

Year 13 Parent/Carer Summer 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year 12 Information

Now we are coming to the end of the academic year for Y12 students, it is important that students reflect on their current OCTA grades. For those achieving at or above their personal targets, OCTA grades should act as a spur to go on and achieve even greater things. For those who are below the grades they want or should be achieving, it is an opportunity to take stock and use the summer months to revise and consolidate their subject knowledge.

We strongly recommend all students review the work they have covered in year 12 over the summer break, checking against the specification to see what they have mastered and where they still need to do more work. We can't stress enough the importance of using the summer to fill in any gaps by re-reading the textbook, looking over lesson resources and completing practice questions with mark schemes. It is worth remembering that all students still have another 11 months until their final exams and we know from experience that, with commitment and hard work, all students should be celebrating a fantastic set of exam results in Summer 2025!

Bursary reminder

Students living in households where the annual income is less than £29,000 (+£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 would need to apply again for 2024-2025. 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, essential trips, and possibly free meals in college. Information and applications can be accessed and completed here, It is highly advisable to submit application forms before the start of the Autumn term.

Bus pass reminder

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bus pass prices are not increasing this year, although there will be a small increase in the cost of day tickets. If you need a pass for September 2024, you are strongly advised to purchase one as soon as possible.

From September, Route 1 merges with Route 4 (this only affects users of Route 1, who have already been advised and given new times) 2024/5 timetables will appear on the college website over the summer.

As a reminder, the information below explains how to buy your new pass online, either using the Search my Coach app or the booking link provided.

- Please follow the link below to the Skills online booking platform: <https://smc.skills.co.uk/>

 - For assistance please contact Skills 0115 977 0080 Monday – Friday (09.00AM -17.00) for assistance or email smc.bookings@skills.co.uk

 - You can also make a booking using the Skills app which can be downloaded on android or iPhone
- o Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skillsmobile.group>
 - o iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/search-my-coach/id1572231477>

External Exam Results

Students who have taken external exams will be emailed their results on Thursday 15th August.

Start of Year Sept 2024

- **New timetables** will be available on Cedar by the end of August. Please note that these may differ from your Y12 schedule. If you encounter any issues with your new timetable, email us at enquiries@bilborough.ac.uk

- **Progression Day is Tuesday 3rd Sept.** All Y13 students are expected to attend on this day. Details will be emailed out nearer the time. Independent work will be set to be completed during the remainder of the week.

- **Normal Timetable** begins on Monday 9th September.

College Point of Contact

Please make the skills and progression teacher your first point of contact with college, should you have any questions. Alternatively, contact Michelle Harvey, Assistant Principal, Student Support Services at michelle.harvey@bilborough.ac.uk.

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

Best wishes

Michelle

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Safeguarding Team

Bilborough College is responsible for the safeguarding of their students. If you have any worries or concerns about yourself or another young person please contact one of the following people. Please note this message may not be picked up out of hours. **If you or anyone else is at risk please call 999**

Designated Safeguarding Lead Michelle Harvey michelle.harvey@bilborough.ac.uk
Deputy Safeguarding Officer Monique Norcliffe monique.norcliffe@bilborough.ac.uk
Deputy Safeguarding Office Helen Ginns-Farrow helen.ginns-farrow@bilborough.ac.uk
Safeguarding Office Helen Maddison helen.maddison@bilborough.ac.uk
Safeguarding Office James Qusted james.quested@bilborough.ac.uk
Safeguarding Office Ryan Sainty ryan.sainty@bilborough.ac.uk

Alternatively, if you would like to contact a safeguarding person anonymously please use **Whisper**, if you would like to remain anonymous, simply leave your name blank on the form.

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