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Message from Mrs Cottle:

As Christmas fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. Students have worked incredibly hard this term and many have also taken part in a host of exciting extra-curricular activities, visits and fixtures. Students have also demonstrated their care, concern and compassion for the wider community by organising a number of fundraising activities and donating generously to charities including Children in Need, Mind and the B30 Foodbank.

Parents and carers of students in years 7 and 8 may have noticed that the children have each received a free book to read courtesy of the Buzz Book project. I do hope they enjoy reading these over the Christmas break.

Regretfully, due to the snow closure, we had to postpone the school production of A Wolf's Tale which has now been re-scheduled for 24th and 25th January. I do hope to see as many of you as possible in the audience to watch what promises to be a fantastic spectacle.

Finally, we have three members of secondary staff moving on to pastures new, and I would like to thank Mrs Kapcia, Mrs McLaughlin and Mr Lewis for their hard work and the contributions they have made during their time at Bournville. Both staff and students wish them well in their new settings.

Once again, I hope you have a lovely Christmas break.

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week.
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 parents' evening will take place on Monday 29th January 2018 between 4:30pm and 7pm. Year 8 Options Evening will take place on Monday 5th February from 6pm-7pm. If your child has an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan), the annual reviews will be taking place next term. Please contact Miss Lees-Smith (SENDSCO) if you have any queries about this.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students have now been given the information necessary about work experience, taking place 9-13th July 2018. Please help your child to arrange their placement and fill in the necessary forms and return them to the admin office by the 12th January. Many thanks, Mrs. Meaney and Mrs Field. Year 10 parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 16th January 2018 between 4:30pm and 7pm. Testing for access arrangements for exams will be taking place next term. Please contact Miss Lees-Smith (SENDSCO) if you have any queries about this.
YEAR 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have a results day experience based on their November mock exam results on Tuesday 9th January during period 5. There is a Health and Social Care exam on Tuesday 9th January at 9am. This is an external exam which counts towards students' final grade. There is a BTEC Business Studies exam on Thursday 18th January at 9am. This is an external exam which counts towards students' final grade. All students should have received a letter about a trip to Poetry Live! which will support students in their English Literature revision. Details about Poetry Live! can be found here: http://poetrylive.net/ . Payments for the trip can be made via Parent Pay.
ALL YEARS	<p>Start of term January 2018: As a reminder, there is a teacher training day on Monday 8th January 2018. All students return to school for lessons as normal on Tuesday 9th January at 8:35am. It will be a week 2.</p> <p>Uniform:</p> <p>As a reminder, please familiarise yourself with the school uniform expectations in readiness for the new term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hoodies to be worn in school or under blazers Bournville blazers to be worn at all times Skirts must bear the school logo Shoes must be black – no trainers, pumps or boots <p>There is more information about our uniform policy on our website:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.bournvilleschool.org/the-academy/school-uniform/</p> <p>Parent Forum: There will be a parent forum on Wednesday 17th January from 6pm-7pm in the Library.</p> <p>Safeguarding: You may remember that earlier this term we conducted safeguarding assemblies for all students. The topic of these assemblies was weapons and more specifically, the implications of carrying and/or being caught in possession of a knife. Knife crime is a concern for all schools in the</p>

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city, and we will ensure that we continue to keep Bournville School a knife free area. At the time of these assemblies we informed all students about some of the measures we planned to employ in order to ensure their safety whilst in and outside school. On Wednesday, we ran one such measure: a metal detecting "knife arch" operation, in collaboration with the West Midlands Police. This was carried out with a random selection of students from across the school. The students showed overwhelming support for this initiative as they clearly understood that this was one of the measures in school intended to safeguard all members of the school. Over one hundred children took part, all chosen at random and without warning, and – as we expected - nothing untoward was found on any student.

The conduct of students was nothing short of outstanding, displaying a level of maturity that shows they clearly understand how important exercises like this are in keeping themselves and those around them safe. We thank you for your continued support and urge you to contact us should you have any concerns or information that may assist us in continuing to keep all members of the school safe. Alternatively, you can contact crime stoppers direct on 0800 555 111.



House Winner for the Term: This term has seen all students across the school receiving house points for their effort in class, their contribution to house competitions and for their attendance. Boulton are the overall winners this term. Well done, Boulton! However, there are many opportunities for the other houses to catch up later this year, so keep up the good work!

A Wolf's Tale: Our Christmas show has been rearranged for Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January at 7pm. All tickets that were sold will be reissued. If you have a ticket but can no longer make the show, please go to the Finance office.

Duke of Edinburgh Award: The dates for the Bronze and Silver expeditions are below:

Bronze Expedition Dates:

21st & 22nd April 2018 (training) at Bournville School and Lickey Hills

19th – 20th May 2018 (practice expedition) in the Upton Warren area

9th - 10th June 2018 (qualifying expedition) in the Blackwell area

Silver Expedition Dates:

24th -25th March 2018 (training) Upton Warren

20th – 22nd April 2018 (practice) Warwickshire area

16th – 18th July 2018 (qualifying) Long Mynd

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Car parking: Can we please ask that when parents are dropping off or picking up their child from school, they do not park in Griffins Brook Lane Medical Centre carpark.

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:

Boulton

Miss Freezer (student support officer)

Mr Kesterton (head of house)

Cadbury

Miss Byers (student support officer)

Miss Trilloe (head of house)

Tolkien

Miss Spence (student support officer)

Mr Lowe (head of house)

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 half an 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.