



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this letter finds you well and filled with excitement for the upcoming academic year. As we prepare to embark on this new year together, we extend our warmest welcome to you and your family. In order to ensure that all students have a smooth start to the year and a full induction into our expectations and routines, we are having a staggered entrance back into school this week:

- Wednesday 6th September – **Year 7 begin.**
- Thursday 7th September – **Year 11 begin.**
- Friday 8th September – **Year 8, 9 and 10 begin.**
- Monday 11th September – **All Year Groups in for week A on their timetable**

At Buile Hill, we believe that education is a collaborative effort between students, parents, teachers, and the entire community. We are committed to creating a supportive and enriching environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

This academic year promises new opportunities, challenges, and experiences that will contribute to your child's growth and development. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff are ready to inspire, guide, and nurture your child's curiosity, creativity, and love for learning. In order to support your child's learning, please see below for a reminder of some of the key expectations we have for all students: It is vital that pupils understand their own responsibility to be ready to learn. Arriving to school with all necessary equipment e.g., a school bag large enough to fit an A4 folder, pencil case and reading book will be a daily expectation. Should your child choose to arrive to school without the necessary equipment there will be a ladder of consequences issued and an alert sent home. This may lead to you having to attend a standards and expectations meeting in school with the HOY.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.25am. Pupils must arrive at school at least 5 minutes before the first bell, in order to be in form period promptly for an 8.25am start.

If your child arrives after 8.25am, you will be notified by text message of their lateness to school.

Should your child arrive at school after 8.55am, they will be placed in after school detention, on the same day, for 30 minutes.

Your child will also be marked with a 'U' code. If multiple 'U' codes are acquired by your child, you will be issued with a fine and possible legal action.

Behaviour and Engagement Monitoring

ClassCharts is an app that allows you to track your child's rewards, punctuality, attendance and behaviour. All parents **must** access this app if we are to work collaboratively to improve outcomes.

You can download the ClassCharts app from the App Store or Google Play. Alternatively, you can log on to www.classcharts.com.

We recognise that the success of our students is dependent on a successful partnership between school and home and we hope that we can work with you as parents and carers to reaffirm the high expectations that we have of every child that attends our school.



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Parent Pay

Buile Hill is completely cashless, we use the biometric system to accurately record, and charge students' Parent Pay accounts for any food/drink items purchased. Without a digital fingerprint it is difficult to process our students quickly at break and lunchtimes.

The use of Biometrics (digital fingerprint) allows the efficient and effective processing of payments, by students, for any items they wish to purchase from the canteen at break and/or lunchtime.

We ask that all students register a digital fingerprint, even if they are eligible for Free School Meals or bring a packed lunch, as if their circumstances were to change, we would already have the Biometrics set up.

To top up dinner money, you will need to log into your Parent Pay account (please note the minimum top up amount is £10.00. If you wish to load a lower amount, this can be done at school by the students using one of our re-val machines. Students will need a digital fingerprint to be able to use the machines). To get your Parent Pay log in details or to request a consent form for a digital fingerprint, please contact the school office.

Communication

Throughout the year, you can expect open lines of communication to keep you informed about your child's progress, events, and important updates. We encourage you to actively participate in parents' evenings, coffee mornings and other school events throughout the year to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Some key dates for your diary are:

Date	Event
Wed 6 th September	School re-opens for Year 7 Students only – 8.25 am start
Thurs 7 th September	School re-opens for Year 7 & 11 students – 8.25 am start
Fri 8 th September	All Students back in school – 8.25am
Tues 19 th September	1 st HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 students
Thurs 28 th September	Open Evening – 4-7pm
Mon 9 th October	School Photograph Day
Thurs 19 th October	Year 7 Settling in Evening

Please also note below the relevant contact details to speak to a member of our team.

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office in the first instance on either 0161 736 1773 or at builehillinfo@consilium-at.com. The office is open between 8.00am and 4.00pm. Your request will be passed on to the relevant member of staff who will contact you and arrange a face-to-face meeting if necessary. Please be aware that if you arrive at school without a pre-arranged appointment, members of staff may not be available to meet with you as they will be teaching or supporting our students.

As we all navigate the evolving landscape of education, we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment where each student can thrive. Our focus remains on cultivating not only academic excellence but also strong character, critical thinking skills, and a sense of responsibility to the community.



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Personal Development

Our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education curriculum is a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives.

This curriculum encompasses:

- Religious Education (RE)
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE)
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education (SMSC)
- Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)
- Careers Education Information and Guidance (CEIAG).

At Buile Hill Academy students are supported in their learning and development through a range of opportunities outside of the classroom, including many opportunities to join clubs and to engage in educational visits and experiences. In this way, we aim to provide a school curriculum that will enrich lives and inspire ambitions.

We are committed to ensuring that all our students feel safe and happy and learn how to maintain a healthy mind and overall wellbeing. Through the PSHE curriculum and a wide range of opportunities from external agencies, students are encouraged to look after themselves and develop resilient, healthy minds.

Assessment

The assessment of pupils is designed to find out what pupils know and what they don't know and to provide feedback and opportunities to fill those gaps in knowledge and understanding so that that are taken forward through the five years at the school. Key assessment dates for the first term are shown below.

- Week commencing 18th September – Baseline testing (4 hours per pupil) for Year 7.
- 9th October – Teachers will submit the attitude for learning assessment of pupils in year 7 and 8
- Week commencing 6th November (for 2 weeks) - Year 11 Winter Exams
- Week Commencing 13th November (for 2 weeks) - Year 9 and 10 Winter Exams.

Building Update

As you may be aware from the recent news headlines regarding school buildings, we have an update on our school. In line with Department for Education instruction, we conducted building surveys at each of our schools, and can confirm that none of them identified RAAC at any of the sites. Therefore, we are confident that all Consilium schools are unaffected, and will be open as usual for the start of the academic year.

We invite you to join us on this exciting journey by staying engaged, sharing your insights, and supporting your child's learning experiences. Together, we can create a positive and enriching educational path that prepares our students for success both now and in the future.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Warm regards,

Ms F Alam
Headteacher