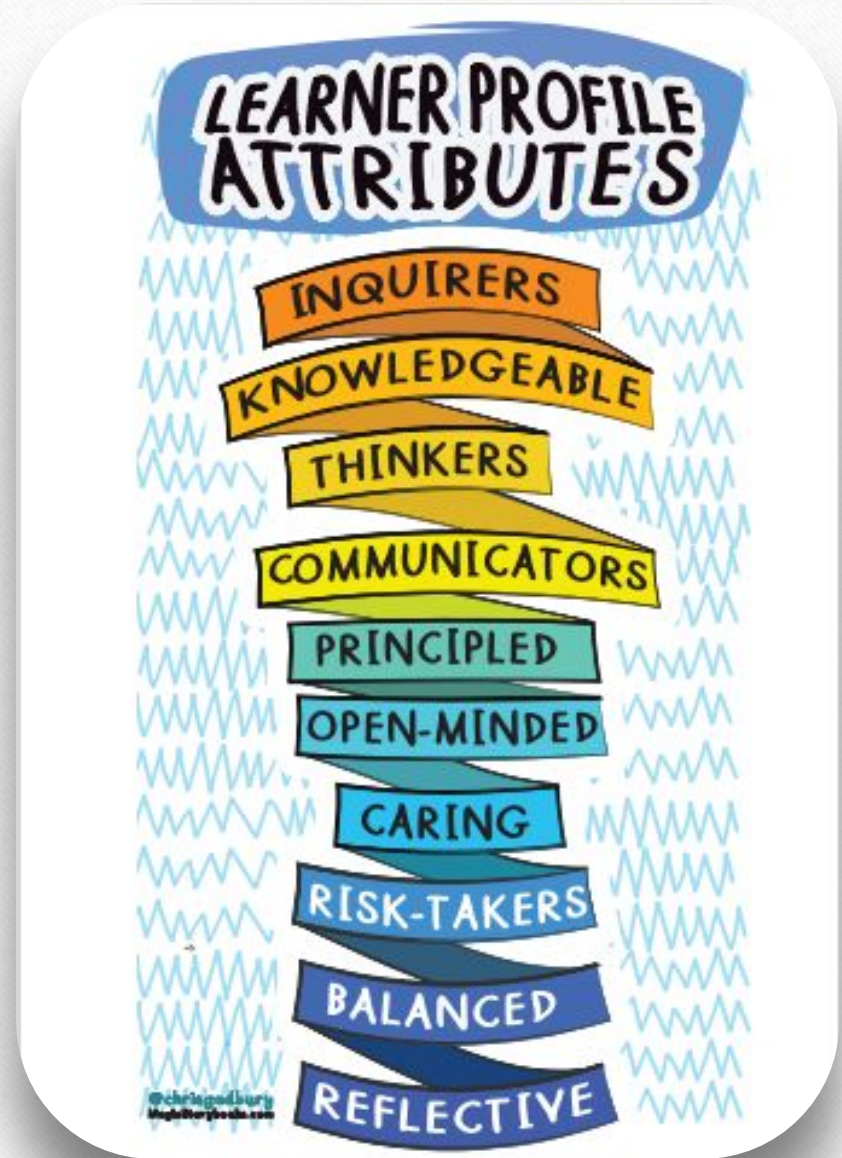


An IB Education



Learner Profile

- The International Baccalaureate® (IB) learner profile describes a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success.
- They imply a commitment to help all members of the school community learn to respect themselves, others and the world around them.



Approaches to Learning

- Grounded in belief that learning how to learn is fundamental to education
- Interrelated skills that support students of all ages to become self-regulated learners
- Implicit and explicit opportunities to develop and practice ATL skills

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Developing positive interpersonal relationships and collaboration skills
- Developing social-emotional intelligence



RESEARCH SKILLS

- Information-literacy skills
- Media-literacy skills
- Ethical use of media/information



THINKING SKILLS

- Critical-thinking skills
- Creative-thinking skills
- Transfer skills
- Reflection/metacognitive skills



COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Exchanging-information skills
- Literacy skills
- ICT skills



SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Organization skills
- States of mind



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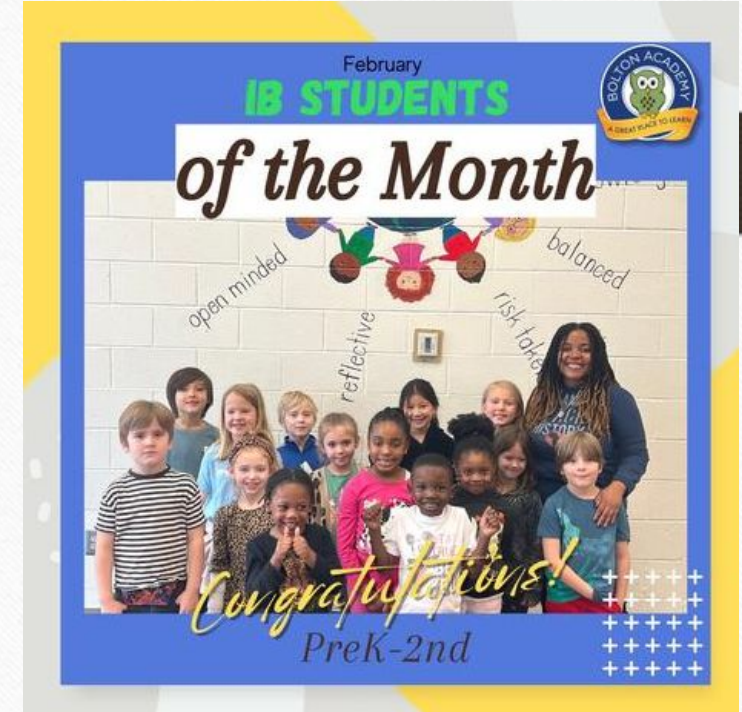
IB Curriculum

- Curriculum is organized around six themes of global significance
- Units are usually a 6-8 week in-depth exploration of a concept
- Students and teachers inquire into a central idea
- Guided by lines of **inquiry** as well as teacher and student questions



Student of the Month Celebrations

Each month we focus on developing an IB Learner Attribute and the corresponding SEL competency



Social Emotional Learning

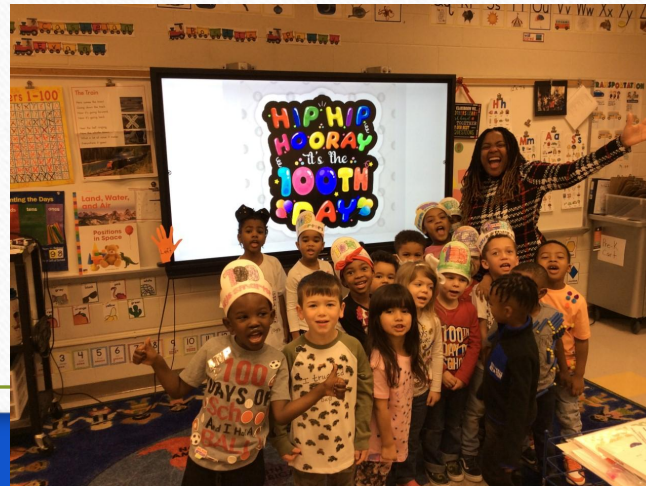
What is SEL?

Social and emotional learning (SEL) involves processes through which children and adults develop fundamental emotional and social **competencies** to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

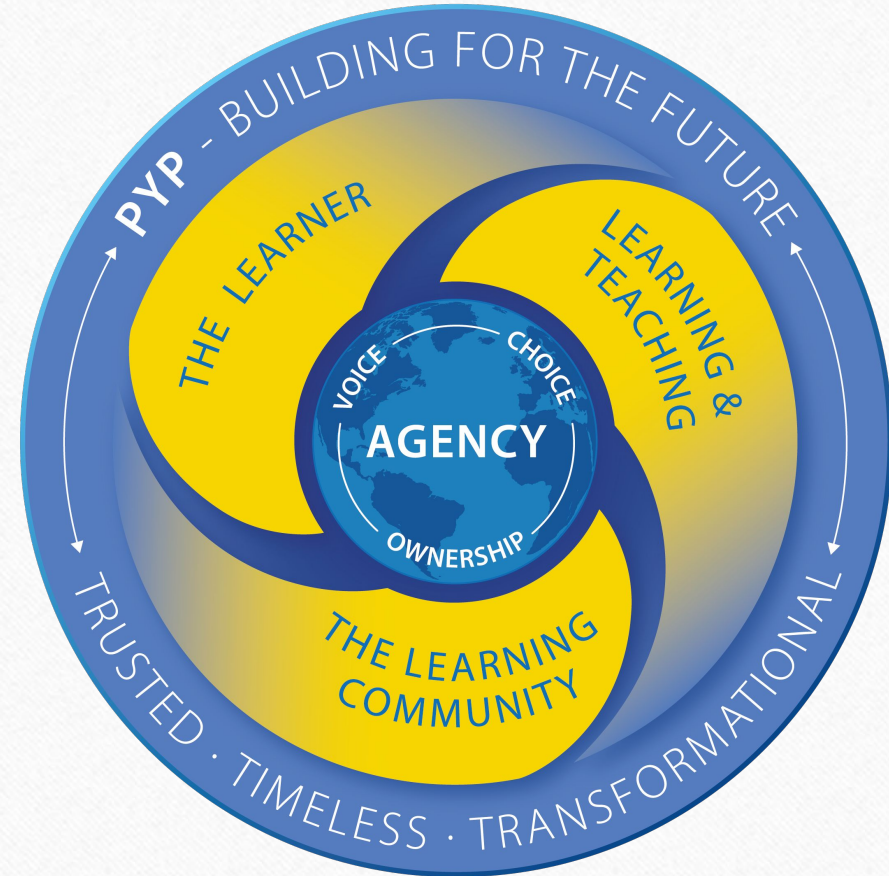


Pre-K Programming

- Values that play is the primary driver for inquiry and learning
- Who We Are, How We Organize Ourselves, Sharing the Planet-units that explore relationships, community and the world around them
- 2 traditional classrooms; 1 neurodivergent class
- Application closes on March 12th; lottery drawing on March 27th
- **Open to residents within the APS zone**
- Child must turn four years old by September 1, 2023
- Results are emailed to the applicants after a verification process





























Teaching & Learning



Phonemic Awareness & Phonics (K-3)



- Multisensory, structured language resource
- Provides explicit instruction using research-based materials and strategies

Aa  apple	Bb  bat	Cc  cat	Dd  dog	Ee  Ed	Ff  fun	
Gg  game	Hh  hat	Ii  itch	Jj  jug	Kk  kite	Ll  lamp	
Mm  man	Nn  nut	Oo  octopus	Pp  pan	Qq  queen	Rr  rat	Ss  snake
Tt  top	Uu  up	Vv  van	Ww  wind	Xx  fox	Yy  yellow	Zz  zebra

Reading and Writing Workshop

Reader's Workshop

- Mini-Lessons based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence, literary analysis, strategies and skills, and writing about reading.
- Independent reading, partner reading, small group, and one on one conferring with teacher to practice strategies.
- Literacy Stations

Writer's Workshop

- Mini-Lessons designed for explicit instruction on the writing process and evidence-based writing.
- Independent writing allows students time to work while the teacher confers.



Math Workshop

- Developed with the idea that students need to know more than just "what works" when solving a problem
- Develops a deeper understanding to know "why it works"
- Goes beyond formulas and facts
- Develops a conceptual understanding
- Students become literate and fluent in Math



Dual Language Immersion



- Spanish is taught to all students
- Increased focus on meaningful and purposeful communication rather than grammatical mastery
- Develop cultural awareness
- Acquire proficiency with listening and speaking



Dual Language Immersion (DLI)



- Academic and linguistic development in Spanish and English **(Bilingual & Biliterate)**
- Develop greater cognitive flexibility
- Better prepared to **collaborate** and **communicate** across linguistic and political boundaries



Dual Language Immersion (DLI)



- Class Composition (50% Native English speakers; 50% Native Spanish speakers)
- Limited enrollment - 44 spots filled via lottery
- Program of Choice - Native English speakers can complete application for DLI in K and 1st grade



Art



An inquiry into art
concepts and
application



Music

Inquiry into music theory and performance arts



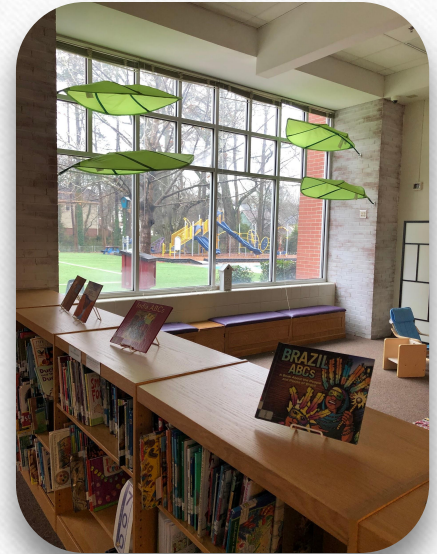
Physical Education

- Personal health and fitness
- Gross and fine motor skill development
- Team work
- Daily recess



Media Center

- Builds digital literacy & digital citizenship
- Facilitates and expands classroom learning
- Provides multiple authentic and purposeful opportunities to learn through technology



"Owl" the Other Things You'll Need to Know

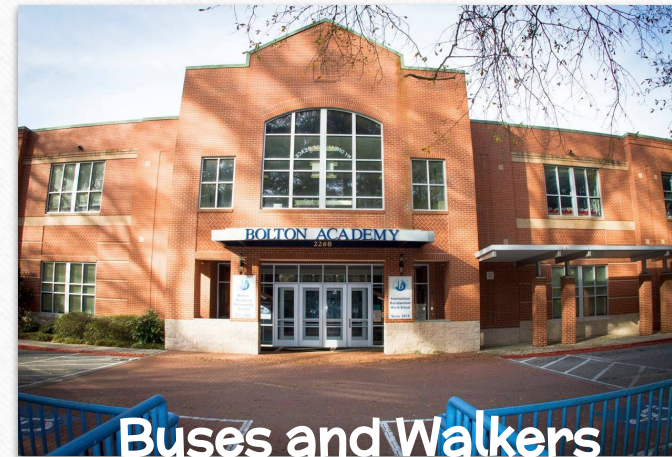


Arrival

- School day begins at 7:45 a.m.
- Doors open at 7:15 a.m.
- Students are late at 7:46 a.m.
- Tardy students enter through the front.



Car Riders



Buses and Walkers

Some car drop off after buses

Dismissal



- School day ends at 2:45 p.m.
- Late pick up will be picked up through the front door.
- Students in the building after 3:15 pm will report to the front office.

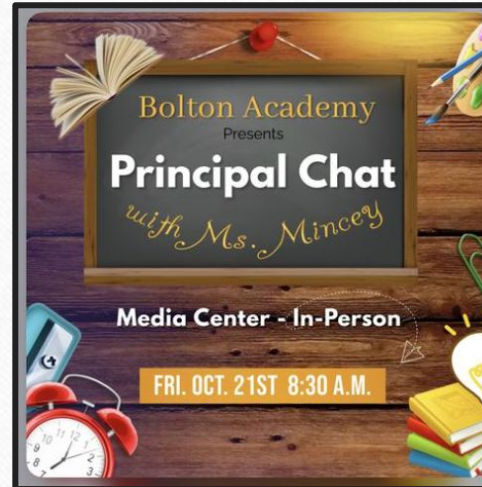
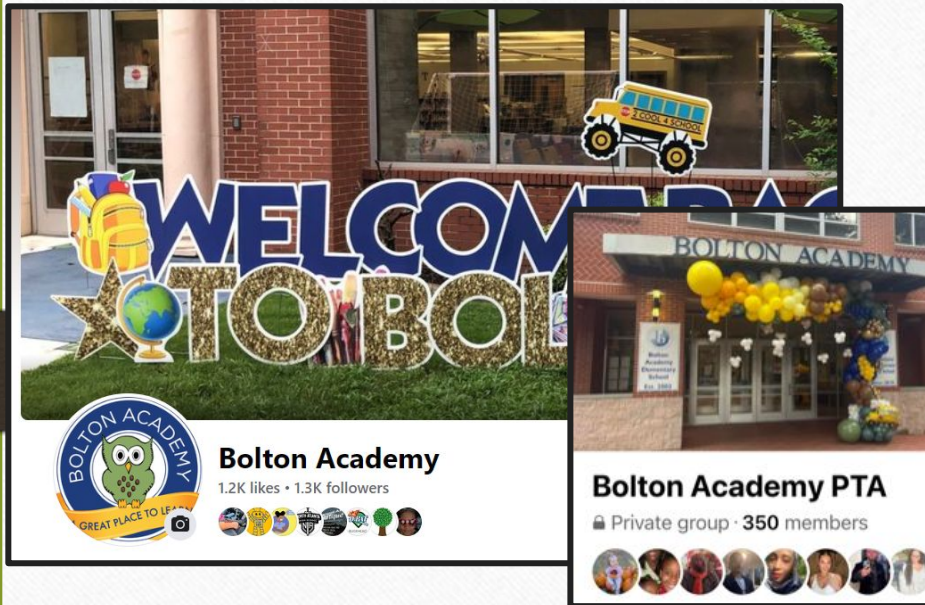


After School Care

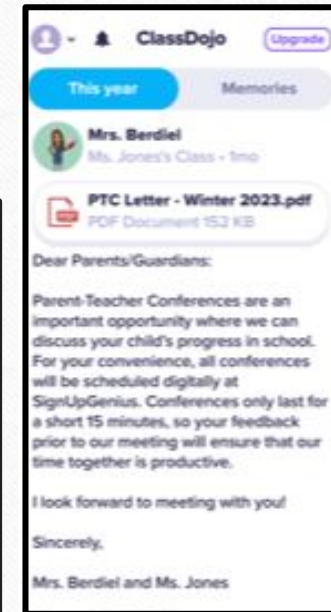
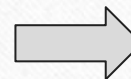
- On-site provided by [Preferred School Care](http://www.pscafterschool.com)
www.pscafterschool.com
- Spots available for Pre-K - 5th Grade
- Provided from 2:45-6:00 pm
 - Every day Bolton Academy is open
- Weekly Rate: ~\$70 with \$30 registration fee
 - Prices may increase next school year
- Opportunity to sign up for enrichment clubs
- Off-site care options: Agape and YMCA



Communication



www.boltonacademy.org



Parent Involvement

- GO Team
- SOFi Foundation
- Parent Teacher Association
- Room Parents
- Building Volunteers
- Program Committees
- Chaperones



Nutrition

- Breakfast and lunch provided daily
- Menus are posted on APS Nutrition website
- Students eat with their grade levels
- Apply for meal assistance if needed



School Safety

- All visitors must be buzzed in the front doors and report to the office. Other doors are not allowed to be opened for guests.
- Volunteers are required to have background checks for field trips and other student activities.



Registration Timeline

- Pre-K applicants must live within the APS zone
 - Lottery drawing is March 27, 2023; registration details follow after acceptance
- K-5th grade must live within the Bolton Academy zone
 - Begins on March 13, 2023
 - Register online
- DLI Application is included Kindergarten registration
 - Deadline to apply is June 1, 2023
 - Lottery drawing will take place within a week with notification by mail/email.

Registration

- Register via APS Infinite Campus Online Registration Portal
 - Post link on our registration page when it goes live
www.boltonacademy.org → Parents → Registration
- Once you complete the online registration, you will need to email our front office team the **5-digit application code** so we can finalize the registration. There will be instructions on our Bolton Academy website on how to find the code.

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Parents



Registration



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A

- Aftercare - Preferred School Care (PSC)
- APS Student Handbook

B

- Birthday Parties and Celebrations

C

- Compact & Family Engagement Plan

E

- Enrichment Clubs - PSC

G

- GO Team

M

- Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

P

- Parent Portal
- Pre-K Lottery Information

PTA

R

- Registration

S

- School Supplies

- Soaring Owls Foundation

- Spirit Wear

- Stay Connected

T

- Talent Development & Gifted Services

V

- Volunteering

W

- Weekly Hoot

Registration Documentation

- Parent's or Guardian's Drivers License or Acceptable ID
- Certified Copy of Birth Certificate (original required for K)
- Social Security Card (original required for K)
- Proof of Residency Documentation
 - Lease, deed or mortgage statement with your name and address
 - Georgia Power bill within 30 days in your name and address
 - If lease or deed is not in your name, you will need to provide 3 supporting documents with your name and address.
- Declaration of Residency- download from Registration website
- Certificate of Immunization (must be current- GA Form 3231)
- Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental and Nutrition Screening (must be current- GA Form 3200)
- Withdraw Paper from previous school (if applicable)

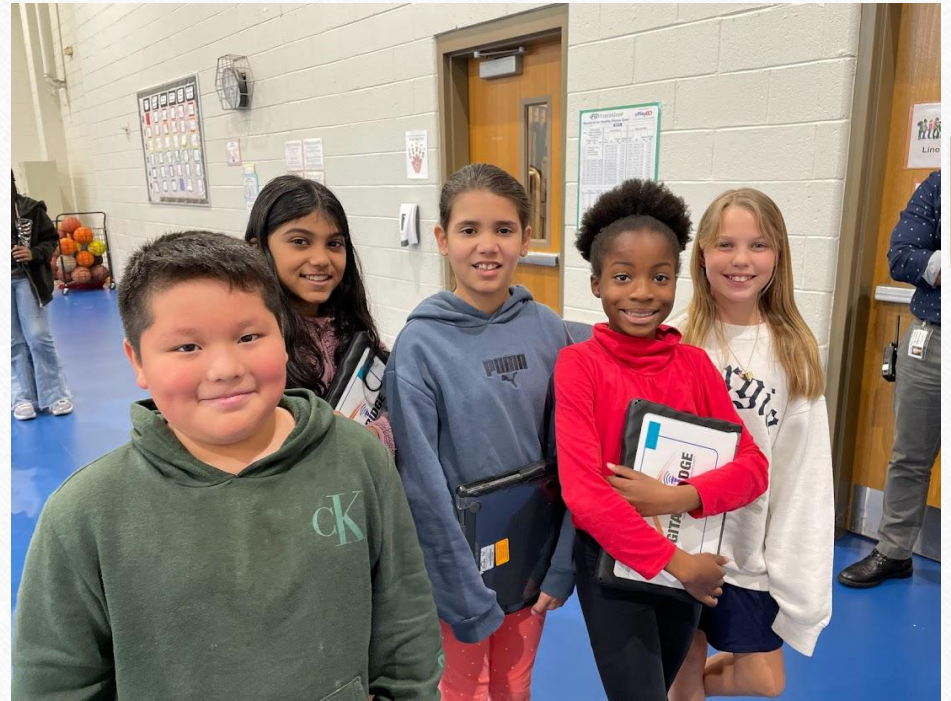
Registration Contacts

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Ms. Gabriel	School Secretary	megabriel@apsk12.org	404-802-8350
Ms. Hernandez	School Clerk	karla.hernandez@apsk12.org	404-802-8350
Ms. Haley	Parent Liaison	melanie.haley@apsk12.org	404-802-8350

<u>Pre-K Application Contacts</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
APS Office of Early Learning	preinfo@atlantapublicschools.us	404-802-3640

Upcoming School Tours

- Thursday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 13th at 9:00 a.m.





Our **community** is special. We are a small school with big dreams for each of our students. Our staff and teachers play a pivotal role in their growth, but we wouldn't be Bolton Academy without our parents and their support.

