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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back, I hope you have had a restful Summer and are looking forward to the new academic year as much as we are. It has been wonderful to see our new Year 7 students settling into our Bilton family and already demonstrating our core values of respect, resilience and kindness in their lessons and in working with their tutors to build a real comradery. I would also like to take a moment to reflect on truly fantastic results for our Year 11 and 13 students. We welcome the Year 11 students, who stayed with us, into our Sixth Form and wish our Year 13 who have just completed their 7 year journey every success in their future endeavours.

Over the Summer the site team have been working tirelessly to create a positive learning environment for our young people. The Key stage 4 canteen has been finished and is a fantastic facility for our students, which I am sure you will agree. We have now contracted an architect for the refurbishment and extension of our toilet facilities. I will keep you updated as this project progresses during the year.

Key stage 4 Canteen



Attendance continues to be a key target for us and is high on the national educational agenda. Please see below a summary of attendance reporting protocols:

- All absences are reported via Study Bugs. There is no longer the facility to call in to report student absence.
- A daily absence report is required from parents in all year groups.

The school's target is no more than three days absence in a school year; we know absence levels above this have a negative effect on all aspects of school life. Your support in encouraging high attendance is greatly appreciated. If you need to take your child out of school, please go to the school website for the leave of absence form, which must be completed. Please note, Headteachers are only able to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances, following the guidance from the Department for Education.

We also recognise the importance of punctuality, minutes late equate to lost learning. The school day starts at 8.45, with a 5 minute movement to tutor time which starts at 8.50am. Arrival after this time generates a late mark, the sanction for which is a late detention.

As a school, this week, during our teacher training we have been working on our key strategic priorities:

- Teaching and learning focus on checking pupils' knowledge and understanding so we deepen pupils' thinking and develop new concepts and ideas.
- Stretching and challenging our students so they can achieve the best possible outcomes at the end of their time with us at Bilton
- Development of strong relationships to facilitate positive classroom cultures and behaviours around our school.

We will send all year groups their start of year newsletter next Friday – please look out for these. They are full of vital information regarding what is happening this half term. Please also keep up to date with what is happening through our Facebook page, Bilton School, Rugby.

Here are some dates for your diaries:

- Year 11 Parent information evening Wednesday 9th September 5.30-6.30pm Kay Hall: all subjects will be present to give help and advice on supporting your child through their exams
- Year 7 & 12 meet the tutor evening Wednesday 30th September: a chance to meet the tutor discuss your child's progress

I wish you a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Jayne Delves
Headteacher