

Friday 4th May 2018



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Message from Mrs Cottle:

Staff had an opportunity to brush up on their first aid skills and enhance their knowledge of fire safety and health and safety requirements at the recent training day attended by all teaching and non-teaching staff. We also listened to a very interesting and informative presentation about working with children with autism from our Educational Psychologist, Charlotte Reeve, and another from Caroline Bentley-Davies about best practice in encouraging positive learning behaviours. All agreed this was extremely worthwhile and valuable training which will have a positive impact on our students.

Year 9 students and those from Year 11 who were unable to attend the recent 'Macbeth' production at the RSC were invited to attend a live screening last week which helped them to deepen their understanding of the play and to prepare for their forthcoming examinations.

As the examination season gets into full swing, Year 10 students began their mock examinations this week, and Year 11 have taken their GCSE practical examinations in PE and in Art.

Year 11 are continuing to attend the popular period 6 lessons which are providing them with an opportunity to take part in a structured daily revision session with a subject expert on hand. Feedback on these sessions has been extremely positive from both students and teachers who have been very impressed by the level of focus and commitment shown by their classes.

A group of Year 8 students enjoyed a trip to Peter's Books last week where they were given free rein to choose a number of books from their favourite genres ready to be placed on the shelves of our library. They were also allowed to be the first to take the books out of the library to read – I'm looking forward to reading their reviews!

YEAR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week.
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages this week.
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a reminder, Year 9 booster immunisations (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) will take place on Tuesday 8th May. Year 9 exams 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.
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SENDCO) if you have any queries.
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. The final GCSE timetable is available to view on the school website under "The Academy" and "Exam Information". Students will be issued their individual exam timetables after Easter. 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: 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: www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GCSE-and-revision-timetable-V2.pdf 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.

Bank Holiday

As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday 7th May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Mobile Phones in school

In the interests of safeguarding, students and parents are reminded that the use of mobile phones is not permitted in school. If parents wish to contact their children during the course of the school day, this can be done by contacting the school office who will pass on a message. Any student seen with a phone can expect to have it confiscated. Phones are then returned to students at the end of the school day provided this is not a regular occurrence, in which case, parents are required to collect the phone.

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.

Term dates 2018-2019

Please see below for the term dates for the academic year 2018-19:

Autumn term

Start of term for students: Wednesday 5th September 2018 (Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September are staff training days)

Half term: Monday 29th October 2018 – Friday 2nd November 2018

End of term: Friday 21st December 2018

Spring term

Start of term: Monday 7th January 2019

Half term: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019

End of term: Friday 12th April 2019

Summer term

Start of term: Monday 29th April 2019

Half term: Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019

End of term: Friday 19th July 2019

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)

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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)

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

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.

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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.