

Week ending: 19th June 2020

Welcome to this week's Student and Parent bulletin. Bilton school will feel rather different next week as we welcome back our Year 10s in small groups. The feedback we have received in this run up to their return has been really positive and for us as educationalists it is a welcome move back to doing our core business.

We believe that in the coming days there will be further governmental announcements regarding the way forwards for education, particularly from September as we hopefully continue to move out of lock-down. Once we have received further guidance and we have arrived at a strategy of how this will work at Bilton then we will share this information in a timely manner with the Bilton learning community.

Thank you for your on-going and continued support.

Tim Chambers, Headteacher Bilton School

Year 11 and post Year 11

This year group (along with Year 13) has perhaps had the strangest experience of all students at Bilton, and indeed across the country. Around this time in June they would normally have been coming to the end of their external exams and expectantly waiting the results in August. Whilst the August results will still occur, of sorts their experience leading up to that point has been like no other. The traditional end of Year 11 events have been unable to happen and whilst we would like to mark their end of Year 11 in some way in the future the arrival in school of the Year 11 leavers hoodies this week gave a small semblance of normality to the year group.

If students who are not moving into a sixth form from September need advice and guidance about their post 16 plans, courses or institutions then please do not hesitate to contact our careers advisor, Neil Stoddard: neil.stoddard@biltonmail.com

For those Year 11 students who will be joining us in Year 12 in September there have been transition activities and work set by the sixth form team and departments on the school website since April. The aim is to support and prepare them for their new phase of their education. More information and a greater focus on this group of learners is in the pipeline and will be forthcoming from July.

Year 10 Phase 2

We have been finalising the plans for our Year 10 students to return on site, 25% at a time across Mon-Thurs. All Year 10 students have been sent quite specific instructions about the arrangements that they will be following. Students will receive English, Maths, Science lessons as well as one of their options and a tutor period each day that they are in school. Whilst we understand that this will not be exactly the same as pre lock-down we are keen to ensure that our students have a quality classroom experience.

School ties

We have taken the decision that from September all year groups and genders across the school will have the same navy blue ties. Those year groups and genders that already have these will continue to wear them as normal and those with the old pale blue or red ties will be given a new navy blue one at the start of the new academic term.

Monies remaining in parent pay accounts

Year 11 and 13 parents who still have monies remaining in their Parent Pay accounts will see that credit going back into their Parent Pay accounts during July.