

July 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Arrangements for Friday 23rd July

On Friday 23rd July 2010 the school will **finish for students at 12.10 pm** (this information also sent via parent call 15/7/10). Lunch will be provided if requested. Students need to ensure they inform their tutor that they will need lunch

Start of Term September 2010

Friday 3rd September 2010

Year 7 – 8.40am meet in Elgar Hall
Year 12 – 8.40am meet in the PPC
Year 10 – 10.00am meet in the PPC
Year 13 – 12.30pm meet in 6th Form Common Room

Years 8, 9 and 11 will not be in school on 3rd September. They will be expected to complete work set on 'moodle'. If they do not have access to the internet then they must come into school and complete work in room E23.

Monday 6th September 2010

Year 11 – 8.40am meet in tutor rooms
Year 9 – 8.40am report to the PPC
Year 8 – 8.40am report to the Elgar Hall
Years 7, 10, 12 & 13 – 8.40am – meet in tutor rooms

Expectations, standards and legalities.

Home-School Agreement

In September, parents/carers and students will all be asked to sign a "Home-School Agreement" that is the foundation of our work at Bournville. This Agreement is found in the student planner and outlines the school's promises, parents/carers and students' promises to make our community a positive one.

The basis of attendance, punctuality, organisation, equipment, relationships and our classroom code for learning are key elements and fundamental to improving

on our previous best. In signing this we expect the highest of standards and support from parents/carers, students and staff in making our community stronger. We strive to be “the best we can be”. Bournville and our Governors will accept nothing less. Below are some points that have been raised by parents for clarification to aid your support of our strive for “outstanding standards”.

Uniform

Our school student planner outlines the expected uniform; this information can also be found on our website.

Some areas need extra clarification for students and parents –

- Shoes - proper plain leather black school shoes to be worn. No canvas shoes/trainers, no “dolly” shoes, no boots (school discretion used in snow days). Some shops claim they are selling shoes when they are “trainers” which are not allowed.
- Skirts – plain navy or black knee length skirts – this has become a problem of late with changing fashion – please buy appropriate knee length skirts. No large buckles. No cling skirts.
- Trousers – must be uniform and not fashion trousers – jeans and cargo pants are not allowed. No shorts to be worn.
- Shirts - particularly girls’ shirts – must have top buttons and collars, be plain light blue or white in colour and be tucked into trousers or skirts.
- Ties – Ties must be correctly tied with the knot at the top of the buttons – clearly visible above the v-neck jumper. Clip-on ties are available and we have asked suppliers to stock them.
- Coats – plain weatherproof coats – blue or black in colour. No “hooded” tops and no tracksuit tops.
- Hats – Plain blue or black ‘warm’ hats can be worn in cold winter weather. Plain Blue or black ‘caps’ can be worn during very hot ‘sunny’ weather (only outdoors for both hats/caps)
- Tights – plain navy blue or black; no black leggings or patterned tights allowed.
- Jewellery - Ear-rings, no bigger than a ‘punched’ hole in a sheet of paper

We have high standards at Bournville and strongly believe that pride in the Bournville appearance is the start point of pride in self and work. Please continue to support us in our drive to continually improve on previous best. Students will be expected to dress excellently at all times.

Organisation is an important part of our daily lives. We expect student planners to be used daily and viewed by parents each night.

- Equipment – planner, pen, pencil and ruler plus a scientific calculator. Students should take pride in being prepared for their working day.
- Bags – each student must have a bag that is appropriate for use, i.e. is big enough to carry books and equipment, **fashion ‘hand-bags’ and ‘pouches’ should not be used solely as school bags.**

Rewards

- Griffins, praises, letters home, positive phone calls home, praise notice boards, rewards assemblies, rewards trips and prizes are all an integral part of the daily positive ethos we have created and will continue at Bournville.

Sanctions - school can and will use a range of **legal** sanctions in order to reinforce and keep high standards of work and behaviour; some outlined below:

- Verbal warnings and use of our Discipline for Learning (DFL) system to remind students of expectations and stay focussed on progress.
- Use of break time and lunch sanctions without prior notice (though our staff are legally entitled to their own break times)
- Use of after school detentions giving 24 hours notice to parents/carers (more information given on this in September).
- Use of force to maintain a safe and positive learning environment (more information on this in September).

We hope you find this information helpful in answering some of your questions. We hope you have a wonderful summer with your families, and we look forward to working with you in our strive for excellence.

Yours Sincerely

Mr F A Woodburn (Assistant Headteacher)

