

BRUERN ABBAY SCHOOL

Thursday 1 July 2021

Bruern Abbey to open Senior School at Chilton House in September 2022

Q&A for Chilton Village

Q – Who are Bruern Abbey?

Bruern Abbey is the only private school in the country to have as its main purpose the teaching of boys with dyslexia for entrance examinations to independent senior schools. The Junior School is currently based at Chesterton near Bicester with pupils from the age of 7 to 13.

Q – Who are Bellevue Education?

Bellevue Education is a leading group of private schools. Bruern Abbey are part of Bellevue Education.

Q – What are the plans for Chilton House?

Bruern Abbey will open their Senior School for 13-16 year olds at Chilton House on the 1st September 2022 having taken occupation of the building from 1st July 2022 to complete fit out works. Like its Junior School, Bruern Abbey Senior School will cater exclusively for boys with dyslexia, maintaining its firmly-held belief that it should not preclude academic success.

Q – How many children will there be?

The Bruern Abbey Senior School will build up to c.100 pupils but there are likely to be only 30 boys on site in Year 1, 60 in Year 2 and only increase to c.100 from September 2025. The majority of the pupils are likely to join from the Bruern Abbey Junior School.

Q – How many people will be on site and when?

Bruern Abbey Senior School will be a weekly boarding school with the boys arriving at or before 9am on a Monday and going home at or before 5pm on a Friday. Therefore the site will not be used at weekends or during the school holidays. There may be a small number of day pupils who live in the local area but, being a specialist school with a wide catchment, this is unlikely to be over 5-10 boys in the early years and 10-20 when full.

Q – What does this mean for traffic in the village?

As it is a weekly boarding school, there will only be a recognisable “school run” on a Monday morning and a Friday afternoon. **When the school is full** the expectation is that there will be **40 cars and 2-3 minibuses** dropping off on a Monday and a similar amount picking up on the Friday afternoon. To put this in perspective the Ashfold “school run” is over 300 cars every day of the week.

As the school will offer boys the flexible opportunity to arrive for breakfast on Mondays the “school run” is likely to be staggered between 7.30am and 9am which will result in around one car every two minutes when spread over the 90 minutes.

There will be the usual car movements throughout the week for staff and deliveries which will be in line with those of the nursing home when it was open. Traffic at the weekend will be almost non-existent.

Q – Which entrance will the school use?

All day to day traffic will use the rear entrance to Chilton House as this is where the car park and drop off will be.

Q – How long is the lease from the Chilton Estate?

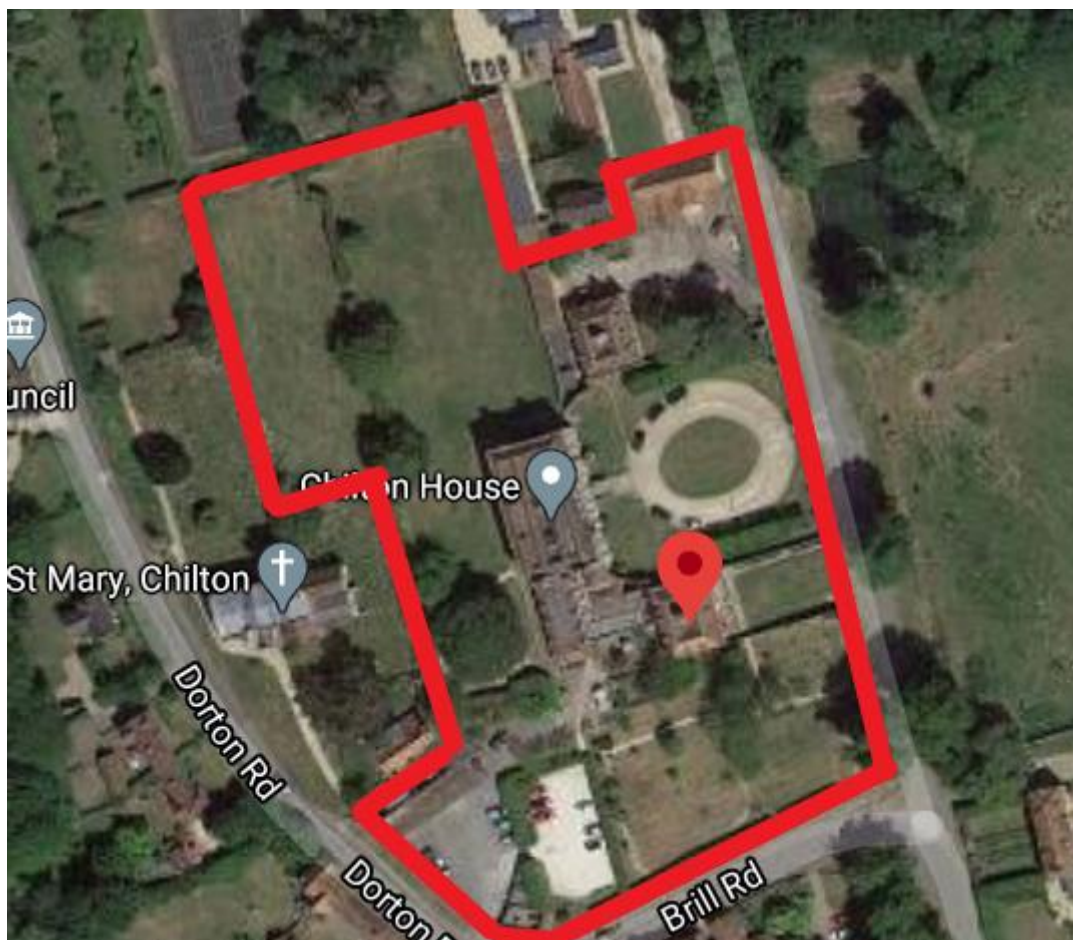
It is a long term lease commencing on the 1st July 2022.

Q – Who is in charge of maintenance?

The Chilton Estate will retain responsibility for external maintenance and the grounds.

Q – What is the extent of the School Site?

The proposed site plan is below. The car park will remain a shared space to allow parking for Chilton Church and village events in the holidays and at weekends.



If you have any further questions please contact the Estate Office on 01844 265201