

Dear Parent/ Carer

End of Year 12 Information

Now we are at the end of the academic year for Y12 students, it is time for us to send out the end of year report for your child. The top section of each report provides useful generic information relating to each of the subjects and the bottom section is the teacher's comment on your child's progress over the course of the year. These teacher comments will inform any UCAS and other references which we write for them next year. At the bottom of the subject comments box you will find information on the minimum target grade (based on average GCSE performance) and the current progress grades (based on work completed this year and updated in June).

It is important that students do not view their current progress grades either with complacency or with despondency! For those achieving on or above target minimum grades, current progress grades should act as a spur to go on and achieve even greater things. For those who have not made the expected progress, it is an opportunity to take stock and use the summer months to revise and consolidate their subject knowledge.

We strongly recommend all students over the summer break to review the work they have covered in year 12. It is worth remembering that students still have another 11 months until their final exams and we are confident that with commitment and hard work we will be celebrating a fantastic set of exam results in Summer 2022!

Bursary reminder

Students living in households where the annual income is less than £27,500 (+£1000 for each additional dependent under 18) can and should apply for a College Bursary. Please note that this award is granted on an annual basis and even if students had support from the bursary this year, they will need to apply again for 2021-2022. We strongly recommend that all students apply for this if they fall into this category as we can support them with transport costs to and from college, laptop loan, essential course equipment, trips and possibly free meals in college. Applications are moving to an online system this year, please look out for an email from Helen Ginns-Farrow, who will provide you with instructions for your application. It is highly advisable to submit application forms before the start of the Autumn term.

Bus pass reminder

Students intending to use the college bus service in September need to purchase their bus passes using Wisepay. Details of routes and prices are on the college website. Please note these will be updated in August to reflect a 2% increase in prices for 2021/22 but up to 20 August Year 13 students can purchase a bus pass for the new academic year at the "old" 2020/21 price.

After this date, there will still be an "Early Bird" discount available until 13th September, but this will be at the new price, or payment can be made by 8 direct debit instalments for those who prefer this method of payment. The cost of the bus pass covers the morning and evening journey to and from college. We believe our bus passes reflect excellent value for

money, if you were to take advantage of the 'early bird discount', those who travel the furthest distances (Zone 4) paying approximately £25 a week (£5 per day) and those

travelling on Zone 1 routes paying just under £16 per week, approximately £3.20 a day. This compares extremely favourably to comparable public bus transport costs and is only possible thanks to the subsidy the college pays to the bus company.

The new academic year

Students are on a 2-year study programme and we anticipate that almost all of our students will progress into the 2nd year of their programme on the same courses. We will be automatically generating a Y13 timetable for students. There may be some block changes and tutor group changes but in essence their timetable will reflect their current programme of study. Your child's Y13 timetable will be made available to them as we approach September. If there are any errors on their timetable, e.g. subjects missing or subjects clashing, then please ask your child to let us know asap by emailing yr13enquiries@bilborough.ac.uk and we can sort these out before their first lesson. We do not want to be changing classes and disrupting teaching once term has begun so it is **vital** that they let us know if they have any concerns about the year ahead.

All Y13 students need to attend college on Friday 3rd September. Further details of the start of year arrangements will follow when timetables are issued. We will follow a special timetable for the day and they will meet with ALL their subject teachers and their tutor. Details of this are in the letter mentioned above.

Although your child's Personal Tutor is the best first point of contact with the college, please also feel free to contact Michelle Harvey (Director of Student Support Services) if you need to. My email address is as follows: michelle.harvey@bilborough.ac.uk.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Survey

Thank you to those of you who took part in the HSB survey. The intention is to provide students, parents/carers and staff with feedback in the first half term after the break, using a 'you said, we did' model.

Wishing you and your family a very restful and enjoyable summer break.

Michelle Harvey

Director of Student Support Services

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Prevent Lead