



IN THE KNOW

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Message from Mrs Cottle:

This week has been very busy with a number of events taking place in school. On Tuesday, students in years 7 to 11 were invited to attend a Careers Fair organised by Mrs Field, Mrs Meeney, and Mrs Poole. An impressive number of exhibitors and visitors attended providing a flavour of the varied and diverse post 16 options available to our students. Representatives from colleges, school sixth forms, industry and the armed forces were in attendance and students left the fair with a wealth of knowledge and information surrounding the many opportunities available to them. A number of our visitors remarked on how well our students conducted themselves and some of them indicated that there may well be future work experience possibilities available for interested students. Thank you to the staff for all their effort and hard work in organising such a successful event.

On Tuesday afternoon, I thoroughly enjoyed accompanying Mr Thomas and four of our students on a visit to St Laurence's Primary School. We met with the pupils and staff in Year 6 and had the privilege of talking to them about the benefits of choosing Bournville School for their secondary education. Our students were fantastic – an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and to Bournville School. They made me feel very proud.

On Wednesday, we held our Primary Parent Forum in the morning and the Secondary Parent Forum in the evening. Both events were well attended by parents, and it was lovely to have the opportunity to speak with so many parents and update them on the recent improvements that have been made. It was lovely to receive such positive feedback from our parents, many of whom commented on how happy they were with the high quality education and pastoral care their children receive here at Bournville.

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YEAR 7

- No messages this week.

YEAR 8

- No messages this week.

YEAR 9

- No messages this week.

YEAR 10

- No messages this week.

YEAR 11

- There is a coffee morning for parents of pupils who have access arrangements on Monday 6th November at 9am.
- A letter has been sent to Year 11 parents about revision guides for English Literature. The letter is also available to view here:
http://www.bournvilleschool.org/uploads/asset_file/Year_11_Revision_Guides_6th_October.pdf
- Year 11 parents' evening will be held on Monday 6th November between 16:30 and 19:00. Parents can make appointments to see their child's teachers via our online booking system:
<http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- Year 11 mock exam fortnight will take place from Monday 20th November – Friday 1st December.

ALL YEARS

Police Weapons Letter: Like all schools in the local area, we work closely with West Midlands Police to help keep our children and communities safe. All local schools, in collaboration with West Midlands Police, have sent a letter to parents this week with useful information regarding knife crime, including what to do if you suspect your child may be involved in crime.

Sports Fixtures:

Year 7 and Year 8 Girls:

Netball match:

- Wednesday 18th October (home) v KEFW

Rugby tournament:

- Wednesday 8th November at Five Ways Rugby Club (after school)

Football tournament:

- Thursday 9th November at Birmingham University (after school)

Year 8 Boys:

Football match:

- Wednesday 18th October (away) v KNBS

Year 10 and Year 11 Girls:

Netball matches:

- Tuesday 17th October (away) v Colmers
- Wednesday 18th October (home) v KEFW
- Tuesday 31st October (home) v Bartley Green
- Wednesday 1st November (away) v Bishop Challoner

Year 11 Boys:

Football:

- 7 a side football tournament: New date to be arranged by Erdington Academy (match on 12th October was postponed)
- Thursday 18th October v KNBS (awaiting confirmation)

Applications to receive Free School Meals: If you are not currently in receipt of Free School Meals but still meet one of the criteria listed below, you can make an application on-line by following this web-link: www.link2ict.org/fsm

Free School Meals is a benefit awarded to children under the age of 19 where the parent or guardian is in receipt of one of the benefits shown below:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IB JSA);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit (only during the 4 week period immediately after their employment finishes).

If you have any issues or would like any advice or support about how to accurately complete the form, please call School Reception who will arrange for an appropriate member of staff to support you.

Mr James, Pupil Premium Champion

Introducing Word of the Week and Technique of the Week: Bournville School has a commitment to ensuring that all students have a high level of technical accuracy in their writing, and are fluent and confident in their use of academic language. We know that when applying for jobs, apprenticeships and further or higher education, our children will be judged by others on how accurately they spell, and how they use grammar and syntax in their communication. We want to ensure that students from Bournville can be proud of how they use academic language eloquently, and how they communicate accurately, and that they are never judged by others for how they write or speak.

As the new Literacy Co-ordinator for KS3 and KS4 pupils at Bournville, I have introduced a range of tutor group activities to support literacy during form time. We hope to make these activities available via Show My Homework in the near future so that you are able to support your child's progress and learning by referring to them at home. These activities include quizzes, and debates designed to engage your child with our Word of the Week or Technique of the Week. This half-term our bi-weekly words of the week have been: etymology, explain and consider. Next half-term, we plan to focus on demonstrate, conclusion, describe, and evaluate. The bi-weekly techniques of the week for this half-term have been: speaking clearly and confidently, prefixes and suffixes, and nominalisation. Next half-term we plan to focus on: proper nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives.

Dr Anna Burrells – Literacy Co-ordinator

Contacting School: You will be aware that we have changed our pastoral system and students now no longer have a Head of Year (Pastoral Lead) and instead have a Head of House. Should you wish to contact school with any issues or concerns, you should first attempt to contact your child's form tutor. If required you may later wish to speak to the Head of House or Student Support Officer for your child's house:

House	Student Support Officer	Head of House
Boulton	Miss Freezer	Mr Kesterton
Cadbury	Mr Lewis	Miss Trilloe
Tolkien	Miss Spence	Mr Lowe

Punctuality To School: Please ensure that your child is on site for 8.35 as the Griffins Brook Lane entrance and student entrance on Hay Green Lane will close promptly. Any students arriving after 8.35 will be marked as late and our procedure is for them to sit a 1 hour detention. We appreciate that parents/carers may find this inconvenient in the winter nights, however, parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure their child arrives to school on time for school every day. We hope you will support the school by ensuring your child is on time.

Attendance: In the case of illness parents must contact the school either by telephone (0121 475 3881) or email attendance@bournville.bham.sch.uk

In the case of medical absence, parents must phone to school to inform them of their child's appointment or bring the appointment card to school. We would encourage parents to make routine doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours or during the school holidays.

All parents should have received a letter this week detailing the importance of your child's high attendance. We are rewarding students with 100% attendance in a range of ways.

Medical: If your child has a medical condition, please contact Ms E Tisdell by email Tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk to arrange to discuss your child's requirements as appropriate.

If your child has prescribed medicines, please contact Ms Tisdell (see above) to arrange school provision as appropriate. Students must not bring medicines (including paracetamol) to school that have not been prescribed by a doctor.

Bullying: Please be aware that we have the S.H.A.R.P System (School Help Advice Reporting System) on our website. This is an online reporting system which can be used to report any incidents, such as bullying, which occur within the school and the local community. We actively encourage our students to report any incidents to us.

Communication – Twitter and Facebook: The school has a twitter account @Bournvillesch which you can follow to receive news and updates. We also now have a Facebook page to keep you up to date with our news and events. Please 'like' the page at www.facebook.com/bournvillesch to connect.

House Competitions at Bournville School – Autumn Term

Wednesday 18th October

- Year 11 Inter-house football tournament. This will take place after school. Speak to Mr Summers or Mr Kesterton for more details.

Year 7 Griffin Competition

Year 7 students will compete to earn the most griffins in English, Maths and Science. The house with the most griffins will be rewarded with house points.

Workshops @ Bournville – Autumn Term

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby

Every Monday from Monday 18th September to Monday 16th October. This will take place between 3.00 to 4.00pm. Contact Miss Hughes for more information.

Year 7 to 9 Girls Dance Club

Every Wednesday from Wednesday 27th September to Wednesday 18th October, from 3.00 – 3.45pm in Elgar Hall. Contact Miss Spence for more information.

Gymnastics and Trampolining

Every Thursday from Thursday 28th September to Thursday 19th October in the Girls' Gym. This will take place between 3.00 – 4.00pm. Contact Mr Everest or Mrs Tully for more information.

Extra-Curricular Provision at Bournville School – Autumn Term

All afterschool clubs will take place between 3pm and 4pm.

Monday

Lunchtime		After School	
Club	Room	Club	Room
Keyboard Club	E13		
Year 11 Computer Science	K1 & K2		

Tuesday

Lunchtime		After School	
Club	Room	Club	Room
Keyboard Club	E13	Orchestra	E13
Year 11 Computer Science	K1 & K2	Drama Production Rehearsals	PPC
		Art Club – KS3	M33/34
		BTEC Coursework Support Session	M35
		Year 11 Maths Exam Support	B17
		Netball Club	G Gym
		Years 9 & 10 Football Club	PE

Wednesday

Lunchtime		After School	
Club	Room	Club	Room
GCSE Music Theory Session	E13	Science Club – Year 7	B21
Careers Support – Year 10 & 11	M35	Art Club – GCSE	M33/34
Year 11 Computer Science	K1 & K2	Table Tennis Club	EHA
		Drama catch-up	K3

Thursday

Lunchtime		After School	
Club	Room	Club	Room
Keyboard Club	E14	Choir	E14
Year 11 Computer Science	K1 & K2	Chess Club	Library
		Drama Production Rehearsals	PPC
		Years 7 & 8 Football Club	PE
		KS3 Maths Club	B18
		KS4 Further Maths	B17

Friday

Lunchtime		After School	
Club	Room	Club	Room
Keyboard Club	E14		
Book Club	Library		
Year 11 Computer Science	K1 & K2		

Homework Club – Every day in the library. The library will be open before school, at break time, at lunch time and after school.