

The Elton High School

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Headteacher: Mr J C Wilton MA (Hons.)



26 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break and that our students are soon ready to return for the new term, refreshed and enthused for the months ahead!

Our fortnightly Elton Times newsletter will continue to provide a comprehensive update of relevant news, updates and notices, with the first issue of the new term being sent on Friday 11th September. However, prior to the beginning of term I feel it is appropriate to give good notice about a number of important items.

First day of term – Wednesday 2nd September

As we have done in previous years there will be a slightly staggered start to the new term, so as to allow our newest students the chance to work within their form groups and get their bearings.

8.40am – All Year 7 and Student Mentors (around 40 Year 10 students),

11.20am – All other students; Years 8/9/10/11. *Students to go to the **main school yard** and gather in assigned form groups, before being taken in by staff.*

Following that first day, we will revert to the usual timings thereafter, with all students expected in school for 8.40am.

Daily Expectations

Our continued strong reputation is grounded on the positive manner in which our students follow the expectations of the Elton Way, promoting Ambition, Resilience and Kindness. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these points from a home perspective and working closely with us so that standards are maintained. Key elements of our daily processes are as follows -

Mobile Phones – You may have seen that the government is bringing in plans to limit phone use of children, but at Elton we were ahead of the game and became a ‘No Phone’ school last September. Everyone in school now knows the routine of placing phones in the secure lockers that are fixed within each form room. Searches may take place during the school day if we have reason to believe any student may have avoided locking away their phone. If a phone is found on a student during the day then it will be confiscated immediately, a sanction will be issued and parents will be required to collect it. Staff will also endeavour not to use their phones around students during school hours. The system worked very well last year and the feedback that we have received from students and from parents/carers has been excellent. Thanks again for your support in making this work.

Uniform - We are grateful for your continued support in ensuring that all of our students wear their uniform correctly and arrive at school for the first term looking smart and prepared. The link below provides clear details of our uniform, ensuring that our expectations are crystal clear. We will obviously check all students at the beginning of the new term and then continue to do so, on a regular basis, to ensure that their own presentation reflects our high expectations.

Link to [Elton School Uniform](#)

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SatchelOne – We continue to use this system as the main communication format with parents/carers. As with last year, detentions are set and completed on the same day, except from 1.20pm when they are carried forward to the following day. All homework notifications – as well as attendance and general behaviour notices – are provided through this app. It is therefore crucial that all parents/ carers routinely check the notifications on SatchelOne as a matter of routine.

Parents of new starters will receive a direct invite so as to set up an account for the SatchelOne system. If you have any questions at this point then please contact Miss Cowsill (Exams and Data Manager), via email cowsills@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk. Further to this, please also let us know if you have made any changes to your own email address so that we can update our records and keep in contact with you as required.

School Buses - Update

Bus services remain under the control of Greater Manchester Transport Service. Updated bus timetables and ticket information can be found on this section of their [Bee Network website](#).

Canteen Payments - Update

We continue to operate a cashless system within our canteen, with parents topping up the children's accounts online as necessary. Years 8-11 already have full access to this system and parents/carers can top up their accounts on the iPayImpact system. For our new Year 7 students, we have recently sent out login details for [iPayImpact](#) and parents/carers will need to top-up with funds by the start of the new term. For those students with facial recognition permission (given via the school's Admission Form), they will be scanned in the first few days of term.

For any students eligible for Free School Meals at primary school, this will automatically roll forward to Elton. From September 2026, free school meals are expanding, so that all children from households receiving Universal Credit qualify, regardless of household income. Bury Council will be contacting families directly regarding this. This will also automatically be loaded into our catering systems.

Forthcoming Events

School photos for all students will take place *Thursday 10th September* (the second week of term).

For Year 7, we have a Parent Information Session: How we secure excellent behaviour and attendance, scheduled from 4pm on *Thursday 17th September*. This provides an opportunity to go through key information so as to support a smooth start to our school, as well as providing more opportunity to raise any questions or issues that may have developed in the first couple of weeks.

Our open events are scheduled from the end of September. Open Days are *Tuesday 29th September / Wednesday 30th September*, while our Open Evening is due to take place on *Thursday 1st October*. Please note that school will close at the earlier time of 1.20pm on that Thursday, and there is a staff training day the following day, on Friday 2nd.

More details of these and other events will obviously be provided closer to the time through the Elton Times.

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Staffing

As is the case every year, we are delighted to welcome some new faces to our staff team for September. I know that our students will welcome them positively and they will all prove to be extremely strong additions to our school.

Mr Benson – Art Department
Mrs Saddique – Computing Department (Maternity Cover)
Miss Burston – PE Department
Miss Harvey – Science Department
Mr Birkenshaw-Dempsey – Cover Supervisor
Mrs Greenwood – Joining the SEN/Student Support Team
Miss Morris and Mrs Thomas – Joining the Admin team

I hope that this provides a comprehensive and useful update about our plans for the new term. We are really looking forward to the new school year and continuing to build upon the hard work and successes of recent times. As always, feel free to follow up any questions or queries with myself directly through the email address below and many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

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