

Friday 15th September 2017



@bournvillesch



www.bournvilleschool.org



Message from Mrs Cottle:

I do hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. One of my holiday highlights was being able to congratulate our Year 13 and Year 11 students on receiving their long awaited GCSE results. The hard work of our students and their teachers really paid off and it was wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces on both results days.

I am pleased to be able to share with you that 2017 was a record year for GCSE results here at Bournville with 77% of our students passing English and 71% passing maths. I am also delighted to report that nine of our Year 11 students achieved grade 9 passes in English and maths which is a truly outstanding achievement and one of which they should be rightfully proud.

The beginning of a new school year is always exciting and this year particularly so as Bournville is set to continue its rapid journey of improvement. Students in all year groups have returned to school feeling rested and ready to learn and we have had an excellent start to the Autumn term. Our new Year Reception and Year 7 students have settled in remarkably well thanks to the support of their teachers, the pastoral teams and our Student Leadership Team who are ably led by Head Girl, Hannah and Head Boy, Uriel.

The introduction of the new house system has further enhanced the community feel of the school as

Cont ...

students are working hard to earn valuable points for their respective houses. There are many exciting house activities planned over the coming year.

Our Secondary Provision Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 20th September between 6pm and 8pm followed by Open Mornings in secondary and primary on Friday 22nd September and Friday 29th September. Such evenings provide a valuable opportunity to showcase our curriculum, our excellent teaching and the many opportunities available to Bournville children. Thank you to the very many students who have offered to take part in the evening. Their dedication to the school is commendable and they are a real credit to Bournville and to their families.

Building work in the secondary school is set to continue until half term although, thankfully, the Primary playground will be ready by mid-September. A number of roofs have now been replaced and work is starting shortly to create girls' toilets in Bronte. Inevitably, improvements to the school site do cause some short term disruption but this will be for the long term benefit of our children so we have to exercise patience!

Finally, your opinions matter to us. We will shortly be asking you to complete a parent/carer survey about aspects of your child's school experience. Please take the time to respond to this and tell us what we are getting right and how you would like us to improve.

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7 Tutor Evening – Year 7 Tutor Evening will be held on Monday 2nd October, between the hours of 16:30 and 18:30. This is an opportunity for parents to book an appointment to speak to their child's form tutor. Bookings will need to be made using our online booking system which can be found on the Bournville School website: http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/ More information will follow in the form of a letter.Year 7 Residential - The Year 7 Residential will take place between 21st and 23rd March 2018 at Kingswood Residential Centre, Staffordshire. The cost of the trip is £130, and the first deposit of £50 must be paid by Friday 29th September. Payments can be paid via parent pay, our online payment system. Consent forms should be returned to the Admin Office.School Fund - Please can we remind year 7 parents to return their school fund money as the student leadership team will shortly be planning how they can improve the school environment and ethos using this money.
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Fund - Please can we remind year 8 parents to return their school fund money as the student leadership team will shortly be planning how they can improve the school environment and ethos using this money.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Duke of Edinburgh Award – If any students would like to do the Bronze or Silver Award this year, please make sure the enrolment forms have been returned to Mrs Tully and the deposit has been paid via parent pay. There will be a student and parent meeting in the next couple of weeks. The dates and times will be confirmed shortly.
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Duke of Edinburgh Award - If any students would like to do the Bronze or Silver Award this year, please make sure the enrolment forms have been returned to Mrs Tully and the deposit has been paid via parent pay. There will be a student and parent meeting in the next couple of weeks. The dates and times will be confirmed shortly.
YEAR 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Duke of Edinburgh Award - If any students would like to do the Bronze or Silver Award this year, please make sure the enrolment forms have been returned to Mrs Tully and the deposit has been paid via parent pay. There will be a student and parent meeting in the next couple of weeks. The dates and times will be confirmed shortly.

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.

Appropriate clothing for wet and cold weather:

Due to the recent wet weather, we'd like to remind parents and carers that students have to move between the school buildings in order to get to their lessons. Students are encouraged to bring a coat and/or umbrella to school in order to protect them from the rain.

Open Evening – Wednesday 20th September:

On Wednesday 20th September, we have our open evening, and students will finish school at 1:25pm on this day. If students are entitled to a free school meal, they can buy food at break time.

Students who are guides or supporting departments on open evening need to ensure they have returned their reply slips. Students should wear their full school uniform, and they will need to be in school from 5:30pm - 8pm.

Duke of Edinburgh Award:

Bronze students from 2016-17 should have loaded their assessor reports and evidence onto

<https://www.edofe.org/>

If students have not already done this, please can they do so by the end of September.

Show my Homework:

Your child should now be receiving weekly homework set by their subject teachers. We are continuing to record homework on 'Show My Homework', which was introduced last year. Your child should be regularly logging on to 'Show My Homework' to ensure that their homework is completed and handed in on time.

All student and parent log in details are being reissued this week. If you or your child are experiencing any difficulties accessing 'Show My Homework', please contact Mrs Mackie using the following email address:

homework@bournville.bham.sch.uk

Year 7 students will receive their log in details in the next couple of weeks.

The Library:

If students would like to complete their homework in school, the library is open every day before school and after school. Students can also use the library at break time and lunchtime. There are computers available in the library for students to use to help them to complete their work.

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.