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Message from Mrs Cottle:

We returned from the half term holidays to find a completely transformed dining room both in terms of its appearance and menu. Student feedback has been very positive, and we will soon be in a position to announce the name of the new look eatery.

We then enjoyed an array of events to mark World Book Day including primary children dressing as characters from their favourite books and secondary students taking place in the World Book Day Olympics. These events generated enormous excitement amongst many students and sparked the interest of even the most reluctant readers.

Staying with the topic of reading, I am delighted to announce that we have this year's first three Accelerated Reader Millionaires whose love of reading has led to them achieving this accolade. I hope that we'll have more Millionaires before the end of the school year.

A trip to Science Live at Symphony Hall proved very useful for Year 11 students who are preparing for their GCSE examinations. They had the opportunity to hear from experts in the field of science and many returned having taken copious notes and feeling considerably more confident.

Year 11 students are now preparing in earnest for their forthcoming GCSE examinations. Last week saw them taking part in walking talking mock exams in core subjects where subject specialists provided them

with tips and advice on how to maximise their examination GCSE success. Students found these sessions invaluable and agreed unanimously that they felt better prepared for the mock examinations.

The mock GCSE exams began this week, and the majority of students appear to have prepared well and to have taken their revision seriously. It was also pleasing to see how well the majority of students conducted themselves in observing examination protocol before, during and after the examinations. Many parents will already be aware that with effect from 19th March 2018 all year 11 students will be expected to attend a period 6 lesson in order to support them with revision and to hone their examination technique. Attendance to these sessions is compulsory and letters have been sent to all parents of year 11 students.

Finally, whilst year 11 students are nearing the end of their time at Bournville, current year 6 students are looking forward to moving into the next stage of their academic career by moving to secondary school in September. To this end, earlier this week we held a Friendship Evening for all prospective students and their parents where they had an opportunity to meet with Bournville staff and students and to take part in a number of exciting activities that provided a flavour of the curriculum offer they will experience on joining us in September. Thank you to Mr Thomas for organising this super event and to the staff and students who made it such an enjoyable and successful evening.

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As a reminder, the dates of the residential to Kingswood 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No messages this week.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students are invited to a meet and greet and information session about the upcoming expedition season on Wednesday 14th March 6.15-6.45 in the library. Please confirm your attendance with Mrs Tully.
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 will have mock exams in all subjects from 30th April – 11th May 2018. Students will be given their exam timetable before the Easter holiday to give them time to prepare and revise. There will be revision materials available on Show My Homework.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.The first Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition takes place on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March. You should have received a letter with all the details and a medical form which needs to be returned to Mrs Tully by Wed 21st March.
YEAR 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A reminder that our Period 6 lessons will start on Monday 19th March. All year 11 students will be required to attend these valuable revision lessons every day of the week until 4pm. Students will be issued with their new timetables on Wednesday 14th March in our 'Ambition' assembly. Please support us by emphasising to your child the importance of these sessions.

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- **Masterclasses** in English, Maths and Science:
Some students now 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 your child is invited, they will have received a Golden Ticket as an invite and a letter will have come home. If your child has not been invited and would like to attend these sessions, please ask them to come and see me.
Charlotte Cross
Assistant Headteacher
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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)

Wednesday lunchtime:

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

Thursday after school:

- 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:

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
- 09th - 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:

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.

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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.