

Friday 2nd February 2018



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**Niamh
Cavoski-Murphy**
receiving the
Headteacher's
Award at Rewards
Evening

Message from Mrs Cottle:

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our recent year 10 and year 8 Parents' Evenings. I spoke to many parents who were delighted with the positive feedback they received from teachers about the excellent progress their sons and daughters are making.

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the final performance of 'A Wolf's Tale'. The technical crew did a marvellous job, and there were many exceptional performances from the cast. The evening left me in no doubt that the arts are alive and well at Bournville!

Mrs Yarker and I enjoyed meeting some of you at the recent Parents' Forum where we discussed a number of school related issues and shared news of recent and forthcoming developments. These evenings are held each term, and it would be lovely to see more of you joining us on future occasions.

In preparation for their forthcoming English Literature GCSE examinations, a number of Year 11 students attended the Poetry Live! event where they had the good fortune to listen to the acclaimed poet, John Agard, who got them all singing his poem "Checking out me History". As ever, students were impeccably behaved and were a credit to the school.

Last weekend was Holocaust Memorial Day, and to mark the occasion, Mrs Dovey delivered Holocaust themed assemblies this week to all year groups. This provided students with an opportunity to reflect on the

horrors of the holocaust and to consider the importance of tolerance and acceptance in upholding British Values in today's society.

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No messages this week.
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.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.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.
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. Appointments can be made via our school website: http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/The GCSE Food exam will take place on either Wednesday 7th February or Wednesday 14th February. Parents have been sent a letter letting them know which day their child will be completing this exam.There are GCSE PE revision sessions with Miss Trilloe on Tuesday lunchtimes in E23. GCSE PE students are invited to attend.There are GCSE English Literature revision sessions on Monday and Friday lunchtimes in E3 with Mrs Dovey. 'A Christmas Carol' is on Mondays, and 'An Inspector Calls' is on Fridays.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.

A message from Martyn Collin, Chair of FMAT Trustees:

Dear Parents

I write to inform you that Mr Bird has left the Trust with effect from 31st December. The Board of Trustees wish Mr Bird all the very best in the future. Mr Chris Stevens has been appointed as Interim CEO through to August 31st 2018. Please see message from Mr Bird below.

Mr Andy Bird – Statement to Parents:

Having been part of the team at Fairfax and more recently the FMAT, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you of my decision to leave the organisation.

I joined Fairfax in 2012 as Head teacher, and together we took the school forward and achieved record results. True to our values we then supported other schools across the city, again improving all aspects of them but most importantly giving the students a better chance to succeed in an ever-demanding world.

I have enjoyed every minute of my tenure since 2012 but due to personal circumstances I have decided to move on. There are many people I could thank but I wish each and every one of you continued success in whatever you do. I will sincerely miss the staff, the students and the community I was so honoured to serve.

Andy Bird



Chris Stevens, Interim CEO

ChatHealth: Health advice and support for secondary pupils

ChatHealth text message service allows young people in secondary school a quick and easy way to request advice about a range of health issues, make an appointment with a school nurse and find out more about other support services in the area.

All young people in Birmingham aged 11-19 can receive confidential support on physical and emotional wellbeing.

To access support, simply send a brief text message to **07480 635485**.

The service will be available from Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm, excluding bank holidays. Messages are forwarded to a school nurse, who will respond within one working day.

Toilet Passes:

A very small number of students are provided with a "time out" pass to allow them to briefly step out of a lesson during lesson times. In order to improve our systems any existing time out passes will be void from Monday 26th February, and new ones issued for children who need them, and use them responsibly. We will contact parents of students who will be provided with a pass.

Sport Fixtures:

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)

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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)

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.

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.

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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.