

Friday 16th February 2018

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Message from Mrs Cottle

The highlight of my term so far took place last week during a very enjoyable rewards evening at which students from all year groups were presented with certificates, trophies and prizes in recognition of their hard work and commitment to their studies. It was lovely to see so many proud families supporting their children and also to have the privilege of presenting the Headteacher Award to Niamh Cavosky-Murphy.



On Monday evening, Bournville hosted a table tennis tournament where they challenged teams from Erdington Academy as part of our Trust-wide focus competitive sport. For the first time, Bournville fielded two girls' only teams, both of whom had benefited from being coached by Ms Hughes, herself a British table tennis champion. Despite having stiff competition from the visiting teams, Bournville students were victorious, winning four of the six matches played. Congratulations to the staff and players for organising and taking part in such a fabulous event.





Elsewhere we have seen further examples of students demonstrating the Fairfax Trust values of excellence and dedication. Year 11 Food Technology students have completed their required practical exams in which they were each tasked with producing a three course menu influenced by a world cuisine of their choice. The outcomes were fantastic and were, in my opinion, worthy of Masterchef! Students should feel incredibly proud of their achievements.



As part of our commitment to providing high quality sex and relationships education students in years 10 and 11 were treated to an excellent performance by the Loudmouth Theatre Company who managed to combine informing students about this important and sometimes sensitive topic in an entertaining and humorous way.

Our second and final Year 11 Parents' Evening was held on Tuesday evening and it was really encouraging to see so many students and parents meeting with subject teachers, pastoral leaders and student mentors to discuss their progress and how best families can support their children during the remaining weeks prior to those all-important examinations.

To give themselves the best possible chance of success, it is vital that all Year 11 students attend every lesson, take part in extra-curricular revision sessions and master-classes and set aside time each evening and weekend to continue to prepare for the forthcoming exams. There is a wealth of revision material available on Show my Homework and revision guides have been provided in the majority of subjects. Please support and encourage your child to create a revision timetable and stick to it, to eat well and to get plenty of sleep.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

- There is a meeting for all parents / carers of students who are going on the residential to Kingswood on Thursday 8th March at 6pm in the PPC. As a reminder, the dates of the residential are: Wednesday 21st March Friday 23rd March.
- Year 7 parents' evening will take place on Monday 19th March from 4:30pm-7pm. Parents /
 carers can make appointments via the online booking system on the school website:
 http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/

YEAR 8

• No messages this week.

YEAR 9

No messages this week.

EAR 10

• Year 10 students will have the opportunity to apply to be Head Boy, Head Girl or a Prefect from Monday 12th March. Mrs Tully will launch the application process to Year 10 students, and all students will then have the opportunity to apply for these roles which include organising school events such as the Year 7 disco, Prom and charity fundraisers.

YEAR 11

- 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.
- On Tuesday 27th February, 40 Year 11 students will be attended a trip to Science Live! Students will leave school at 10am, and they will return at approximately 3:45pm.
- **Masterclasses** in English, Maths and Science:

After half term, some students will have the opportunity to attend a Masterclass in one of the core subjects. Students will be invited on the basis that they are aiming for a top grade or might be planning to study the subject at A Level. These will take place at lunchtime, lunch will be provided and will be taught by the expert subject leader. If you child is invited, they will have received a Golden Ticket as an invite and a letter will have come home. If you child has not been invited and would like to attend these sessions, please ask them to come and see me.

Charlotte Cross
Assistant Headteacher

• The Year 11 boys and Year 11 girls badminton teams have successfully made it through to the Level 3 Badminton finals at Joseph Chamberlain College on Wednesday 28th February.

Message from Mr. Stevens - Interim CEO, Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself at the new Interim CEO of Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust (FMAT). I have worked at Fairfax, and more recently FMAT, for over 13 years.

Our schools: Fairfax, Bournville, Erdington and Smith's Wood are grounded in the values established at Fairfax over 60 years ago. I consider it a great privilege to work with our school leaders and to champion our values, so that all of our pupils can excel, and do better.

As a Trust, we are working hard to ensure that all our pupils can benefit from inter-academy competitions and opportunities. If you would like to find out more about our inter-academy work, our values in action and the successes of our pupils then please follow us on twitter @Fairfax_MAT.



I look forward to seeing many of you at forthcoming school events.

Kindest regards

Chris Stevens

Talent Show:

The final of the Bournville Talent Show is on Tuesday 27^{th} March 2018. The Year 11 student leadership team have applications for any students who would like to enter the Talent Show. Auditions will start on 26^{th} February.

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)
- Badminton in Elgar Hall (all years)

Wednesday after school:

- Table Tennis club in the Girls' Gym (all years)
- Badminton in Elgar Hall (GCSE students)
- Dodgeball in the Boys' Gym (boys 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)
- Rugby outside on the grass (Year 7-10 boys)
- GCSE PE revision in E23

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

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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.

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

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<u>Tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk</u> 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.