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Message from Mrs Cottle:

We have had an extremely busy and interesting few weeks which began with a visit from the Head of Sixth Form from Kings Norton Girls' School who gave a very informative and motivational assembly to our Year 11 students and invited them to their Sixth Form Open Evening. This was the first of a number of events planned to support our Year 11 students in making the right choices when considering their post 16 education.

In collaboration with University College Birmingham (UCB), our maths department held a maths seminar for a number of graduates who have recently embarked on a maths PGCE course. The delegates worked with our Year 7 students, and they commented on how well our students behaved as well as the expertise within our maths faculty from whom they learnt a great deal.

The highlight of last week had to be our Open Evening on Wednesday 20th September which was extremely well attended and provided a wonderful opportunity to show our visitors that Bournville is a vibrant, thriving learning community of which we are all rightfully proud. Students and staff contributed to a really successful evening that show-cased the many benefits of joining Bournville School. Visitors were encouraged to take part in lots of fun activities such as badge making, playing in a samba band, biscuit decorating, bookmark making and too many science experiments to mention! Throughout the course of

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the evening I took the opportunity to speak to a number of prospective parents, all of whom gave incredibly positive feedback. They commented on the warmth, professionalism and enthusiasm of our staff and the improvements that they had noticed since visiting last year. However, what most impressed them, without exception, were our student helpers, all of whom gave up their time to support in faculties, to perform and to give demonstrations. Other students acted as guides for the evening, showing visitors around the school and answering any questions they may have had. Without exception, our student helpers were well-informed, polite and courteous. They were an absolute credit to you, their parents and carers, to Bournville School, and most of all, to themselves.

In other news, the long awaited Primary playground is now in use and the building work on the new girls' toilets in Bronte is due to start this week. The roofs have now been replaced on two of the buildings and much of the scaffolding has been removed. However, work on building a new four classroom Early Years provision will not be completed until May 2018. Space on the school car park is extremely restricted and, as is the case in other schools, parents dropping off and collecting their children must park off site.

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week.
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week.
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If pupils have a formal diagnosis or special education need, they are entitled to support during their exams. For example, they may have a reader or 25% extra time. These access arrangements are regulated by an external body called JCQ, and they require supporting evidence to be gathered and collated in order for the application to be processed online. Miss Lees-Smith (SEND CO) will be gathering this evidence over the next few weeks to ensure pupils have the correct access arrangements for their GCSE exams. If you have any questions about this, please contact Miss Lees-Smith (lees-smith.h@bournville.bham.sch.uk)
YEAR 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a coffee morning for parents of pupils who have access arrangements on Monday 6th November at 9am.

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Friday 29th September, our student leadership team organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning, and they managed to raise over £200 for this very worthy cause. We'd like to thank everybody who contributed to this event.



Careers Fair 2017: As you know, one of our core values, 'ambition', is at the heart of our work at Bournville School. This term our PSHE curriculum has focused on raising aspirations amongst our students. Each year group has considered a different aspect of careers education and whilst our younger students have assessed their employability skills, our older students are already preparing for life after Bournville. To inspire students, we have organised a Careers Fair for all year groups. On **October 10th**, over twenty local schools, colleges and employers will be in school to advise and guide our students. There will be information about A Level courses, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships as well as some well-known local employers such as Birmingham City Council and Jaguar Land Rover. We want to ensure students are fully aware of the local labour market, the opportunities available to them and what they need to do now to achieve their aims. We want the very best for our students!

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, and Bullying Policy: At Bournville, ensuring the safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, in line with the recommendations made by the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board, and this is on the policies area of our website. We would recommend that all parents and carers take the time to look at our policy, and would also like to draw your attention to our bullying policy which is also on our website.

Exams: The exams section on our website has been updated. You will find an up to date list of specifications we are currently teaching, recommended revision guides, provisional exam dates for upcoming GCSE exams and documentation relating to exams and procedures we follow set by JCQ. We will also be uploading mock timetables and will inform you once they are live.

Please help prepare your child by providing a supportive environment.

Show my Homework: Your child should now be receiving homework set by their subject teachers which you can view on 'Show My Homework'. Your child should be regularly logging on to 'Show My Homework' to ensure that their homework is completed and handed in on time. Staff are also able to attach relevant resources that will help students when completing their homework. Different subjects within the school will be setting different styles of homework. Some will set homework weekly and others will be setting project based homework which may run for several weeks of a half term. To support pupils in completing homework, the resource base and library is open every morning, break, lunch time and after school. There is access to IT within the resource base and staff available to help

students with the completion of their work.

All students have received a copy of their PIN. If you or your child do not have your log in information, please contact Mrs Mackie to request it using the following email address:

homework@bournville.bham.sch.uk

Year 7 log in details have already been issued and will be issued again at the Tutor evening on Monday.

Parent Forum: There will be a parent forum on Wednesday 11th October from 6pm-7pm in the library. Parents are invited to come and share their views about our school.

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 30 minute 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 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.

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.

Students in year 9, 10 and 11 who wish to do the Bronze or Silver this year – please make sure enrolment forms have been returned to Mrs Tully and deposits have been paid on Parent Pay by Friday 6th October. There will be a student and parent meeting in the next few weeks regarding the programme for this year. Please watch out for dates and try your best to attend.

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.

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	MB3/34
		BTEC Coursework Support Session	MB5
		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	MB5	Art Club - GCSE	MB3/34
Year 11 Computer Science	K1 & K2	Table Tennis Club	EHA

Thursday

Lunchtime		After School	
Club	Room	Club	Room
Keyboard Club	E14	Chair	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.

House Competitions at Bournville School – Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th October

- Year 10 Inter-house football tournament. This will take place after school. Speak to Mr Summers or Mr Kesterton for more details.

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.