

Week ending: 3rd July 2020

Welcome to this week's Student and Parent bulletin. Whilst the communication from the Government this week regarding the larger scale return to school from September was welcome it remains quite vague and poses quite a few additional questions as to how we can safely and practically return to a 'normal' educational experience from September 2020. As a school and indeed as a Trust we will consider this guidance and hope that there are further announcements before we are able to share with you what our plans will be for the start of the Autumn term.

There have been a lot of media commentators sharing their views and opinions over the weeks as to what is needed for our students to 'catch-up' and what strategies schools need to put in place in order to avoid a 'lost generation'. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all of our parents and students, regardless of year they happened that there is no need to panic. Whilst the past 15 or so weeks have been unconventional much learning has occurred, progress has been made and education (albeit in a different format) has existed. We must take a longer-term view. Our students will not end up being behind. The team here at Bilton have the tenacity, strategies, resources, initiatives and indeed the resilience to ensure that all year groups across the school, including our current Year 10 will, be where we need them to be to move onto the next phase of their educational journey.

Tim Chambers, Headteacher Bilton School

Year 9, 8 and 7 parent tutor days

During this week it has been great to welcome into school Year 9 and Year 8 parents and students to have a touch-base and discussion about work completed, progress and general concerns during this period of lock-down. We hope that this has proved useful and has helped to allay any concerns, fears or confusion for moving forwards.

We look forward to our Year 7 parents and students coming on site for their event next Friday, 10th July.

Year 11-12 process

If I refer to the whole school calendar for the year we would currently be due to commence the Year 11-12 induction days. This will be a virtual experience, so please keep an eye open for information coming through via student email as well as Group call as we begin to focus on the preparation of our new Year 12 cohort from September