



BILTONSCHOOL

PROSPECTUS
2017-18



Be the best you can be!



Executive Head teacher's

welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read through our prospectus. I hope it gives you a flavour of our fantastic school and our determination to ensure that every child who comes to Bilton School fulfils their potential. Potential that exists within every student.

Bilton School is a very positive school. Staff, students and parents have worked together to create a unique place of learning where every student is valued for their talents and encouraged to live the school motto, 'be the best you can be'.

We are passionate in our belief that any goal is achievable, and we will challenge and support students to ensure that they have the highest aspirations. We do this within a supportive and caring ethos which is underpinned by high expectations in every part of school life. We expect students to wear their uniform smartly and with pride at all times, to behave well, and always try their best in every activity they attempt.

As a school we recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers, so there are very clear communication channels between home and school. We want to know how students are doing at home so we can have a full picture of their achievements and celebrate them. Equally we want to ensure that parents have a clear picture of their child's progress at school so that they too can celebrate their

child's achievements at home. We believe that if links between home and school are strong then all children will be happy, successful and skilled individuals.

Bilton School is built around three key strategic aims:

- **Achievement**
- **Learning and Teaching**
- **Memorable experiences**

We believe that all students need to achieve academically as the results that they gain will determine their future opportunities. We want students to develop as learners who can tackle new challenges and be resilient enough to carry on even if things are not easy to begin with. Finally we want to give students wonderful memorable experiences that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Memorable experiences that will allow them to reflect positively about their education at Bilton.

Bilton School is place where every student is valued and respected for their individual talents and where we will work relentlessly to ensure that they have every opportunity to be happy and successful.



Why are we proud of our school?

- Our caring and supportive ethos.
- Our dedicated staff who really will go the extra mile to ensure that every child has every opportunity to be successful.
- Our wonderful facilities which include a new sports hall, dance studio and fitness suite
- A vast range of memorable experiences. These include visits to France, America and many parts of the UK as well as a range of weekly extra curricular activities.
- A large well stocked library area which is a hive of activity in social times.
- A modern cafeteria serving a range of meals.
- We are an open and friendly school which has a dedicated parental liaison officer who is always available to provide school tours at any time during the school day. Her contact details are: helen.way@biltonmail.com.



“ I love attending Bilton School. The support I have from teachers is brilliant; they understand my learning and help me in every aspect of my education. I have represented the school in 4 different sports this year and I cannot wait to attend the rewards trip to London. ”

Year 8 Pupil - Heavenly Adair



Stowe Valley
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

In April 2017, Bilton School joined the Stowe Valley Trust led by the outstanding Southam College. The Executive Principal who is a National Leader of Education and has been Head of Southam College for 8 years is responsible for standards across the Trust and has been aligning leadership, pastoral and curricular systems across the two schools since April 2017. Byfield Primary School is also part of the Stowe Valley Trust.

Bilton School

part of the Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust

How do we care for students?

Upon admission in Year 7, students are placed in house based, mixed ability tutor groups with a Pastoral Leader, Achievement Leader and Assistant Head Teacher supporting the academic and personal development of every student.

Tutors will see their tutor group every morning and are a daily point of contact to reward achievement and alleviate any concerns students may have. Pastoral Leaders will enhance the work of tutors and support students throughout the school day. Achievement Leaders will monitor academic progress and facilitate appropriate intervention so that no student falls behind.

We value close links with our parents and carers and we keep them fully informed about each student's progress in every lesson. This is done through our established stamp system which lets students, parents and staff know how well students have done in every lesson. Stamps are shown in the student planner so parents can track very closely the progress students make in every lesson.

Parents will also have a picture of students' achievement and attitude to learning in termly progress reports and our staff welcome parental contact at any point throughout the year. There is also a parents' evening for every year group which provides parents with an opportunity to meet all their child's



teachers. Year 7 students have an additional settling in evening soon after they start at Bilton School to ensure that there has been a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

Finally all staff, this includes office staff, support staff and teachers will aim to get to know students during their time at Bilton. All of us will model appropriate behaviours of courtesy and respect so that students see us as role models who are firm, friendly and caring. We will work together to provide every student with the very best education possible and encourage them to be the best they can be at all times.



What do students study?

At Bilton School we provide an exciting and academically challenging curriculum with a focus on strong teaching and learning. The curriculum is broad and balanced, catering for the needs and abilities of all of our learners.

Key Stage 3

Year 7 & 8

A challenging and rigorous Key Stage Three curriculum forms the basis for a successful set of GCSE results. For that reason, at Bilton we place a significant emphasis on the curriculum's core subjects in Key Stage Three. All students receive four lessons per week of English, Science and Mathematics during years 7, and 8 to ensure they are fully prepared for the rigours of Key Stage Four. Whilst we place this emphasis on the core subjects, we also understand the importance of students having a balanced and broad curriculum offer. For that reason, students also receive at least two hours of technology, two hours of languages,

at least one hour of art based subjects and two core PE lessons.

At the end of year 8, students can choose their option subjects to be studied at GCSE. This is an important point in their education and students receive copious amounts of guidance and information regarding the right choices for them to realise their personal ambitions. This process also includes guidance for parents and carers and several events are organised to support parents and students in making these choices.

Key Stage 4

Year 9, 10 & 11

At Key Stage Four, our curriculum is academically challenging and ensures students leave with a valuable set of exam results that can be their ticket to Post 16 study and beyond. Students continue to have four lessons of English, Science and Mathematics per week. As well as this, students have the opportunity to study a range of Ebacc subjects, including History, Geography, Languages and any of the

Science disciplines. There are also extensive opportunities to study Technology, Computer Science, Hair and Beauty, the Arts and PSHE. Our curriculum offer at Key Stage Four is designed with the students in mind. It is designed to provide them with a vast amount of opportunities Post 16 and prepare them for the challenge of university or equivalent.

Key Stage 5

Year 12 & 13

Students in the Sixth Form are able to choose from a variety of academic or vocational courses to make up their Post 16 curriculum. Bilton School offers a wide variety of linear A Levels, with over 15 different courses to choose from, including Mathematics, the core Sciences, Languages and English Literature. Our vocational offer is also something we're incredibly proud of, offering six different

BTEC subjects including Business, Sport and Health and Social Care. Students are expected to study their courses full time for two years before moving on to the next stage of their education. For many of our students, this means university.

Stretch and challenge

At Bilton School we believe all pupils should be challenged, inspired and empowered by learning to allow them to be the best that they can be. Stretching and challenging all students of any ability is vital to ensuring they reach their full potential and leave Bilton School proud of their individual successes.

Our aim is to ensure all pupils, including our most able, have opportunities to stretch and extend their knowledge and experience above and beyond what they ever thought possible. Our aims for every student are:

- Achieving highly successful outcomes.
- Access to a curriculum that stretches and challenges.
- Grouping that allows similar ability peers to academically stretch and challenge each other.
- Offered opportunities beyond the curriculum that develops their gifts and talents.
- Feel valued as an individual and encouraged to achieve their full potential.
- Offered opportunities to develop independence and leadership skills in preparation for post-16 and beyond.

We place a real emphasis that stretch and challenge starts in the classroom, and that every child at Bilton School should be offered the opportunity to achieve their full potential in any subject. We strive for every lesson to:

- Embed rigour and depth in the subject matter.
- Develop problem solving skills.
- Promote creativity in the subject and beyond.
- Celebrate intellectual curiosity.
- Develop a culture of independence and ownership.
- Promote academic excellence.



“Bilton Sixth Form has provided me with the opportunities I need to be successful. Having been at Bilton School since year 7, I was proud of my school and wanted to stay on in for Sixth Form because of its growing reputation. I left with 3 strong A Levels and a place to read Law at university. I could not recommend Bilton Sixth Form enough.”

Ex student

Bilton Sixth Form has a growing reputation within the local community as an establishment that offers a quality education where students achieve highly. In recent years, we have seen our student numbers grow by almost 200% and the applications for the academic year 2017/18 also continues this pattern.

Why is our Sixth Form popular?

As part of the Sixth Form, our students become a part of a supportive environment that challenges them to be the best they can be. A great deal of time is spent preparing students for university life and beyond; this involves trips to universities, apprenticeship workshops, the teaching of time management strategies and much, much more.

As a result of this dedication, we have witnessed an increasing number of our students going on to university. For the past two years, any student who wanted to go to

university was accepted on to a course of their choosing; around 90% of these were their first choice destinations.

We aim to build well-rounded young adults, not only through our rigorous academic programmes of study, but also through other areas of our curriculum. Students complete work experience placements, lead school assemblies, run charity events and support younger students with any difficulties they could be having both inside and outside the classroom.

We're incredibly proud of our Sixth Form students; they serve as an example to the rest of the school about what can be achieved through dedication and perseverance. Bilton Sixth Form helps fully prepare their young people for the next stage of their life, whatever that may be.

Extra curricular opportunities

Life at Bilton School is enriched by a vast array of extra-curricular activities such as clubs in English, Science, Drama and many Music and Sports clubs. Our clubs are open to students of all abilities. A major school production occurs every year as well as Bilton's Got Talent which is proving popular with students and parents alike.

We have a long tradition at Bilton School of cultivating and inspiring countless athletes and Rugby is a sport we excel in. Our Rugby teams have an excellent reputation in the local area with many students going on to represent district and county teams. More recently, we have had several students recruited in to the Wasps academy for their excellence in Rugby and we expect this to continue long in to the future.

As well as Rugby, we also have a reputation of producing talented athletes in other sports. In Football, we have several students on the books of professional teams, representing their academies across the West Midlands, including Aston Villa, where we have both male and female representatives. In Athletics, we also have a reputation of developing excellence. Currently in school we have students who represent Great Britain at various age groups, some taking opportunities to train and compete abroad on a regular basis. Bilton School is also proud to currently have a nationally ranked tennis player and a World Kick Boxing Champion as students.

School residential trips are some of the memorable experiences available to students at Bilton School.

These experiences are heartily encouraged and carefully mapped out across all school years. These include Sixth Form trips to New York, Key Stage Four Ski Trips, Key Stage Three trips to the Ardeche in the South of France and History trips to Auschwitz and beyond. There are regular trips to theatres, art galleries and sites of historic or geographical interest.



“ Merry House is the best house. We are the sporty house named after Katherine Merry... and we always win Sports Day! ”

Year 8 pupil - Charlie Johnson



“If you can dream it,
you can do it.”

Walt Disney



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