



How time flies! We are already into the summer term. It has been a year for focusing on what is expected of our students.

This time for education is precious and we encourage all our students to spend their time wisely. We require that each student arrives to school each day with a positive attitude; that they are prepared to demand the best of themselves, their peers and their teachers.

The new **ten-day timetable** is working well. Students tell us that they enjoy the shorter, more targeted lessons and that this, one of many changes since Christmas, has really helped them to focus on their learning. We will continue on our pathway for improvement that will bring more changes in the months to come to make sure that your child can always expect the very best of everyone here.

In the coming few months, **Year 7** will have completed one-fifth of their secondary education and yet it may seem that they have only just joined us. These years of education are precious and we encourage all our students to spend their time wisely.



A fundamental change for **Year 8** is that we have decided to extend Key Stage 3 study to a three-year period; this means that GCSE choices will be made in Year 9. This gives us essential time to focus on establishing a wide foundation of knowledge and essential literacy/numeracy skills before teaching the technical elements of Key Stage 4 study.

Year 8 experienced our first Parents' Evening run on an appointment basis. This trial worked well and we hope to extend the trial in the new academic year with an online booking system.

In the coming months, **Year 9** will have completed over a third of their GCSE and BTEC study and yet it may seem that they have only just begun their course. Year 11 students will shortly be sitting their final secondary education exams and they will all agree that their grades will ultimately depend on how hard they worked in these early months.

In recent weeks, **Year 10** students should have completed their **Employment Intelligence** training. This important workshop takes our students out of lessons for one day to give them unique training on the skills and knowledge they need to help them to achieve future employment success.

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Year 10 are also required to organise their own **work experience placement** for the week beginning 1 July, and I am so pleased to hear how many have now done this; particularly those who have shown resilience and hard work to make it happen for themselves. I hope that experiencing the world of work for themselves will help Year 10 to focus on their studies and recognise that skills and qualifications are the key to success in the rapidly changing 21st century workplace.



In the coming few months **Year 11** will complete their secondary education and their hard work and effort will be reflected in their exam results. It has been a year for preparing for these **final exams** and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to learn how to prepare for their exams and understand what needs to be done to achieve success.

By this time, Year 11 students should have organised their next place of study. Those students who are planning to find apprenticeships have been clearly advised that they should have a 'Plan B' in the event that they are not able to secure an appropriate placement. If you feel that your child needs additional help, please do not hesitate to let us know.

THE BULWELL ACADEMY

Message from the Principal (29 April 2019)



We have an excellent **sixth form offer** for students who are interested in careers within business, health and social care and sport. We believe that our offer of vocational courses will enable progression to employment within an enormous range of industries as well as progression to university.

Our success with sixth form has resulted in us being in the top ten for 'added value' within the country. For details of how to apply, [click here](#), or pick up an application form and prospectus from our Careers Hub or Reception.



I hope you enjoy reading our **Spring newsletter** (click on the image to view). I am pleased to see how many **opportunities for success** our students have had in recent months and regret that we can only highlight a handful of these in our newsletter. ***When we expect and insist upon the best from our students, it is remarkable how successful they can be.***

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives to school on time and ready to learn. This simple expectation makes a tremendous impact on the students' potential for success.

Mrs M Strong, Principal