

Week ending: 15th May 2020

Welcome to this week's parent and student weekly bulletin at the end of a week which has seen much conjecture and debate following on from the PM announcement last weekend. Since then the government has indicated that students in Year 10 and Year 12 who are due to sit formal exams next year may have the opportunity for some face to face contact with staff, as well as those vulnerable students and those Primary aged children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. As such we are working to arrive at a solution for how this would look at Bilton. The safety of students and staff will remain of paramount importance to us and we will communicate with parents of those year groups over the coming weeks leading up to June 1st as to what our plan going forwards will look like.

Tim Chambers, Headteacher Bilton School

Reviewing our lock-down offer

Having had a number of weeks of providing an on-line education through Class Charts you will shortly be receiving an email asking you to complete a short survey so that we can gain some feedback on you and your family's experience of what has been provided during lock-down. As we have progressed through the weeks many of you have provided us with informal feedback, which has been really useful and enabled us to make what I hope have been subtle improvements. I now feel the need to gather a broader spread of views from across the school population and I would therefore appreciate you taking a little time to complete it.

Celebrating success

During this period of lock-down I think that it is even more important for us to celebrate the successes in the achievements of our students. We try to do this on a number of levels ...

- On a daily basis we share excellent work on our twitter feed.
- Each week, all subjects give nominations of pupils who have completed excellent work.
- From these nominations, 12 pupils in total from years 7, 8, 9, 10 receive a £10 Amazon E-Voucher emailed to their school account.
- We are also continuing to give out HAPs, and since March 23rd we have given out 20,000 of them! , all for excellent home learning.
- Pastoral Leaders give weekly emails to pupils as well to praise them for their home learning.

HAPs will roll over until Christmas 2020, so there is no need to spend HAPs before the end of the summer term.