

Week ending: 10th July 2020

Welcome to this week's Student and Parent bulletin, and to what will be the last 'lock-down' edition as we move into the last week of term. During these final days I will be sending out a letter to all parents/carers which will outline our plans for returning in September. This will have the latest DfE guidance framework for schools at its core. Towards the end of the summer holidays I will send out a further letter which will be more specific to the year group(s) that your son/daughter will be in from September and which will set out the logistics as to how the school will function, initially throughout term 1 up until October half term. This later follow up letter will also allow me to comment on and amend our plans should there be further changes or developments over the summer break.

During these past 17 or so weeks I have been over-whelmed by the way in which the whole Bilton learning community has supported students, staff and parents in their navigation of a situation that has been unprecedented for us all. Many parents have sent in emails of support to me and other staff members, each one very much appreciated and our thanks go out to you for these.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents, carers and students that before this crisis Bilton school was on a trajectory of rapid improvement and that on our return in September that improvement will continue, and indeed accelerate so that the life chances and opportunities of those students who attend Bilton school will be the best that they can be.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Tim Chambers, Headteacher Bilton School

Year 9, 8 and 7 parent tutor days

On Friday 10th July it was great to welcome into school Year 7 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.

During this final term of this academic year we have provided the opportunity to have 1:1 meetings with all of our students and families in Years 7-10 and Year 12. We have been enthused by the level of support and engagement and we sincerely hope that these events have helped to add to the educational experience during lock-down.

Year 6-7 and Year 11-12

From September 2020 we will see a significant increase in the populations of our Year 7 students, who will be the largest single year group in the school and our new Year 12 students, who are set to be the largest Year 12 cohort that we have had at Bilton since having a 6th form.

Late June and July traditionally sees us running in-school transition events to welcome our new students from either end of our age range. Both of these events have been run virtually this year with students and their families being able to access resources, tasks, virtual Teams meetings and virtual school tours via our website so that they are thoroughly prepared for the new phase of their educational journey at Bilton.

Teacher training day - 17th July 2020

We will be having an additional training day on the last day of term this academic year in order to finalise plans for the September re-opening.