



### Q&A's from the Parent Introductory Evening

**My son expressed enrichment preferences at enrolment but hasn't seen anything confirming what he has been allocated or where to go and when. How should he find this out?**

He can pop into the enrichment office, opposite the refectory or email [enrichment@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:enrichment@bilborough.ac.uk).

**If my child does 2 lessons of team sport, do they have to do a further enrichment activity?**

No that sounds like they are busy enough!

**Are students allowed to take holidays during term time? (I've noticed that the autumn half term is slightly different for those of us with younger children in school).**

Absences for holidays are not authorised. However, we will mark in the register that there has been a notification.

**If your young person isn't well enough to attend college, is there a way to access the missed work online?**

Students are advised to email their teachers for work

**We have registered for Cedar but cannot log back in as we haven't had confirmation of our username. Do we email the cedarparent email address for support with this?**

Please email [cedarparent@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:cedarparent@bilborough.ac.uk)

**For the work experience/shadowing are the students doing this in college holidays or during term time around lessons?**

Usually we prefer during holidays but know that is not always possible and we do value the students doing work experience so would support them to do this during college time in consultation with teachers to make sure the student can catch up any work missed.

**There has been no support for the young people with respect to careers. How soon and what support will they be getting with CV writing, interview techniques etc.**

Tutorials deliver a wide variety of opportunities to complete a CV, interview techniques etc. In addition, they can seek advice from our careers department.

**My son has found all the study spaces very busy, which means that he has nowhere to work between lectures. What would you recommend in this instance?**

Try B3.07 for study space.

**For CEDAR can we have individual parent log-ins?**

An email was sent last week with details, I will add the email to the documents wallet under parents/carers area on our website



**Can the students attend more than 1 type of enrichment each week if they want to?**

Yes, that would be great.

**Is the grading system similar to GCSE's numbers 4-9 or different?**

A levels are A\* - E all of which are a pass. BTECs - Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction\*.

**Has this talk been given to the students as well?**

Yes, an abridged version during the first day at college.

**Should medical appointments be put on Cedar?**

Yes please.

**Does the BTEC Business have the same requirement for homework as A-levels?**

Yes, please email [Daniel.hodgson@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:Daniel.hodgson@bilborough.ac.uk) for further information.

**Could you please repeat the dates of work experience week?**

12-16 June 2023.

**Is there a deadline for choosing enrichment course? What our child has chosen clashes with her classes.**

Please see the app and emails. Some enrichments will run in alternative blocks and so will be available later in the year if there is a timetable clash.

**We are having issues about adding dinner money to the wise pay account as we go to add money, then red text pops up saying they are having tech issues, stopping us getting to any payment areas.**

Please contact [jodie.worrall@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:jodie.worrall@bilborough.ac.uk) for support with this.

**Are there parents' evenings throughout the year?**

Yes, all are virtual with the option of a telephone call or face to face if preferred. see the calendar on the website.

**Is it possible to get more information at this stage about Maths Studies, or is it too late to start? What is the exam board, so we can have a look to see if it is suitable?**

Please see or email [meenu.jain@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:meenu.jain@bilborough.ac.uk).

**When will we receive more information about EPQ?**

See emails. EPQ is started at the end of year 12 with the summer to work on them handed in around May in year 13.

**Noticed that the careers meetings etc are timed for 5.30pm start - Our son's bus doesn't get him home till 6pm, so is not able to access these events. Any suggestions**

Please email [andrew.ball@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.ball@bilborough.ac.uk) regarding this and he may be able to arrange an alternative.

**Is the type of the enrichment related to the number of the UCAS points? I mean does a specific enrichment can enhance the UCAS more than the others?**

Some do and others do not, please see the app for more details.

**My Daughter is having to resit maths and I'm wondering when she will sit the exam? And what happens if she doesn't pass?**

We would want her to resit it again and again until she gets that grade 4, she will be supported by her teacher to do this.

**Could there be an exception to enrichment if your child suffers from anxiety?**

This would be done via the student's tutor and we would recommend the student engages in enrichment as a way of supporting them with their anxiety by meeting new friends or the topic of the enrichment such as yoga.

**Do college provide an MS Office download for students?**

Yes, please ask the student to go to IT on the 3rd floor for support with this.

**Further Maths, could you send me information on the course please?**

Please email [meenu.jain@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:meenu.jain@bilborough.ac.uk) for this information.

**Where do we get information about the EPQ? How does the college support children that want to do this?**

This is in year 13.

**I just wanted to ask a question about the sports team trials (netball). There was only one day when the students came to try-out for the team. Is it normal for this just to be a 1 day try-out as oppose to over several days/practices?**

Yes, as these are decided prior to the student's timetable being set. Please speak to [aiden.boulton@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:aiden.boulton@bilborough.ac.uk) regarding the team.

**My son does a sport outside college and competes at a high level so goes to competitions so would miss college would this be ok?**

This will need to be arranged via his tutor and we would encourage attendance whenever possible. Good luck with the sport.

**My daughter is having Surgery and will be off for at least 2 months. I have emailed her Tutor, but do I need to inform anyone else?**

Her tutor will be able to offer support, alternatively, contact Michelle, Monique Norcliffe or a Lead Personal Tutor.

**Does having a part time job count as the work experience?**

Not for college however students will leaven valuable skills via part time job, work experience.

**My daughter has time allocated on timetable for team sports but isn't doing any now is this time study time now**

Yes, that is correct.

**Is it too late to join the one-year extended project qualification?**

This is usually run during year 13.

**When are enrichment choices confirmed?**

We will let students know asap which enrichment activities they have. Please ask them to keep a look out for an email on updates via the app.

**When do the direct debits for the bus fares start?**

jodie.worrall@bilborough.ac.uk will be able to support you with this.

**When it comes to bands being able to practice, they are being told not to use amps as the English department will complain. Is this something that can be addressed?**

We want the student bands to be able to rehearse and the rest of the college to be able to study, please speak to simon.lee@bilborough.ac.uk about what can be arranged to support all with this.

**How important is it to get extra UCAS points through enrichment activities and extended studies if you are doing A levels rather than BTEC qualifications?**

It is always a good idea to engage in all the activities the college offers. The specifics of how many UCAS points are needed for each student is unique to the individual we would suggest the student speaks to their tutor in the first instance about this.

**Waiting 45mins for buses, can there be more out?**

Please email Helen.dennis@bilborough.ac.uk she will be able to give you specific information about each college bus.

**Have the bus routes changed?**

Please check this with Helen.dennis@bilborough.ac.uk.

**My daughter's enrichment has been scheduled for a time when she has a lesson - who should she see?**

Ask her to speak with her tutor.

**Does the BTEC Business have the same requirement for homework as A-levels?**

Yes, if you like any further information please contact [daniel.hodgson@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:daniel.hodgson@bilborough.ac.uk).

**The college bus didn't turn up today, Route 3.**

We are working with skills on any bus issues please let [helen.dennis@bilborough.ac.uk](mailto:helen.dennis@bilborough.ac.uk) know the details.