



# Buile Hill Academy

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that your child enjoyed a productive induction programme last week and that they have settled into the routines and expectation of the school as lessons have started this week. The message from teachers and leaders in the school has been clear and constant, pupils must work hard to be successful.

Although we have only just started the year, we need to make you aware of the date of the Winter exams. They will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November with the schedule lasting for two weeks. We will communicate the full timetable nearer the time. Following the examinations pupils will receive their working at grade and forecast grades for each subject on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The library will be open from 3pm to 4pm each day, exclusively for year 11 pupils as a safe a quiet place to revise. Any pupil using this facility will receive a token entering them into a reward prize draw at the end of the half term. The more tokens, obviously the greater chance of winning the reward.

Each pupil will have a 1 to 1 interview in the coming week with a member of the senior leadership team where their start to the year and their performance in the year 10 end of year exams will be reviewed. We will discuss their aspiration as they move on to college and set targets for improvement.

Homework is the easiest way in which pupils can take the initiative when it comes to independent learning at home. All subjects will set homework weekly and by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September you should be able to see this on Class Charts. Should you have issues accessing your Class Charts account, please email me and I will resolve the issue. One of the induction sessions pupils had in the first week was on revision and revision timetables. Revision for the Winter and indeed the GCSE exams must start now, and we encourage you to discuss this with your child.

## Maths

As we approach an important juncture in your child's academic journey, your child will complete a baseline assessment in maths in the first two weeks of term. This assessment serves as an initial benchmark to gauge your child's current knowledge and skills in various topic within the subject. Based on these results, we will make informed decisions regarding their class placements, specifically whether they will begin with higher or foundation level courses. It's crucial to emphasise that these initial placements are not set in stone. We understand that students grow and adapt at different rates, and as such, these decisions can be revisited and adjusted as the year progresses. Our aim is to provide the best possible learning experience for your child, one that is tailored to their individual needs and aspirations.

## College Open Days

During this term each student will receive a 1 to 1 interview with our Careers Advisor to begin to explore career aspirations and post 16 options, whether that be studying A-Levels or a vocational course, a T-Level, or an apprenticeship. To support these choices, we strongly recommend attending College Open Evenings. These open days are a great opportunity to explore facilities, speak to different subject teachers as well as current students and to ask any questions that you may have.

Below are the Open Evening dates for local post 16 providers. Please note that most colleges require you to register online before attending an Open Evening, please use their websites to find out more information. If you have any queries regarding post 16 options, please contact our Business and Employment Engagement Officer by email, [Halima.Farooq@consilium-at.com](mailto:Halima.Farooq@consilium-at.com).



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## Loretto College

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

There are two sessions available on each of these Open Days and places must be booked online using the following link  
<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/loreto-college-open-days-2023/>

## Xaverian College

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 10:30am-2pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 10:30am-2pm

Places must be booked online for this Open Day using the following link

<https://www.xaverian.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/>

## Pendleton Sixth Form College

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 10am – 12pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 5pm – 7pm

<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/events/college-open-event/>

## Eccles College

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5pm – 7pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5pm – 7pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 5pm - 7pm

<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/events/college-open-event-2/>

## City Skills

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 5pm – 7pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 10am

<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/events/city-skills-open-event/>

## Worsley College

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 5pm – 7pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5pm – 7pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 5pm – 7pm

<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/events/worsley-college-open-event/>

## Future Skills

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 10am – 12noon

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 5pm – 7pm

<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/events/futureskills-open-event/>

## Manchester College

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 5pm-7pm

All 5 campuses will be open for this event. City Campus Manchester, Harpurhey, Openshaw, Shena Simon, and Wythenshawe campuses.

<https://www.tmc.ac.uk/events/school-leaver-open-event-12-october-2023/>



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Trafford College

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 4:30pm-7:00pm

<https://trafford.ac.uk/events/explore-and-investigate-trafford-college/>

Bolton College

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 10:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 5:30-7:30pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm

<https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events/>

If you need any further information on how we can support your child in their learning, please contact me by email [ian.haslam@consilium-at.com](mailto:ian.haslam@consilium-at.com).

Yours sincerely,

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