

Bilton News

Friday 26th May 2017



Photography Competition

On Wednesday this week I had the pleasure of working alongside the Art Department in judging our first Photography competition with over 80 entries from students in all year groups, showcasing their talents. The competition has been a roaring success. The winners rightly deserve congratulations but I am proud of every student who entered the competition. The considerable talents which I know exist at our school are slowly but surely being unearthed.

A huge well done to every entrant.

External Examinations

Students in Years 11,12 & 13 are now in the middle of their examinations. We wish them well, and urge them to continue working hard over the next 3 weeks. After this time they will have nearly 3 months to relax and enjoy themselves, but the next 21 days can really make a difference. Purposeful revision in this period will produce the excellent result we know our students are capable of achieving.

Improvements over half term

Our relentless drive to give our great students and dedicated staff the very best learning environment will continue over half term. All of the maths classrooms will be repainted and have new carpets. This work will then follow through to Science laboratories before going around the whole school.

We hope by continuing to improve the environment we are sending the following message to our students and staff, we value you and want to give you the best school possible.

Highlight of the week

My personal highlight of the week was welcoming students at the school gates on Wednesday morning. It was a glorious sunny day and our students were smart, polite and cheerful, a great start to the day.

Have a restful and enjoyable half term everyone, and thank you for all your support over the last half term.

Mr Ranjit Samra

Executive Principal

Revision

Year 12 and year 13 Psychology students went head to head in a revision pub style quiz on research methods and Psychopathology. Excellent collaborative work between the two years group, well done.



Year 11 Whitsun Revision

Year 11 exam intervention sessions are running over the half-term. The morning sessions will run from **10am to 12pm** and the afternoon sessions will start at **12.30pm and finish at 2.30pm**. Students should bring a packed lunch.

Be the best you can be!

Cold War Exam:
Monday 5th
June 2017

Revision Session:
Sunday 4th June
12-4 pm
W28

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What some last minute tips and dedicated time for revision with support from teachers?

Want an opportunity to work with others to recap your knowledge?

Then this is the place for you!

#iwill

Thank you to all of the students that have been involved in #iwill this term. We have expanded our volunteering community and we will be running three trips to different care homes next term. Thank you to those students who have already sent the permission slips back. If you'd like to be involved, please see Miss Thomas in W30b ASAP.

Thank you to this week #iwill litter pickers! Courtney Bower, Megan Derrick, Lolita Sulok, Martyna Popko, Kieran Ainslow and Kallum Ainslow spent their own time ensuring that our school continues to stay neat and tidy. If you'd like to be involved on Monday 5th June, please let Miss Thomas in W30b know ASAP.



Trip to Rugby Library

On Wednesday a group of Y7 students had the privilege of meeting author Karen King at Rugby Library. Students enjoyed their trip to the Library and said that they were enthused by Karen, who shared her experiences as a writer with them. Students' behaviour was exemplary and Karen King said that she was very impressed with their descriptive writing.



Keeping hydrated:

As we are now in the summer months, please ensure you have plenty of drinks with you in school to keep you hydrated and to avoid unnecessary headaches or dizziness.

Hayfever:

If you suffer with Hayfever, please don't forget to take your medication in the morning before coming to school. If you wish to keep Hayfever medication in school, please clearly label the box with your child's name. This medication will

Advanced notice - Friday 21st July early finish.

As a nice way to end the year, we have decided that on the last day of the Summer term (Friday 21st July) the school will break for the holidays earlier than normal. The school day will end at 12.30pm and all students will be free to go home. Bus companies have been informed to ensure students are able to get home safely and as normal. Please ensure any alternative transport arrangements are informed where necessary. An early finish on the last day of term is a common practise with many schools locally.



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EXAM INVIGILATORS

Lead: £8.20 per hour/Invigilator: £7.90 per hour

We are urgently seeking to recruit new Exam Invigilators to work with the existing team in the running of all internal and public examinations at the school.

The post would be ideally suited to applicants who feel a sense of responsibility for today's young people and who are able to work flexible daytime hours. Full training will be provided and working hours will be negotiated for each exam period.

The role may include scribing or reading for students who have qualified for access arrangements because of special educational needs and disabilities. Training will be provided.

Interested? We would love to hear from you. Please contact Claire Walters, Personnel Assistant, for further information on 01788 840600.

Readathon

We are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** for Years 7 and 8!

Readathon is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. It encourages children to read for pleasure, an activity proven to increase children's chances of success. As well as encouraging pupils to read for fun, our school will get free books worth 20% of our sponsorship total.

Readathon motivates reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It works because children choose what they want to read – they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK.

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 they will receive their sponsorship card on **Monday 12th June** during form time. They will need to fill this out ready for their English lesson on **Friday 16th June** when their English teacher will check that it has been completed correctly. The sponsored read will take place from **Monday 19th June - Friday 30th June**, during this time students will have the opportunity to read during school hours. All sponsorship cards and money will need to be handed in to the Library before **Friday 14th July**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure whilst raising money for a great cause. We would ask that you support your child in their sponsored read by reading with them, as well as helping them to find sponsors among family and friends.

Scholastic Book Fair

From Monday 19th June to Thursday 22nd June the Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. This will be open during break and lunch, as well as before and after school. All books are HALF PRICE and there are £25 worth of book tokens to be won!

There are over 200 titles for your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. What's more, every book that is bought can help to get free books for the school Library!

Science

Congratulations to Laura Nascimento, Ted Nicholas, Harry Collins, Meghan Lawes and Harrison Tavinor for fantastic work on Bacteria, Viruses and Fungi



Grammar Focus

The following students have applied their knowledge into different classes across the school:

Emily Cannell came to share she was adding subordinate clauses into the sentences in Spanish.

Kian Leater practised using complex sentences at home in his homework.

Lucy Varney added a subordinate clause into her Science work when describing her insect.

Sport

Lunchtime PE Activities				
Day	Activity	Year Group	Venue	Kit Requirements
Monday	Short Tennis (Mixed) <u>Rounders</u> (Girls)	7/8 7/8	Sports Hall Field	You can wear your school uniform for all activities if you do not feel you have time to get changed into PE kit.
Tuesday	Badminton (Mixed)	All Years	Sports Hall	
Wednesday	<u>Rounders</u> (Girls) Short Tennis (Mixed)	9/10 9/10	Field Sports Hall	Ties and blazers must not be worn when taking part.
Thursday	Basketball (Boys)	All Years	Sports Hall	Trainers must be worn at all times .
Friday	Basketball (Mixed)	All Years	Sports Hall	

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Year 11 students Lara Aubrey, Margaret Marimba and Ellen Hartup on achieving their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award



Year 11 Prom — Thursday 29th June

7pm till 11pm

The cost of the Prom is £32. If a deposit has already been paid the balance will be £27 and payment must be received by Wed 7th June

Students must be collected by an adult

Bilton School Prom Menu

Starters

Roasted Plum Tomato and Chorizo Soup

Sautéed Mushrooms with Brie Cream

Served on Herb Bruschetta with Crisp Salad (V)

Mains

Lemon and Thyme marinated Chicken Supreme

*Served with Crushed New and Sweet potatoes, Sugar Snap Peas and Smoked Paprika
Parmesan Cream Sauce*

Roasted Peppers with Petite Ratatouille

With Herb Couscous, Spinach and a Basil Napolitano Sauce (V)

Dessert

Oreo Chocolate Brownie Cheesecake

With Raspberry Cream (V)

Lemon Tart

With Clotted Cream and Berry Coulis (V)



Parent's Evening

Macaulay Parents Evening Wednesday 7th June 4pm – 7pm in the Kay Hall

The booking system is now live. To book an appointment please go to:

<http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/biltonschoo>

PLEASE NOTE: You need to type this address into your website browser's 'address bar'. Do not try to 'Google' this website address, or use a 'Search Engine', as that will not work. This is a common mistake on phones and tablets especially.

Please check your emails and phones for a text from the school.

If you do not receive anything please call us

Please note that only Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 need to attend their House Parents Evening.

The dates are:

Merry - Wednesday 21st June

Attendance

Year	Week commencing 15/05	Cumulative this year
Year 7	94.2%	95.5%
Year 8	95.6%	94.2%
Year 9	95.1%	94.1%
Year 10	91.6%	92.7%
Year 11	96.6%	95.8%

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

8J2 and 11J2 for having the highest attendance last week with 99.6%!

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 7th June: Macaulay Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th June: PTA meeting
Wednesday 21st June: Merry Parents Evening
Thursday 29th June: Year 11 Prom
Friday 30th June: Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4th July: Prospective Parents evening
Wednesday 5th July: Sixth Form Induction Day
Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th July: Primary Transition Day
Tuesday 11th July: Primary Transition Parents Evening
Thursday 13th July: Mop up day for missed Immunisations
Friday 14th July: Sports Day
Friday 21st July: Last day of Term

PTA News

A big thanks to all those who attended the first PTA meeting last week, we had a great turnout. We are very excited about the events we are planning to raise funds for the school and build strong links between the school and parents, carers and the local community.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first big event will be The Big Bilton Quiz Night on July 7th! Look out for more details in the coming weeks.

UNIFORM

We would like to start selling second hand uniform. Please can you have a look at home for any outgrown uniform which would be suitable to pass on to others. We hope to have our first uniform sale at the yr 6 parents evening on July 11th. Please bring your uniform to the school reception asap.

Next meeting:

Everyone is welcome to our next meeting which will be on Wednesday 14th June, 7pm at The Bear pub.



LUNCH MENU

Summer Menu - 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LIGHT BITE MEAL £1.25 - £1.70 TO TAKE UNDER THE CANOPY	MACARONI CHEESE OR PLAIN PASTA WITH CHOICE OF SAUCE & VEGETABLES: TOMATO, CHEESE MILANAISE, SPICY MEATBALL, CARBONARA VEGETABLE MEDLEY BREADED CHICKEN WRAP	BEEFBURGER OR CHICKEN IN A BUN help yourself to salad & sauce SOUTHERN "BAKED" CHICKEN STRIPS & CHIPS SALAD OR SWEET CORN	HOI SIN CHICKEN STIR FRY CHILLI CON CARNE SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN CHICKEN KORMA BOLOGNAISE GREEN BEANS SAVOURY OR PLAIN RICE SAVOURY HOT BAGUETTES	JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS: BAKED BEANS,CHEESE,TUNA CHICKEN CURRY MIXED SALAD ASSORTED PIZZA SLICES: MARGHERITA PEPPERONI ROASTED VEGETABLES	FISH & CHIPS BREADED COD FISH FINGERS SCAMPI SAUSAGE BREADED CHICKEN WRAP BAKED BEANS PEAS
VEGETARIAN LITE BITE £1.25 - £1.70	MACARONI CHEESE WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES	VEGE CHEESE BURGER WITH SALAD	CHICK PEA CURRY & RICE	PIZZA OR JACKET	SPANISH FRITATA
EXTRA BREAD 40p	Garlic Breaan,Naan Bread or French Stick available daily				
WRAPS £1.60	Choose from: Ham, Cheese,Chicken, Tuna, HELP YOURSELF TO SALAD				
SALAD BAR Help Yourself	HELP YOURSELF SALAD BAR - CHOICE OF 8 SALADS WITH CHICKEN, HAM, TUNA & SWEETCORN or CHEESE & PICKLE £1.70 JUST SALAD BOWLS INCLUDING DRESSING - £1.20				
COLD GRAB & GO	Selection of freshly made sandwiches, rolls and wraps available daily from £1.30				
DESSERTS From 50p	Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, jelly Homemade Cakes & Biscuits Shop at 1.45pm			Ice lollies- served daily Dining Room & Bilton	
CHILLED DRINKS From 30p	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks

Fresh ingredients are used daily throughout our menu

School Clubs and Revision		
	Revision/Coursework 3.15-4.15pm	School Clubs and Activities 3.15-4.15pm (unless stated)
Monday	6th Form Maths Revision in K7 6th Form Geography in W35 6th Form Economics Revision in K15 Yr 11 Science Intervention Yr 11 Chinese Intervention Yr 11 Computer Science Intervention Yr 11 History Intervention	Book Club in the Library in Form Time Drama Club with Mr Cuff in C57 Science Club 15.15-16.15 in W37 EFA homework club - all welcome finishes 4pm
Tuesday	A Level Art, Fashion and Photography GCSE French in K1- (3:05-4:00) GCSE PE Year 10/11 in PE Obs room GCSE Art, Fashion and Photography Yr 11 French Intervention Yr 11 English Intervention Yr 11 Spanish Intervention with Mr Bolatti Yr 11 ICT Core Intervention Yr 11 Art Intervention Yr 11 Child Development Intervention Yr 11 Graphics Intervention	Lunch time Maths Homework Club in K8 EFA homework club in the Library - all welcome History Club in W33 Maths support in K6
Wednesday		Lunch time Maths Homework Club K11 Film Club in the Library 3:05 until 5pm. EFA homework club in the Library - all welcome finishes 4pm
Thursday	Sixth Form BTEC Business Intervention in K12 Sixth Form Applied Business Intervention in K15 A Level Art, Fashion and Photography GCSE Geography in W35 GCSE Art, Fashion and Photography Yr 11 Spanish Intervention with Miss Gomez-Garcia Yr 11 Fashion Intervention Yr 11 Art Intervention Yr 11 Electronics Intervention Yr 11 Maths Intervention Yr 11 Food Intervention Yr 11 Resistant Materials Intervention	Homework Club in the Library EFA homework club - all welcome finish 4pm Psychology Club in W41 Bilton Singers in C56 with Mr Tarry History Club in W33 – all welcome
Friday		Y10 D of E in W33

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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 are 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration)

(England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required 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, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

It is important to note, Fixed 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 in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as
socially is our shared priority**

