

Friday 19th January 2018



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Message from Mrs Cottle:

Happy New Year to all members of the Bournville School community for whom I hope 2018 is a happy and successful year.

We have had a very busy and productive first two weeks back which began last Monday with a staff training day where, amongst other things, it was announced that Bournville is now recognised as being a Stonewall Champion School. Miss Meaney gave a very interesting and insightful presentation on positive approaches to tackling the use of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic language in school to ensure Bournville remains a safe and welcoming learning environment for all staff, students and their families.

Last Tuesday, we welcomed all students back to school, the majority of whom appeared well-rested and eager to begin the new term. I gave assemblies throughout the course of week that encouraged students to reflect on the highs and lows of 2017 and to consider what actions they might take to ensure 2018 is a year to remember for all the right reasons.

Following their recent mock examination, Mrs Yarker delivered an excellent assembly to Year 11 about the importance of students working hard over the course of the coming months to achieve their predicted grades, the need to focus on their post 16 goals and to consider what they must now do to maximise the chances of success. Students were then invited into Elgar Hall where invigilators distributed envelopes containing their mock exam results. Teachers and careers staff were on hand to answer any queries, provide support and offer advice and guidance. This event closely replicated the "real" experience and

many students commented on how much they had enjoyed and learnt from the experience.

My week concluded with hosting a Headteacher Breakfast for sixteen invited Year 11 students all of whom had been nominated by their teachers for showing exceptional effort and dedication to their studies. It was a lovely occasion, and I thoroughly enjoyed having an opportunity to personally congratulate and chat with students about their future aspirations and ambitions.

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. Parents / carers can make appointments via our website: http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/We would like to invite all year 8 students and their parents and carers to our options presentation on Monday 5th February from 6pm-7pm in Elgar Hall. We will explain the three year GCSE programme of study and explain the options process to you. There will also be the opportunity to speak to subject leaders about the courses they offer.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.There will be HPV vaccinations for Year 8 girls to protect them against cervical cancer on Friday 16th February 2018. Parents / carers should have received forms to fill in.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There will be HPV vaccinations for Year 9 girls to protect children against cervical cancer on Friday 16th February 2018. Parents / carers should have received forms to fill in.
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 parents should have received a letter about English Literature revision guides. If any parents would like to purchase these revision guides, they are available via Parent Pay. Login details for Parent Pay will be reissued via form tutors.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">The second set of Year 11 Mock Exams will begin in the week commencing 5th March for two weeks. Please ensure your child is prepared for each exam. Further information will be available on the school website after February half term.Year 11 parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 13th February 2018 between 4:30pm and 7pm.There are GCSE PE revision sessions with Miss Trilloe on Tuesday lunchtimes in E23. GCSE PE students are invited to attend.Loudmouth, a theatre education programme for young people, is coming into school on Monday 12th February to deliver a session to years 10 and 11. The production will cover the topics of relationships and sexual health issues such as sexually transmitted infections, contraception, consent, pornography and unplanned pregnancy. The programme supports learners to understand the impact that unprotected sex can have and share ideas on how to create healthy, happy and safe relationships. A letter will be issued to parents/carers prior to the event.
ALL YEARS	<p>Toilet Passes: A small number of students are provided with a "toilet pass" to allow them to use the toilet during lesson times due to medical reasons. In order to improve our systems, any existing toilet passes will be void from Monday 29th January, and new ones issued for children who need them. Temporary toilet passes, which will be valid for up to one month, can be given with a parental note if a child has temporary medical condition. Long term toilet passes will be provided to children on the production of medical evidence – for example a letter from their GP.</p>

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Sport Fixtures:

Year 7 House Dodgeball competition (Cadbury vs Boulton): Wednesday 24th January

Year 9 Badminton tournament (girls): Thursday 25th January at Shenley Academy

Year 8 and 9 Badminton tournament (boys): Thursday 25th January at Shenley Academy

Year 10 and 11 Badminton tournament (boys): Thursday 1st February at Shenley Academy

Year 10 and 11 Badminton tournament (girls): Thursday 1st February at Hillcrest School

FMAT Table Tennis Games (all year groups): Monday 5th February at Bournville against Erdington and Smithswood

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football Tournament: Thursday 15th February at Birmingham University

After School Clubs:

Monday after school:

- Basketball club – in the Girls' Gym (all years)

Tuesday after school:

- Football club – in the Girls' Gym (Year 7-9 girls)

Wednesday after school:

- Table Tennis club – in the Girls' Gym (all years)

Wednesday lunchtime:

- Girls dodgeball – in the Girls' Gym (Year 7 and 8 girls)

Thursday after school:

- Gymnastics – in the Girls' Gym (all years)

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

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.

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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	Miss Byers	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.