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**Head Girl,
Chelsea Guy,
and Head Boy,
Jacob Rose**

Message from Mrs Cottle:

I must begin this week's In the Know by congratulating our Year 10 students, all of whom have spent the last two weeks sitting mock GCSE examinations and have behaved impeccably well throughout. I know that the vast majority have shown real dedication to their studies, using the revision materials on Show My Homework along with the revision guides provided in many subjects.

On Wednesday, secondary students had the opportunity to visit the Book Bus which pulled up on our car park where it remained all day. A range of fiction and non-fiction books were available for students to browse and many students became thoroughly engrossed in the literature on offer.

The Year 11 period 6 revision lessons have now come to an end and, on behalf of the students who have benefitted from their expert tuition, I would like to thank my dedicated team of staff for giving their time to plan and deliver these additional sessions. Student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I have no doubt it will have helped our students on the road to success.

The GCSE practical examinations in Art, Drama and P.E. took place last week and the written examinations began in earnest on Monday 18h May. All students have received an examination timetable and details of after school revision classes, weekend and holiday revision sessions. Details of these on the school website



Brown's Book Bus



Natalie, Chelsea, Josh and Jacob:
The new student leadership team

and Twitter. Students are expected to attend normal lessons when not in an examination.

Some young people find the examination season a particularly worrying time and can experience symptoms of stress and anxiety.

Mental Health Awareness Week began on 18th May, during which assemblies and tutor time activities focussed on practical ways of dealing with and overcoming such feelings before they become overwhelming. Any students affected by mental health issues are urged to speak to Miss Spence or Mrs Hughes in the first instance.

Following the excitement of the student leadership elections, I have great pleasure in announcing the 2018/19 Student Leadership Team. Head Boy and Head Girl are Jacob Rose and Chelsea Guy who will be ably assisted by Deputy Head Boy Josh Smith and Deputy Head Girl Natalie McLaughlin.

That leads me to thanking the 2017/18 Head Boy and Head Girl, Uriel Lebert and Hannah Murray, who along with the wider student leadership team have been fantastic ambassadors for Bournville School. Their energy, drive and enthusiasm have greatly enhanced the lives of the wider school community who have taken part in and enjoyed many fund-raising events and activities they have organised over the course of the last year.

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 exams in English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Languages will take place between Monday 2nd July and Friday 6th July. Students should be using Show my Homework to start their revision for these end of year exams which will be testing their understanding of the skills they've learnt this year.
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 exams in English, Maths and Science will take place between Monday 25th June and Friday 29th June. Students should be using Show my Homework to start their revision for these end of year exams which will be testing their understanding of the skills they've learnt this year.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 exams in all subjects will take place between Monday 18th June and Friday 22nd June. Students should be starting their revision for these end of year exams which will be testing their understanding of their GCSE courses so far. If any Year 9 students would like to purchase a revision guide for the Power and Conflict poetry for English Literature, this can be done via Parent Pay. Revision guides can be collected from Mrs Dovey in the English office.
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SEND CO) if you have any queries. As a reminder, Year 10 students will be on Work Experience placements between Monday 9th July and Friday 13th July.
YEAR 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students can now access revision material for English Literature via the school website: http://www.bournvilleschool.org/the-academy/exam-revision-2018/exam-revision-english-literature/. Please encourage your child to use this website as part of their revision. Students have received individual exam timetables. The final GCSE timetable is also available to view on the school website under "The Academy" and "Exam Information". You can help support your child by accessing the revision material available on Show My Homework. Parents should have received a letter about Year 11 revision session on Thursday 19th April. A copy of the letter can be found here: http://www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Year-11-letter-April-2018.pdf and a copy of the revision timetable can be found here: http://www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GCSE-and-revision-timetable-V2.pdf Details regarding exams and revision sessions are being uploaded onto Twitter daily. Please

follow @BournvilleSch for the latest information.

- Year 11 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Tuesday 26th June at 2pm.
- Year 11 Prom will take place on Thursday 28th June at Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
- GCSE results day will take place on Thursday 23rd August from 9am-12pm.

Early Closure

Please be advised that due to leadership training requirements, the academies in Fairfax Multi Academy Trust will close to secondary students (Years 7-11) at 1:25pm on Friday, 22nd June 2018. Students with a free school meals entitlement can collect this at breaktime.

The Primary Provision is not affected and will remain open as usual, as will the before and after school club.

Safeguarding

We have improved the safeguarding page on our website to include information on a wide range of issues for both students and parents: <http://www.bournvilleschool.org/safeguarding>

You can find information on: Who to contact; Our safeguarding policy; Bullying; Internet Safety; Mental Health; Child Sexual Exploitation; Teenage Relationship Abuse; Gangs; Drug and alcohol abuse and gambling; Young carers; and Extremism and Radicalisation.

School Bags

This is a reminder that small pouches are not allowed as a school bag as they are not appropriate for carrying the equipment students require. A Bournville school bag is available to purchase, or students can use their own rucksack.

Here are some examples of the bags that are not allowed in school:



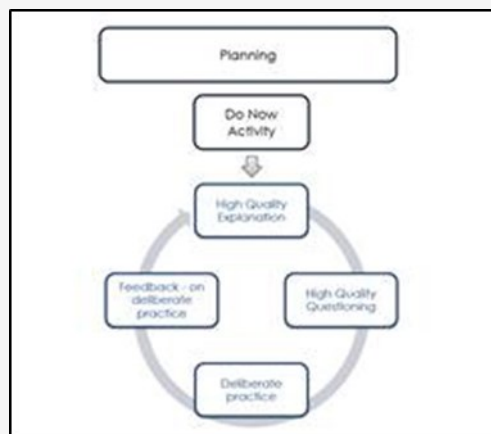
Learning Behaviours

I thought this was a good time of year to share with you the strategy for teaching and learning we have adopted at Bournville, and across the Trust, so you know what you can expect from your child's lessons.

We call our strategy, '**Teaching for Excellence**', and it is based on the Mastery strategy, this is adopted from the idea that students have a knowledge gap and the fastest, and most efficient way to plug that gap is simply to give these students the knowledge they are missing. The new curriculum that has been introduced in recent years, has a much larger body of knowledge for students to get to grips with and, we feel, this strategy is the best way for students to gain the knowledge needed to be successful. It is based on the premise that teachers are experts and our job is to pass that knowledge to students and then teach them what to do with the knowledge. These are key skills that are particularly important in the new curricula, this is a knowledge based curricula and so students need to be given that knowledge, lots of it, and ways to retain it and use it.

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Teaching for Excellence model



Learning Behaviours poster

You will probably hear your child talking about 'Knowledge Organisers' they are A4 sheets that have the main knowledge for each topic, this is what we expect students to learn, this might be something you could get involved with at home. For example, I teach GCSE English Literature and year 10 have Knowledge Organisers for all set texts studied, these are also available on the school website:

<http://www.bournvilleschool.org/the-academy/exam-revision-2018/exam-revision-english-literature/>

All staff have been trained in teaching in this way and have all had CPD, read the Science behind it and watched an expert teach in this way. To move forward, we are now introducing students to this model and to what we expect from them, **their LEARNER BEHAVIOURS**, we are explicitly teaching them how to be good learners using the Acronym DARTs.

Learner Behaviours

We will be doing lots of work on this in Summer 2, including assemblies and lessons to children and we will be rewarding students who are displaying these behaviours. I do hope this explains the model and our rationale for adopting it, at this time in the school's development; if you require further information, please do not hesitate to get it in touch.

Charlotte Cross

Assistant Headteacher
Teaching and Learning



Sports Clubs

Students are invited to attend the following clubs which are running after school:

Monday: Basketball club: 3-4pm for Year 7-10 girls and boys (Boys' Gym)

Tuesday: Rounders Club: 3-4pm for Year 7-10 girls (Field)

Wednesday: Table Tennis Club: 3-4pm for Year 7-10 girls and boys (Girls' Gym)

Thursday: Rugby Club: 3-4pm for Year 7-10 Boys (Grass bank)

Upcoming sports fixtures

- Monday 21st May: Year 10 Girls Tennis vs Queensbridge (Home)
- Wednesday 23rd May: Year 10 Girls Tennis vs KE Camp Hill and KE Sheldon Heath (Home)
- Tuesday 10th June: Year 9 / 10 Rounders Tournament at Hillcrest

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- Tuesday 19th June: Year 7 / 8 Rounder Tournament at Hillcrest
- Thursday 21st June: Year 7-10 FMAT Athletics Competition

Sports Day

Tuesday 10th July: Year 7-9 Sports Day at Norman Green Athletics Stadium

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

Bronze Expedition Dates:

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









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

Silver Expedition Dates:

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

New extra-curricular activities

Students in all year groups are invited to join our new clubs. The clubs start on Monday 21st May, and they will take place in the library.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Magazine club: be a reporter for our new school magazine (Miss Boyle) 		Magazine club drop in session: Show your news reports to the editor for feedback and writing advice (Miss Boyle) 	Debating society: Learn how to express your ideas clearly and confidently (Mrs Hutchinson) 	Film club: Read books and watch the adaption - Never judge a book by its movie (Mrs Hutchinson) 
After school	Creative writing club: Learn how to be a storyteller or a poet, and see your work published in the Bournville Anthology (Mr Fisher) 	Who wants to be a Millionaire? Book club for anyone who wants to be an Accelerated Reader Millionaire (Mrs Hutchinson) 	Chess club: Learn how to play or practise your skills 	Page to stage: Learn how to make your favourite book characters come to life in this drama workshop (Miss Boyle) 	

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 House (Pastoral Lead) and instead have a Head of Year. 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 Year or Student Support Officer for your child:

Year	Head of Year	Student Support Officer
7	Mr Kesterton	Miss Byers
8	Miss Trilloe	Miss Porter
9 and 10	Mr Lowe	Miss Spence
11	Mr Chilton	Miss Freezer

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 30 minute 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.

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.