



Buile Hill Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

30th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back into the second half term of this academic year. I hope that you and your family have had a lovely break last week. This new half term is a busy one for us as a school as we gear up for our Winter Exam series for Year 11, we start to plan for our Year 9 Options Process, our Year 7s move into the next phase of their transition and we have a jam-packed calendar of exciting opportunities for all of our students.

In order to make sure we start this new half term off well, we would like to share some key information and updates that you need to know as parents/carers.

Attendance Procedures

It is essential for your child's progress that they attend school every day and be on time. Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. High attendance to school is directly linked to higher GCSE grades, which in turn leads to further learning opportunities and better job prospects.

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, you must ensure you report this on our absence line by ringing 0161 736 1773 and select option 2. Use the class charts app or email bha-attendance@consilium-at.com by 9am.

We ask all medical and dental appointments be made outside of school hours. Please note we do not authorise any holidays during term time.

Behaviour & Standards Expectations

A reminder that we continue to drive forward on our improvement agenda on behaviour and standards. It is essential that all students come to school every day in full school uniform with the correct equipment and a positive attitude for learning.

Our behaviour system utilizes the Classcharts application, which we strongly urge all parents/carers to download in order to gain a full overview of their child's conduct at school and have regular conversations with their child about their experiences at school. For more information on Class Charts, please visit our designated page on the school website: <https://www.builehillacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Charts&pid=105>

Lost Property

If a lost property item is found, it should be taken to the lost property box in the school library. Students who have lost items should check in the lost property box during break, lunch or after school.

Students should take responsibility for looking for their own lost property. Students are not permitted to leave their lessons in order to look for lost property.

At the end of each half term, all lost property will be displayed in the main hall at the end of the last day of term. Any items that are not collected at that point will be donated to charity.



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Calendar Reminders

OPEN: Monday 30th October 2023 (school reopens for all)

CLOSES END: Friday 15th December 2023 (students in school)

Date Event

16/11/2023 Celebration Evening 4 – 6pm (invitation only)

23/11/2023 HPV Vaccine Catch up session for Year 8 students with consent

5/12/2023 Whole school Flu Vaccinations for students with consent

7/12/2023 Winter Concert – need to check timings

Assessments

Winter exams for years 9, 10 and 11 will all take place in Half Term 2. Students will be given details of their assessments and the requirements of how to prepare in their lessons.

- Year 11 exams will commence on the 6th of November and end on the 24th November
- Year 9 and 10 exams will commence on the 13th of November and will end on the 1st December.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

SHARP System (Student Help Advice Reporting Page System)

At Buile Hill Academy, we have several systems which support student wellbeing and safeguarding. One of these is the SHARP system. SHARP is a web-based tool which is personalised to each school and promotes inclusion, safeguarding, e-safety and provides additional opportunities for students to report their concerns.

SHARP can be accessed via our school website: <https://www.builehillacademy.co.uk/page/?title=SHARP+Reporting&pid=87>

SHARP allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting tool SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including Bullying, Health, Community Issues, Weapons and Hate Crime.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as parents/carers. We know that the partnership between home and school is an essential part of securing a child's success and I hope this half term brings with it more opportunities for us to strengthen those partnerships.

Kind regards,

Ms F Alam

Interim Headteacher