



Year 7

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

2026

Be the best you can be!

Year 7



Head of Year:
Miss Robinson



Pastoral Leader:
Ms Rawden



SLT Link:
Ms Keell

Welcome to Team Year 7 at Bilton School!

We are delighted to welcome you into our community ahead of what is sure to be a brilliant year for our wonderful new Year 7 students.

We have been looking forward to meeting our Year 7s and have been thoroughly impressed by the incredible start they have made, impressing staff across the school with their excellent manners and enthusiasm in all activities. They have already begun to embrace our school values, showing respect, resilience and kindness in their interactions with one another and with our staff.

There is already lots to look forward to this half term, starting with the team-building day this week, followed by upcoming road safety workshops and the Year 7 Disco on 22nd of October. Stay tuned for all the other exciting opportunities and events to come throughout the year!

This is a completely fresh start for your children, and we cannot wait to work together to support them in achieving their full potential and becoming the very best versions of themselves, both in school and beyond. We look forward to guiding them throughout their journey here at Bilton School.

Year 7 Tutor Team

- **Contacting School Staff**
- <https://www.biltonschool.co.uk/about/contact-us>
- Please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance if you have any queries or concerns. We are very lucky to have such an excellent team of tutors in Year 7!

7AGA	Miss S Dang	W36
7BGA	Mrs J Mann	W41
7AMC	Miss K Nash	W42
7BMC	Mrs Z Newbery	W35
7AMR	Miss L Clough	W34
7BMR	Mr K Haidari	K15
7AWH	Miss I Winkleman	C53

Celebrations

- Top HAPS: Ella-Mai B, Aria G, James N, Lucian W, Vannya K, Matias M S, Taman W, Teddy H, Reetu P, Zachary S
- 3596 House Achievement Points (HAPs) awarded already!
- 7AGA (Miss Dang) in the lead with 640 HAPs
- 99% attendance for the whole year group across the first 2 days, what a brilliant start!



Bilton School, Rugby

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Well done to Year7 today for having a very successful start to their Bilton journey.

All students were very smartly dressed. and were superb at engaging in different lessons and sessions.

We look forward to welcoming them back tomorrow

WELL DONE YEAR 7



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Key Dates

Term Dates

- Teacher training day: Monday 5th October
- Half term ends: Friday 23rd October
- Return to school: 2nd November

Year 7: September – October

- 10th September: Y7 Team Building Day
- 17-24th September: Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
- 17th September: Flu Vaccinations
- 30th September: Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening
- 1st October: Y6 Open Evening (Y7 subject helpers wanted)
- 15th & 16th October: Y7 Road Safety Workshops
- 22nd October: Y7 Disco



Recipe for SUCCESS

at
Bilton School

1 In a bowl, add 3 cups of compassion

2 Stir with kindness

3 Mix in 3 cups of ambition

4 Whisk with enthusiasm

5 Add 3 cups of positivity

6 Add 3 cups of positivity

7 Combine the mixture with a
tablespoon of respect, resilience
and kindness

8 Bake in the oven to ensure
academic excellence

9 Allow to cool for 20 minutes and
sprinkle with lifelong success



TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

8.50	-	09:10	Tutor Time/Assembly
9:10	-	10:10	Period 1
10:10	-	11:10	Period 2
11:10	-	11:30	Break
11:30	-	12:30	Period 3
12:30	-	13:30	Period 4
13:30	-	14:05	Lunch
14:05	-	15:05	Period 5

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PROBLEM SOLVING DAY

Thursday September 10th
At school during normal school hours

Cost £20



A whole day of problem solving and team building activities from a fantastic outside company.

What to wear - full PE kit

Bring - bottle of water, a coat/hat/suncream depending on weather





Date - to be confirmed

Charity Cake Sale

*In aid of a charity which is to be chosen by
you - our students!*

Cakes to be dropped off in the Library

Prizes for Best Staff Donations
and Best Student Donations

No cakes with nuts please.
Please make sure all cakes are labelled with any allergens.

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School Canteen

- The canteen operates a cashless system – you can top up using My Child at School (MCAS).
- The gates open at 8:00 a.m.
- Breakfast is available in the cafeteria from 8:25 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. every day.
- Morning Break is served from the canteen from 11:10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- Lunchtime is served from the canteen from 1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Equipment – prepared to be successful

Students are expected to bring the following items to school **every day in their school bag** or blazer:

- Pens - blue or black (at least 1 spare)
- A calculator (recommended model: **Casio fx-85GT CW**)
- Phone pouch (even if they don't bring a phone to school)
- Pencils (including at least 1 spare)
- A ruler

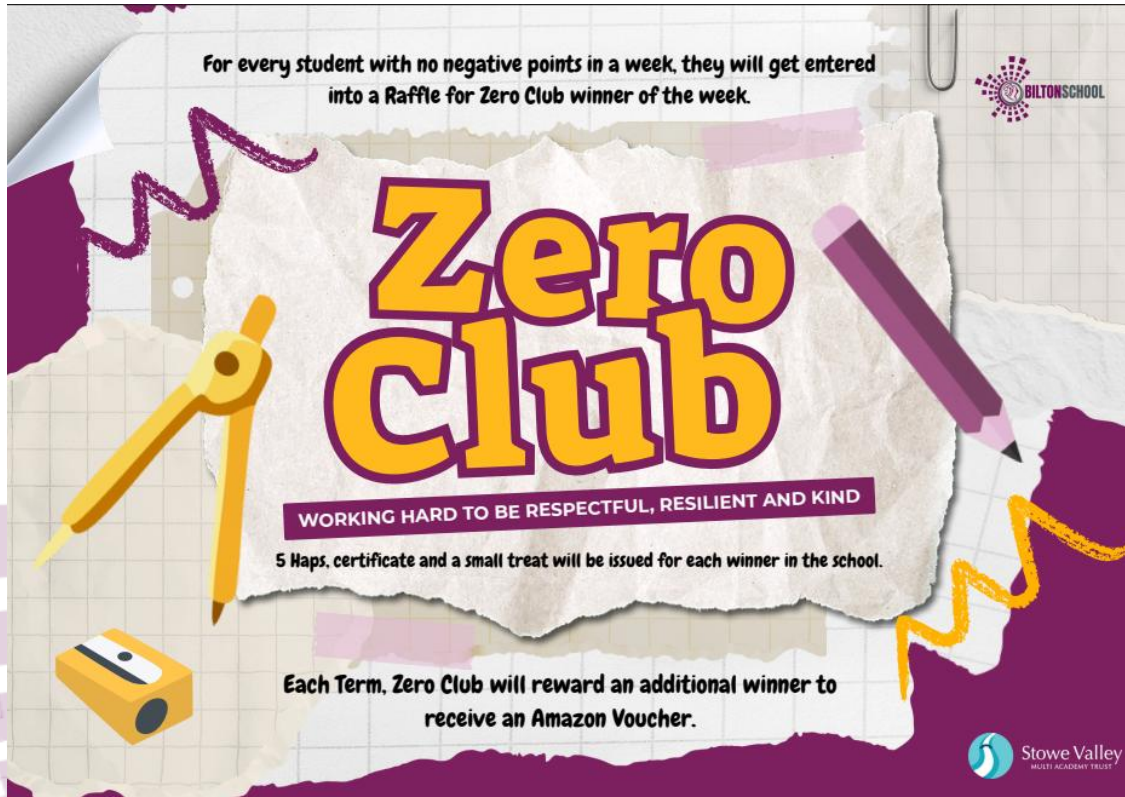
The following items would also be helpful:

- Purple pen for responding to teacher feedback
- Rubber
- Sharpener

Having the correct equipment is essential for learning and is the responsibility of each student. If you require any support in ensuring your child has these items, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.



Rewards at Bilton School



Rewards
at Bilton School

WHICH REWARDS WILL YOU ACHIEVE?

- ✓ HAPS Daily and Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum awards and goodie bags
- ✓ Raffle tickets in Year 11
- ✓ Highest Haps in Year 11 weekly reward
- ✓ HAPA award in Sixth Form
- ✓ ZERO club weekly winners
- ✓ ZERO club termly winner and vouchers issued
- ✓ TERMLY Year group Reward events based on Criteria
- ✓ Bilton Stars

TICKET

Congratulations!
You have achieved
GOLD AWARD

Zero Club
HAPA
HAPA

Stowe Valley
Multi-Academy Trust



read.. grow.. inspire..

YEAR 7

Supporting readforgood.org

READATHON

8TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL 5TH OCTOBER

Earn HAPs, prizes for best participants.

Choose what to read. Raise money to buy books for children in hospital

Information and packs given during library induction session

Students from other years can take part. Ask at library.

BILTONSCHOOL



Y7 Residential – Willersley Castle, Peak District.



- **Wednesday 7th-Friday 9th July 2027**
- **Space for 120 pupils.**
- **Build confidence, resilience, independence, teamwork and communication skills**
- **Enjoy exciting activities including canoeing, climbing, bushcraft, hill walking, archery, fencing and air rifle shooting**
- **Take part in team-building, problem-solving challenges, scavenger hunts, quizzes and campfires**
- **Approximate cost: £360 per pupil**
- **Payment by instalments: September 2026 – May 2027**
- **Students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding available.**
- **Information and sign up letters issued this September.**

ACTIVITIES WEEK





UNIFORM DONATIONS

DO YOU HAVE UNIFORM THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED OR USE?

If you have any donations of uniform that you no longer need (including footwear) that is in good condition please feel free to drop this in to reception over the coming weeks.



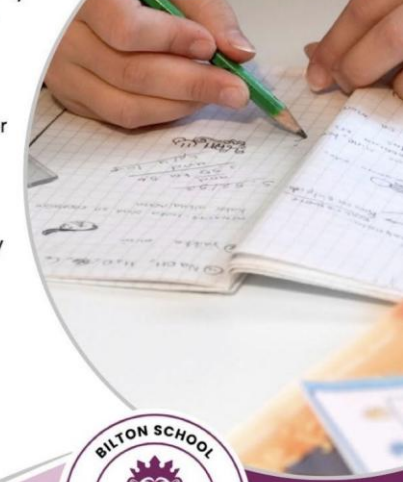
Homework Club

A friendly, supportive space for students to receive help with homework, improve study habits, and build confidence in learning.

School Library

The library is open everyday until 4pm for students to do homework, use the computers etc.

In the library after school on Thursdays and Fridays there is extra support for any students who might need it with homework.



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Future Parent Forum Dates

Each half term, we invite parents who would like to, to join us at our Parent Forum.

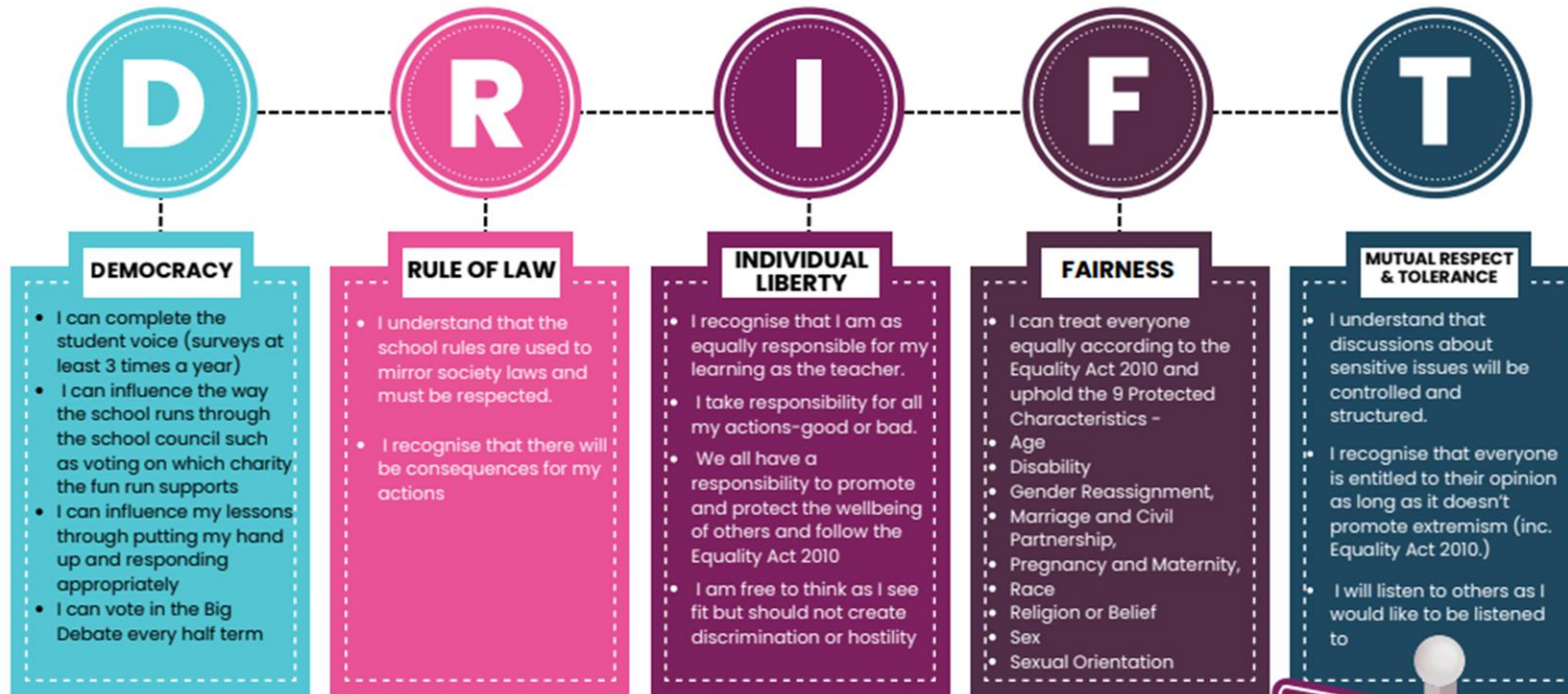
Your contributions and suggestions are greatly valued and appreciated as always. This is an opportunity to hear updates and discuss key areas of the school development.

The dates of our next parent forum evenings are below. We look forward to welcoming you back and hope to see more new faces at this time. Reminders about these dates will be sent via our social media outlets.

- Thursday 15th October
- Thursday 26th November
- Thursday 4th November
 - Thursday 6th May
 - Thursday 8th July



Be the best you can be!



British Values – how we show them in school



HOUSE COMPETITIONS CALENDAR

ONE MONTH. BIG CHALLENGES. 4 HOUSES. ENDLESS PRIDE.

YOU BELONG.
YOU CONTRIBUTE.
YOU REPRESENT.

*Be proud.
Be Bilton.*

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
ART ATTACK All Years Show your creativity in our art challenge!	DAY OF THE DEAD LANGUAGES All Years Celebrate culture and languages!	HISTORY IN CLASS WW1 ARMISTICE Year 8 Remember. Reflect. Represent.	PERFORMING ARTS DANCE All Years Let's light up the stage this December!
TECHNOLOGY YEAR 7 & 9 Design. Innovate. Create.	TECHNOLOGY YEAR 7 & 8 Design. Innovate. Create.	FOOD YEAR 7, & 9 Cook. Create. Compete.	CHESS TOURNAMENT All Years Think ahead. Play to win!
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
ENGLISH SHORT STORIES Year 7 Pen your story. Make it legendary.	SCIENCE CHALLENGE KS4 Experiment. Discover. Be brilliant.	MATHS PUZZLES ALL & PI DAY Year 7 Solve it. Crack it. Show your skills!	SOCIAL SCIENCES EGGS KS5 Think globally. Act creatively.
		ELECTRONICS YEAR 8 Build. Code. Bring ideas to life.	RESISTENT MATERIALS YEAR 7-9 Strong ideas. Stronger designs.
		CHESS TOURNAMENT All Years Think ahead. Play to win!	
MAY	JUNE	JULY	TOGETHER WE...
PE CHALLENGE All Years Move more. Compete. Win!	SPELLING BEE All Years Spell it right. Take the crown!	ENGLISH & C & C DISCRIMINATION Year 8 Speak up. Make a difference.	✓ BELONG to a community. ✓ CONTRIBUTE with our efforts. ✓ COMPETE with pride. ✓ LEAD with kindness. ✓ SUCCEED together.
	ENGINEERING KS4 Design. Build. Problem solve.	IT YEAR 7-9 Code. Create. Connect.	
	CHESS TOURNAMENT All Years Think ahead. Play to win!	BUSINESS YEAR 9-10 Think. Plan. Profit.	
WHITTLE	MERRY	GABOR	MACAULAY
WHITTLE Play fair. Have fun. Earn points.	MERRY Be kind. Be involved. Be the change.	GABOR Think big. Challenge yourself.	MACAULAY Be determined. Never give up. Lead by example.


RESPECT
We respect ourselves, each other and our school and community.


KINDNESS
We show kindness in words.


RESILIENCE
We keep going, learn from challenges and grow stronger.

Be the best you can be!



SHOUT OUT HAPS

WORTH 5 HAPS



Recognising students who go above and beyond in lessons.

All Shout Out's will be shared in weekly assemblies, along with any exemplary work. Shout Out's are worth 5 Haps and will recognise their hard work and effort.

THE BILTON HOUSE SYSTEM

There are four houses here at Bilton



WHITTLE



Merry



GABOR



MACAULAY

All the houses are named after individuals who have demonstrated the school values in their historic achievements.
RESPECT, KINDNESS and RESILIENCE

All HAPS are House Achievement Points and your individual success will add to your House totals
Work Hard, Be Rewarded



C&C Learning Journey

Year 7

SKILLS DEVELOPED

Critical Thinking Problem Solving Decision Making Creativity Teamwork & Leadership

CORE VALUES DEVELOPED

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS



**BUILDING SKILLS
FOR LIFE -
CAREERS**

Gatsby
Benchmark 1
SMSC
Equality Act
2010

- ▶ What are our Bilton School core values?
- ▶ How do our emergency services show our core values?
- ▶ Are our emergency services the real heroes of Britain?
- ▶ What does it mean to be enterprising?
- ▶ Why is teamwork so important?
- ▶ How do I set effective goals?

WELCOME

Spiral Curriculum – Yr 7-11

- 1) British Values
- 2) Celebrating Diversity & Equality
- 3) Community/Ready for Society
- 4) Cultural Respect
- 5) Relationships and Sex Education
- 6) Health and Wellbeing
- 7) Gatsby Benchmarks

ASSESSMENT & PROGRESS IN C&C

- ✓ Confidence Checkers
- ✓ End of Unit Quizzes
- ✓ Form tutor questioning



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ UniFrog Digital Passport
- ✓ Extra-Curricular
- ✓ Charity Events
- ✓ Competitions
- ✓ Celebratory Days
- ✓ Recognition Days
- ✓ Trips/Rewards



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Tutor time activities

26-27						
Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday P2	Friday
7	Connect – Silent Reading or audio book	Picture News	Current Affairs Quiz/HOY Reset	C&C booklet	C&C booklet	Assembly
8	Connect – Silent Reading or audio book	Picture News	C&C booklet	Assembly	C&C booklet	Current Affairs Quiz/HOY Reset
9	Connect – Silent Reading or audio book	Picture News	Assembly	C&C booklet	C&C booklet	Current Affairs Quiz/HOY Reset
10	Connect – Silent Reading or audio book	Assembly	C&C booklet	C&C booklet	WVB booklet	C&C booklet/HOY Reset
11	Assembly	Connect – Silent Reading or audio book	C&C booklet	C&C booklet	WVB booklet	C&C booklet/HOY Reset
12 & 13	Connect – Silent Reading or audio book	C&C/WVB	Assembly	C&C booklet	Enrichment	C&C/WVB/HOY Reset

Attendance



- **Absence and First Day Contact**

If your child is unable to attend school, you should inform us on the first day of absence before 8.30am via the Studybugs app - [Studybugs – Parents](#)

- **Medical Appointments**

Where possible, appointments should be made out of school hours or in school holidays. However, we realise this is occasionally not possible. Students should come into school before and after appointments to ensure they miss as little lesson time as possible. If possible, we ask that if these appointments are made during the school day, then please try to avoid 08.50-09:30 and 12.00pm – 1.00pm. Please report these through Studybugs.

- **Punctuality**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 8.45am so that they are present and ready for tutor; this starts at 08:50am each day. School gates open at 08:00am, students arriving after 08:45am will be given a late mark and a detention the following day.

- If your child arrives after 9.15am they are marked as unauthorised absence for the morning session.

- **Requesting a leave of absence for your child**

Parents/carers should notify the school as soon as possible ideally at least 2 weeks before the intended absence.

Please ensure the form is completed with as much information and evidence required to support the decision making process of possible.

Please complete the following form and email a copy to biltonschool@stowevalley.com

[ApplicationforLeaveofAbsenceSeptember2024.pdf](#)

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

- **UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

- The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.
- The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.
- Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.
- A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.
- Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.
- When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.
- It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.
- The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.
- Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.
- Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.
- All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

- **Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25**

- **The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.**
- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.
- **Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



How many days off will make you child a Persistent absence student?

Half term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-4	Half-term 1-4 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-5	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-6	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



ATTENDANCE TARGET
No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.



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ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS



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Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year your child is late everyday by ...	Your child will have lost approximately ...	Or they would have missed approximately ...
5 minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

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Anti-Bullying

As well as being able to report any concerns online via our Student Voice form, students can now report concerns by collecting an 'I'd like to talk' form from their tutor and placing in the red drop boxes placed outside each Head of Year office, these are checked regularly throughout the school day. Pastoral Leads will then check in on any student raising a concern that day.

 I'd like to talk ...

Name: Year: Tutor group:

Briefly tell us below what you would like to talk to someone about



Drop this off in the red drop box outside your Head of Year's office, this is checked daily and your Pastoral Lead or HOY will get back to you as soon as they can.



SAFEGUARDING & SUPPORT SIGNPOST

! IMMEDIATE HELP
Crisis Team: 111 - option 2
Childline: 0800 1111
Runaway Helpline: 116000 - www.runawayhelpline.org.uk
Samaritans: 116123
jo@samaritans.org

Family Support
Family Information Service:
01926 472274 - www.warwickshire.gov.uk
Family Support Workers Duty Line:
01926 414444

Child Safety
Emergency Duty Team: 01926 886922
Family Connect: 01926 414444

Domestic Abuse Support
Warwickshire Refuge: 0800 408 1552

Student Support
Look Ahead: 03330 104600 - www.lookahead.org.uk

Stay Safe Young Minds: Text: 85258
Kooth: kooth.com

We're Here for You
Please reach out to our pastoral or safeguarding team for any support or guidance.



BILTON SCHOOL

BEHAVIOUR EXPLAINED

OUR VALUES

We want our students to be the best they can by acting with Respect, Resilience, Kindness in school, out of school and online.

Be the best you can be!

PHONES

For Years 7 to 9, phones should be locked in pouches on entry to school site. Not seen and Not heard for all other year groups. Phones will be confiscated if seen and will only be returned to parents after 24 hours.

COMMUNICATION

ALL positive and negative behaviour is communicated via Bromcom. Check My Child At School app daily for HAPs, homework, detentions timetables and attendance. Please also see the school website for further information.

REWARDS

Pupils will be rewarded for a range of positive attributes such as good behaviour choices, good progress within lessons or demonstrating our values of kindness, respect and resilience. Students can achieve HAPs, certificates, postcards home as well as many other department-based rewards systems. House Achievement Points (HAPs) are a measure of students academic and extra-curricular accomplishments. Students will be rewarded with merit badges for cumulation of HAPs awarded.

WHO CAN HELP?

Here are a large number of adults available to help with behaviour. The starting point will be your child's tutor

Heads of Year

Year 7 – Miss Tucker
Year 8 – Mr Gosling
Year 9 – Miss Rehman-Minhas
Year 10 – Miss Robinson
Year 11 – Mr Stokle

Safeguarding Team

Mrs S Chambers
Mrs N Hansford
Mrs L Dewhurst

Pastoral leaders

Mrs McBride
Miss Davies
Ms Iverson
Mr Jones
Ms Rawden
Mrs John

Pastoral senior leaders

Mrs Martin
Mr Stokle
Miss Rehman-Minhas
Mr McKim

MORE INFORMATION
www.biltonschool.co.uk



Updated August 2025



KEY RULES

Students must ensure they are ...

Punctual : Gates close at 8.45am. Late arrivals to school, form times or any lessons are issued a lunchtime detention.

Well equipped and ready to learn

Following the phone expectations -Y7-Y9 phones locked in pouches. 'Not seen and not heard' at all times for all other year groups.

Dressed appropriately in the school uniform: lunchtime detentions will be issued for 3 incidents in a day of inappropriate uniform such as:

- Blazer/Tie not worn
- Untucked shirt
- Skirts that are rolled up inappropriately
- Hoodies that are not removed on entry to the school (these will be confiscated if not removed.)
- Leggings
- Trainers being worn
- Piercings (other than one ear stud)

*Students will be given the opportunity to rectify their uniform (eg. Borrow missing uniform items/hand in hoodies/borrow school shoes/remove piercings other than one ear stud etc). Parents will be notified via text if a student has had to borrow/amend their uniform. If students do not correct their uniform parents/carers will be contacted while students are placed on internal reflection until the correction is made.

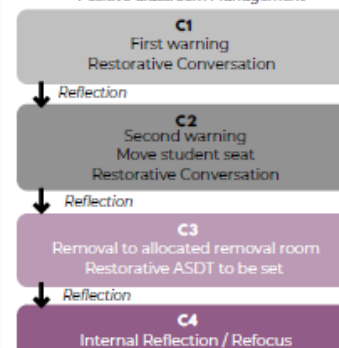
In all lessons for the duration of the lesson: Truancy and leaving lesson without permission is not tolerated, please see appendix 3 of the behaviour policy for how truancy is followed up in school
*Special dispensation on uniform still applies if this is already in place.

Be the best you can be!

IN LESSONS

Staff will follow the school behaviour policy to give students an opportunity to correct their behaviour. Please see the process below

Positive Classroom Management



SANCTIONS SYSTEM

LUNCH DETENTION 20 MIN (DAILY)

- 3 requests to correct uniform in one day
- Lack of equipment 3 days in a week
- Late to lesson
- Late to school
- Site behaviour
- Hands on
- Swearing
- Prejudice language
- Littering
- Truancy
- Out of Lesson (1 in a day)
- HOY/SLT can set their own DT in Lunchtime for outcomes of any incidents

AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION MON TO FRI (45 MIN)-HOY AND SLT

- Class removal- Restorative conversation with the teacher at the start of the breaktime
- 'Left lesson without permission'
- Missed Lunchtime
- HOY/SLT can set their own AS DT for outcomes of any incidents
- Vandalism

PASTORAL DETENTION 1 HOUR

- Missed afterschool (Monday-Friday normal DTs)
- 75 minute DHT detention
- 2 periods of truancy in a day

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER DETENTION

- 75 minute DHT detention
- 2 periods of truancy in a day

HEADTEACHER DETENTION FRIDAY (2 HOURS)

- Missed Pastoral Detention
- SLT line manager can set a HT DT for the outcome of a serious incident
- Missed DHT detention

IRR/REFOCUS

- Out of Lesson (2 in a day)
- Poor/inappropriate Behaviour
- Refusal to follow instructions
- 3 periods of truancy
- Physicality
- Missed HT DT (5 days)
- 2 removals in a day
- Return for suspension

After serious incidents or if students leave site without permission, they will lose their social time for a period of time but will still be able to access canteen services if required.



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Punctuality to lessons

When is late 'late'?

Late is “not moving straight away from one lesson or the end of break/lunch to lessons”. Teachers will start the lesson as soon after the bell as possible and if the lesson has started, given that the majority of the class are seated and ready, if a student arrives after this, they are late. This is deemed to be **purposefully** and **unreasonably** late at this point.

All staff will record purposeful and unreasonable lates from the time the lesson starts on Bromcom, ie if period 2 begins at 10.10 and a student arrives at 10.17 the student is 7 minutes late.

Any student arriving after 10 minutes will be deemed to be **purposefully** avoiding lesson and a C3 truancy detention will be recorded.

At our school we value punctuality to lessons, as this ensures a calm and effective start to learning, free from disruption of late arrivals.

Parents are notified each Friday of the number of minutes late their child has accumulated in the previous 5 school days.

This time is made up on a specific 'lates detention' on a Monday after school.

The threshold for lates detention is 10 minutes or more in a single week. The maximum time a student will be in detention will be 120 minutes.

Each student will only be expected to stay in detention for the total amount of minutes they have accumulated.

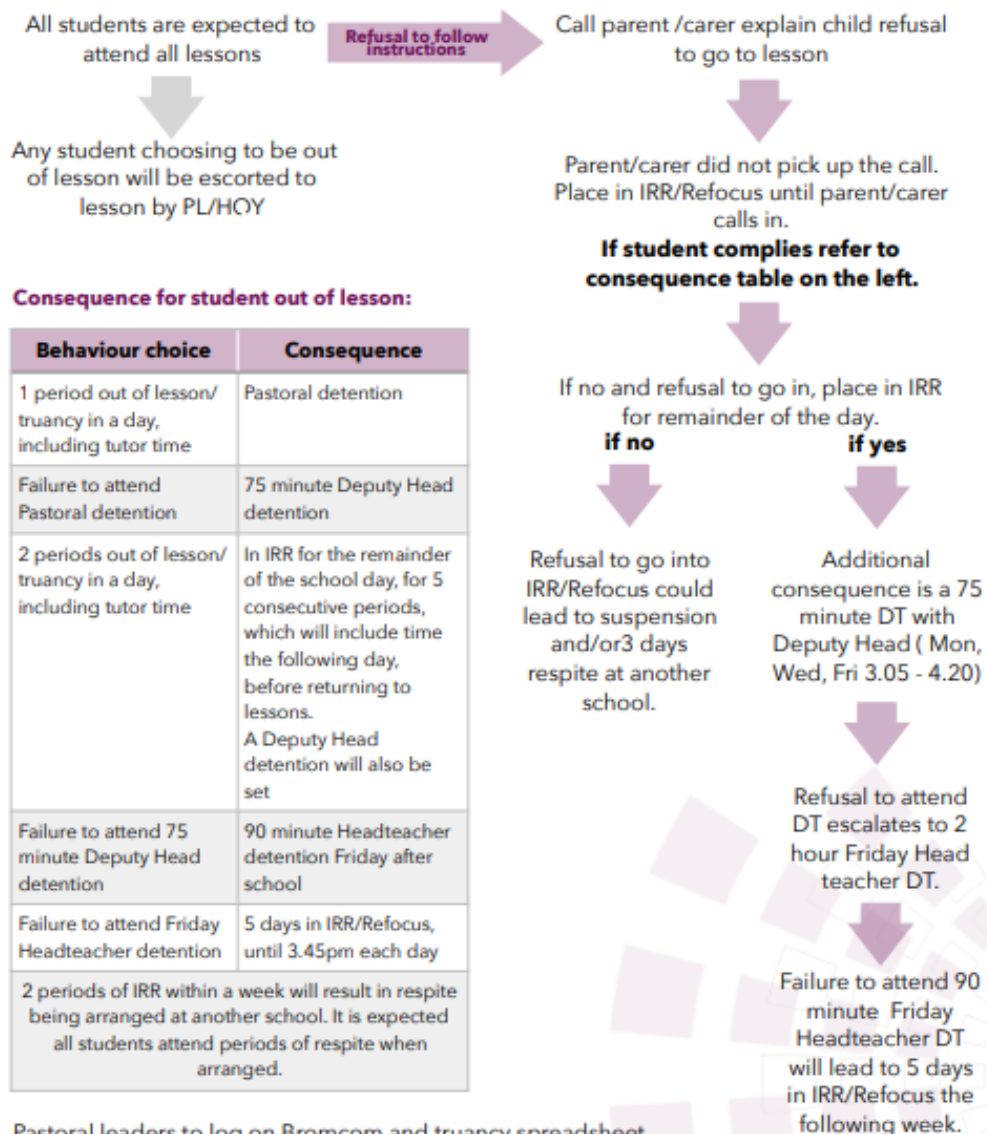
Failure to attend the lates detention on a Monday will result in a full 75 minute Deputy Head detention on a Wednesday and any further escalation will be a Headteacher Detention on a Friday in line with the school behaviour policy.



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Out of lesson

INFORMATION



Pastoral leaders to log on Bromcom and truancy spreadsheet.
Parents/carers informed at point of refusal to follow instructions

Lesson avoidance

- At Bilton School, all students are expected to attend all lessons, we expect that they arrive promptly to school and to lessons.
- Students deemed to be arriving purposefully late to lessons, for example, after the main body of the class has arrived and are settled, will be considered to be deliberately avoiding the lesson and therefore recorded as 'out of lesson', this is truanting from the lesson.
- The only exception will be with permission from a member of staff, for which students should be issued a corridor pass by their teacher.
- Students who chose to leave a lesson without permission will also be considered to be truanting the lesson.
- Should a student require pastoral support, they are expected to attend their lesson and request their teacher use the 'on call' system to access support from a pastoral leader.

Be the best you can be!

Uniform

Boys' uniform

- Bilton School branded trousers
- Plain white school shirt, buttoned to the neck
- Grey jumper with Bilton logo and/or grey cardigan with Bilton logo
- Classic cut black blazer with Bilton logo or plain, classic cut black blazer with Bilton sew-on logo
- Sensible black leather shoes – (trainers, canvas shoes or boots will not be permitted)
- Plain coat or long jacket worn over the blazer to and from school (not to be worn inside school buildings).
- Navy blue clip-on tie

Girls' uniform

- Bilton School branded trousers or skirt (skirts should be knee length)
- Plain white school shirt buttoned to the neck.
- Grey jumper with Bilton logo and/or grey cardigan with Bilton logo.
- Classic cut black blazer with Bilton logo or plain, classic cut black blazer with Bilton sew-on logo.
- Sensible black leather shoes– (trainers, canvas shoes or boots will not be permitted)
- Plain coat or long jacket worn over the blazer to and from school (not to be worn inside school buildings).
- Navy blue clip-on tie

Students will only be allowed to attend Bilton School in leather school shoes. Any type of trainers, canvas shoes or boots will not be permitted.

Uniform



You chose Bilton school, being part of this school means, we expect you to:



Wear your blazer, tie, school skirt or trousers, school shoes, shirt every day.



Not to roll your skirts.



Keep your shirt tucked in at all times.



Natural hair colour



Natural makeup- no false eyelashes. No nail polish, acrylics, gel nails



No jewellery except for one pair of studs, all other piercings must be removed



PE Uniform

Boys PE Kit

- Black Polo Shirt with house colour
- Rugby shirt with reversible house colour
- Black Shorts (2 pairs recommended)
- Black and silver rugby Socks
- Predominantly white trainers
- Black Bilton School tracksuit bottoms (optional)
- Football Boots
- Black Bilton School sports jumper (optional)
- Shin Pads
- Bilton School fleece (optional)

Girls PE Kit

- Black Polo Shirt with house colour
- Black Bilton School sports jumper
- Black Shorts
- Black and silver rugby socks
- Rugby shirt with reversible house colour
- Predominantly white trainers
- Black Bilton School Tracksuit Bottoms (optional)
- Football Boots (for hockey and football – optional)
- Shin Pads
- Bilton School fleece (optional)

Mobile Phone Policy

Headlines for 2026-2027

INFORMATION

Bilton School supports the Smartphone Free Childhood.
<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>



Year 7 - 10: Phone pouches

- Students place their phone in the pouch before coming into the gate, pouch checked by SLT/HOY on the gate – pouch then remains with them for the rest of the day.
- Tutors also check pouches in form time.
- Students with no pouch – phone must be handed in for the day on the first occasion. On the second and further occasions this will be 24-hour confiscation and parent/ carer collection.
- Students with no pouch and no phone – bag and blazer checked on the gate.
- Random class checks and searches will be carried out through the day.

Year 11

- Phones should not be seen or heard, they should be kept turned off in an inside blazer pocket or bag.
- Pouches will be available to buy of parent pay for KS4 parents/carers, if this would be the preference for your child in school.

Year 12/13

- Sixth form students are allowed to use their smartphone in the Sixth Form study area only the rest of the school site remains not seen and not heard.

Confiscation

- If a child is seen with a phone that is brought to school, it will be confiscated for 24 hours and parent/carers is required to collect.
- A basic phone will be provided for students should their phone be confiscated for 24 hours. Parent/carers contact details will be added into the phone, so they are able to ring/text parents when leaving school.

**As a school we will commit to delivering high quality lessons without the required use of phones by teachers or students.*

Mobile Phones

Phone Pouch Process

Tutorial

HOW IT WORKS



INSERT

Insert your phone into the pouch



LOCK

Simply press the pin into the hole to lock closed



UNLOCK

Unlock by simply placing the locking mechanism near the magnetic base

Be the best you can be!



Respect

Resilience

Kindness