

Welcome to Pilton Community College

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At Pilton... we believe in a relationship-based approach to teaching which is supported by our core values. These values have been chosen by students and staff as those which best represent our school community.

We have very high expectations in relation to learning and behaviour and our core expectations are displayed in every classroom to encourage us all to support one another and to learn to the best of our ability in every lesson, every day.



At Pilton...



we take **responsibility** for our behaviour in all areas of the school.



we show **respect** for others by arriving on time, sitting calmly in the correct seat and wearing the correct uniform.



we demonstrate **resilience** by working to the best of our ability to meet our targets.



we are **trusted** to bring correct equipment to every lesson and to be prepared to learn.



we demonstrate **kindness** by listening and responding with politeness to staff and each other.



we demonstrate **courage** by trying new things, taking ourselves out of our comfort zone and standing up for others.



At Pilton... our values guide the way we ask you to behave and the conversations that we have with you. We encourage you to:

- have the **courage** to stand up for what we know is right; the **courage** to stand up for a friend or stranger who is being bullied and the **courage** not to join in when others are misbehaving
- show **kindness** to all members of our school community, especially those who are vulnerable or going through difficult times
- show **respect** to all members of our community, no matter what their needs, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or religious beliefs may be.
- take **responsibility** for the way we behave and how we treat others
- show **resilience** to carry one through difficult times and to be the best that we can be
- earn the **trust** of those around you through leading by example



At Pilton... **we believe in**



- positive relationships
- high expectations
- strong values
- good manners
- mutual respect
- appreciating other cultures
- hard work
- celebrating success



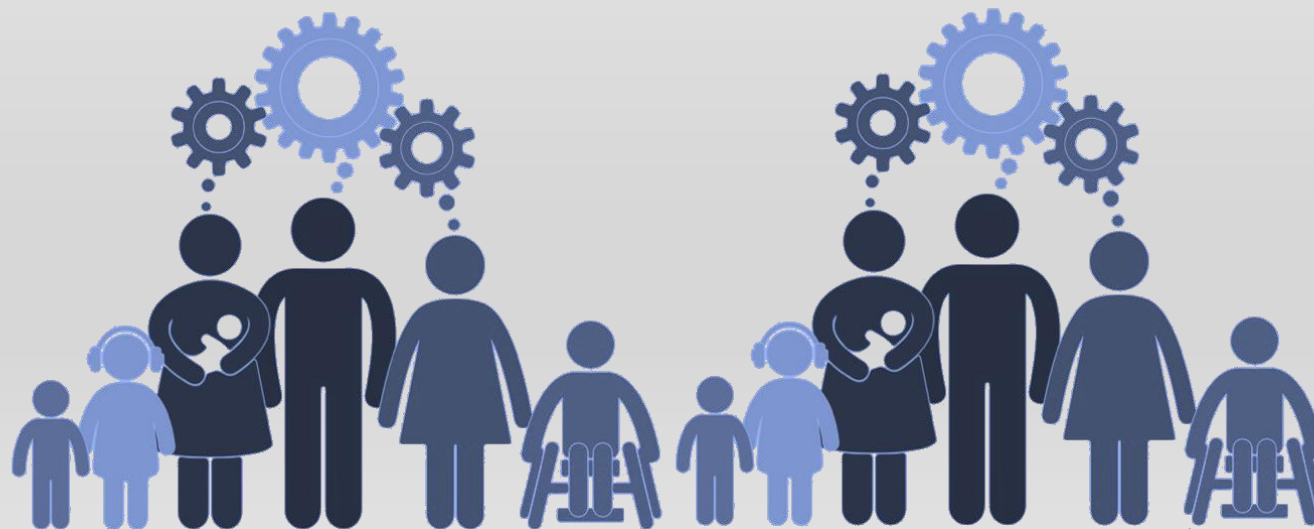
At Pilton... **we want you to**

- feel welcome
- secure friendships
- be able to find your way around school
- understand school regulations
- know where to go for help
- understand new teaching styles
- enjoy school life



At Pilton... we want your parents and carers to

- know that you're happy and safe
- know that we're understanding and supporting your individual needs
- understand your homework and learning opportunities

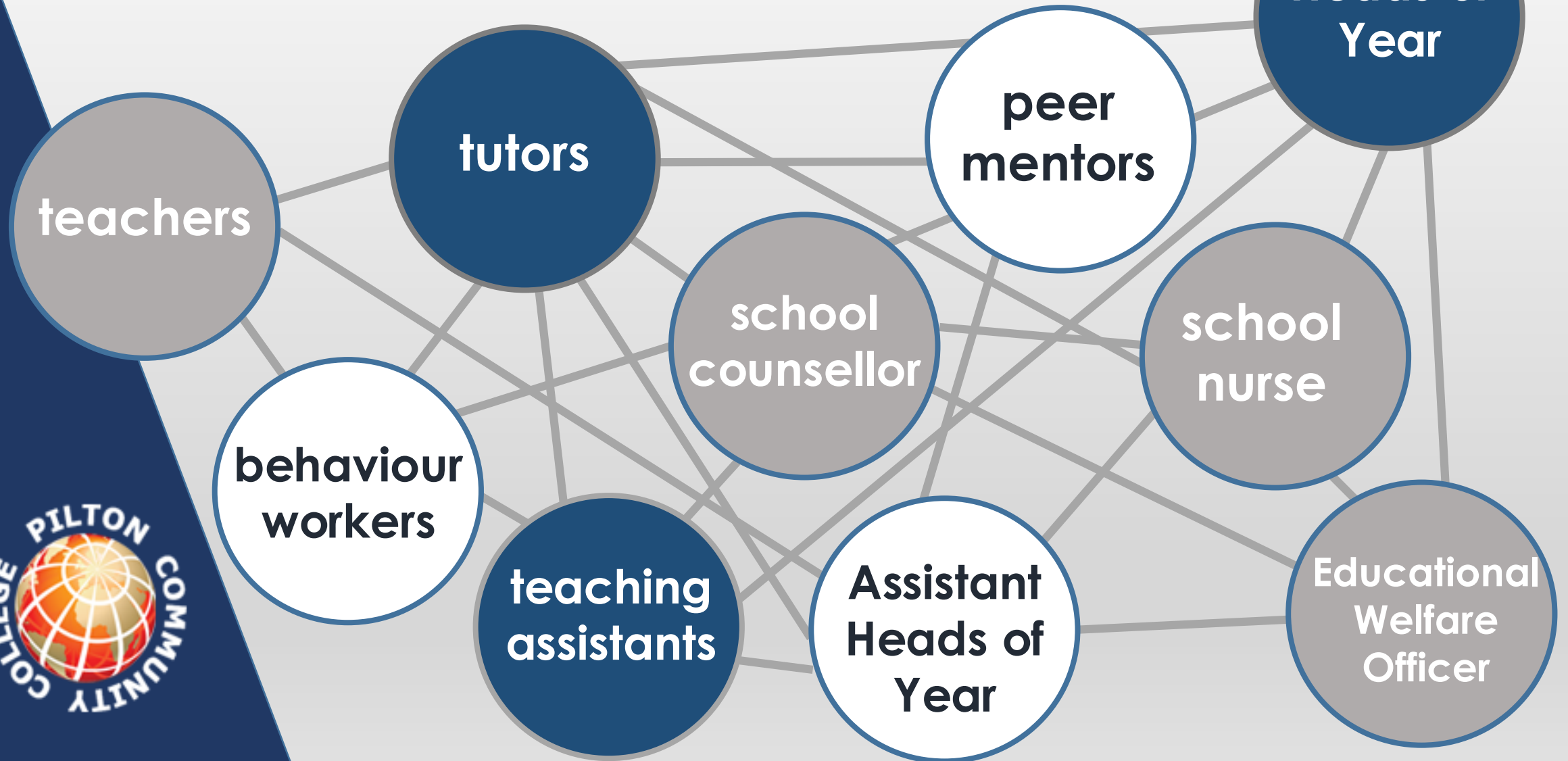


At Pilton... we work hard to ensure that our school is a place where you are safe and have the opportunity to develop into the best version of yourself that you can be.

- Better systems for checking your progress and setting targets have been introduced to support your learning.
- The curriculum is broad and balanced throughout all year groups.
- You will enjoy positive relationships with staff and know that teachers want you to succeed.
- Staff will help you to move onwards and upwards, often in their own time.
- A comprehensive intervention system allows you to achieve your potential, whatever your ability.
- High expectations are supported by a structured behaviour system which allows students to succeed in every lesson, every day.
- We have a highly effective safeguarding culture.
- You will receive quality careers information, advice and guidance and be kept well-informed about your options when you leave school.



**At Pilton... you will supported and encouraged
by all these members of our school community:**



At Pilton... we want you to be ready to learn



Equipment

- a school bag (we recommend a rucksack)
- a reading book (protected by a clear plastic folder)
- a pencil case
- a pencil, a rubber & a ruler
- a handwriting pen
- a scientific calculator with a fraction button
- a glue stick
- a compass
- a protractor
- coloured pencils/felt pens
- P.E. kit
- a re-fillable water bottle



At Pilton... we want you to have high expectations

School uniform

We have high expectations of our students in all aspects of life. A smart outward appearance not only sets the tone for a focused and purposeful approach to school and to learning but also reflects respect for yourself and the school.

You are our ambassadors in the community and should be mindful of the need to present yourselves smartly at all times and to reflect the school ethos in a positive way.



At Pilton... we are proud of our house system.



Atlantis * **Discovery** * **Endeavour** * **Voyager**



Every student and member of staff at Pilton belongs to one of our four houses. This:

- provides an increased sense of identity
- helps students work with those from other year groups
- encourages peer support
- provides creative opportunities for competition and charitable work



At Pilton... all day, every day – attendance matters

Regular attendance is important. Having a good education helps to give you the best start in life and there is a proven link between high attendance and good achievement. Days off school soon add up and can result in you:

- having to work harder to catch up
- feeling left out
- losing touch
- having to make friends again
- getting left behind



We celebrate high attendance or improvements in attendance with certificates and House Points



At Pilton... we want you to travel safely and arrive on time

Whether you walk to school, catch the bus or cycle, think carefully about your journey and how long it will take you. Have a practice to time your journey and to establish the safest route.

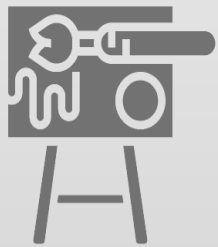
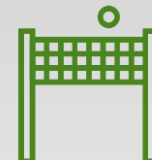


It is important that you are in school by 0840 at the latest each morning so that you can have a calm start to the school day without having to rush. Registration and assemblies start at 0845.



At Pilton... there are clubs and activities to suit everyone

Football	Climbing	Rugby	Band practice
Drama	Cricket	Choir	Table tennis
Homework Club	Music Tech	German	French
Mandarin	Lego Club	Badminton	Italian
Guitar	Girls' football	Netball	Athletics
STEM	Girls' hockey	Art	Rounders
Debate Club	Volleyball	Orchestra	Crafting
Christian Union	Gymnastics	School production	D of E



At Pilton... we offer a wide range of international enrichment trip opportunities.



Annual trip	Year	Duration	Approx. price
Opal Coast, France or Rhineland, Germany	Year 8	5 days	£385
French exchange	Year 9	7 days	£360
German exchange	Year 9	9 days	£385
Italian exchange	Year 9	7 days	£360
Rome (History)	Year 10	4 days	£460
Brussels EU visit	Year 10	4 days	£200
Spanish exchange	Year 10	7 days	£360
European ski trip	Year 11	7 days	£950

We also run a variety of other trips with a different programme each year. Past destinations include:

Austria * Spain & Martinique * Brussels * China * Uganda * Paris * Italy * Norway * Poland * Tanzania (Kilimanjaro) * Iceland



At Pilton... we're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you for taking the time to read this PowerPoint. We hope it gives you some more information about what to expect when you join our school community.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to one of our Taster Days in school during the summer term. In the meantime, we will be adding more information to the Transition website page, as well as sending you more details about plans for your start at Pilton.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Mr Hill, Mrs Druce and Mr Hunt

