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14<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Year 11 Results Day 2018

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Let me begin by welcoming you all back from the long summer break. I do hope that both staff and students have returned to school feeling well rested, energised and positive about the year ahead.

Although the academic year didn't officially begin until 3<sup>rd</sup> September, many staff returned to school on 23<sup>rd</sup> August in order to congratulate and celebrate the GCSE examination successes of our Year 11 students. It was a wonderful morning with students and parents eagerly anticipating the opening of envelopes to reveal those all-important GCSE results. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces, and I am delighted to report that all students have secured places on

apprenticeship schemes and at the sixth forms and colleges of further education to study their chosen courses.

Our site team worked very hard over the summer to continue the improvements to the school site. A number of classrooms and stairwells have been freshly painted, lighting has been replaced and major refurbishments to the school fire alarm system has been completed.

Whilst students were enjoying the last remaining days of their holiday, staff were busily preparing for the term ahead during two training days. The first was held at Bournville whilst the second day was a Trustwide event, held at Fairfax Academy where the entire staff from all four schools gathered to hear an inspiring address from our CEO Mr Stevens followed by team building activities and a number of teaching and learning workshops delivered by Heads of Academy.

Wednesday saw the arrival of all students, new and old and it has been heartening to see how older students have helped and supported our new Year 7 students to settle into life at Bournville. The sense of community has been incredibly strong and Year 7 students tell me that they are thoroughly enjoying their new school. Standards of uniform and behaviour have been excellent and students have already taken many opportunities to demonstrate their commitment to the school values.

We are, of course, looking forward to the next big event of the school year, our Open Evening, which is taking place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Many of your children will be invited to take part in the evening to act as student guides or support with various activities. Parents are reminded that the secondary school will close at 12:25pm to enable teachers to set up their classrooms for the evening's events. Students entitled to a free school meal will have an opportunity to spend their allowance at break time.

### **All Year Group Section**

#### **Open Evening: Early closure**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, school will close to secondary students at 12:25pm. There will be hot food available in the canteen at break time, and any students who are entitled to a free school meal can have a meal at break time.

#### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our student leadership team will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Any donations for the cake sale will be greatly appreciated, and all cakes can be handed in to the student leadership room on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The timetable of extra-curricular activities will be available to view on the school website from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## Griffin Rewards

Students have started the term very well and have been picking up lots of Griffin reward stickers for effort in lessons. All students have had their password reset to: **mystickers**

Students have been issued/re-issued with their usernames to log-in to MyStickers by their form tutors and if they are having trouble logging in, they should see their tutor.

A reminder that there is also a MyStickers mobile app which makes it very easy to log Griffin rewards and we would advise all students to download this.

## Form of the Fortnight Awards

Each fortnight, a form in each year group will win the 'Form Award'. This is decided by the number of Griffins logged and by attendance to school. The winning form in each year group is presented with a traditional Griffin trophy in assembly by their Head of Year and also wins 3 house points for their house. Students should ensure they aim for 100% attendance and put in maximum effort in lessons to give their form and house the best chance of winning.



## House Competition Update

Boulton are the current champions of the 'House Cup' and this will be presented again on w/c 22nd October: will it be Boulton again or will the green ribbons of Tolkien or the blue of Cadbury grace the cup in Autumn?

A reminder to all students: the 'Form Award' wins their house 3 points. There is a **photography competition** open to all students at the academy from w/c 17th September with 20 house points on offer for the winning entry. Students should see their form tutor or head of house for further details.

## Uniform Update:

We have been really impressed with the high standards of uniform we have seen to start the new term. If a student does arrive at the academy in incorrect uniform, we will text their parent/carer to inform them so that this can be rectified for the next day. You can find our uniform policy on our website: [http://www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/3\\_0\\_uniform-standards-may-2016.pdf](http://www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/3_0_uniform-standards-may-2016.pdf). We would like to thank parents and carers for their shared commitment in supporting us to maintain traditional high standards.

## Social Media: New Instagram Account and Facebook Page

The school has a twitter account @Bournvillesch which you can follow to receive news and updates. The school has a new Instagram account that we launched last week...and we've got over 100 followers already. We aim to share updates and photos from school with our followers and if you haven't followed yet, please do. We also have a Facebook page which many parents and carers are now using to connect with the school. Whatever social media platform you use, we hope you will connect with us to stay updated with news and events from our school community.

### **Your Child's Diary:**

We would expect all parents and carers to read through, check and sign their child's diary. There are a number of important pages that parents/carers should be aware of and sign:

- page 13 Home-School Partnership
- page 19 Responsible Use of ICT
- page 20 Mobile Phone policy

Page 21 also has a useful activity for parents/carers to complete with their child to help them to plan their journey to school and their journey home.

Your child is expected to carry their diary every day and should place it on their desk during tutor time and in every lesson of every day to collect their Griffin stickers in.

### **Contacting School:**

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:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Head of Year</b>	<b>Student Support Officer</b>
7	Mr Kesterton	Miss Byers
8	Miss Trilloe	Miss Porter
9 and 10	Mr Lowe	Miss Mahmood
11	Mr Chilton	Miss Freezer

### **Attendance:**

In the case of illness parents must contact the school either by telephone (0121 475 3881) or email [attendance@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **Medical:**

If your child has a medical condition, please contact Ms E Tisdell by email [Tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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.

## MyEd Mobile App - have you downloaded it yet?

Our mobile app for parents and carers now has over 500 active users. We would encourage you to download it if you have not already done so on your mobile's app store by searching for 'My Ed'.

You can:

- Find out the dates of all important events such as Parents' Evenings
- See the latest school newsletters and blogs from the Head of Academy
- Track your child's Griffins and see their current attendance
- Report any absence for FREE
- Connect with the school via social media
- Access all homework for your child on the Show My Homework calendar
- Report any issues of bullying directly to the senior team
- Book your Parents' Evening appointments
- Buy Bournville uniform online
- Apply directly for free school meals



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# MY Ed THE PARENT APP

"MyEd", an app aimed at parents, can be downloaded onto a smartphone and/or tablet. It provides access to a wide range of quick and effective communication relating to the Academy your child attends.

If you are registered as the main contact for your child, you can also receive specific information relating to them.

In preparation for the new term we are encouraging parents to download the app now.

### HOW TO DOWNLOAD

1. Ensure that the Academy has your correct mobile number and email address.
2. Via your app/play store, search for the "MyEd" app and download it onto your smartphone.
3. Once installed, tap the "MyEd" icon to open the app.
4. Search for your Academy, then click 'select' next to the Academy name.
5. Fill in your full name, mobile number and email address.
6. To enable the 'My Students' section of the app (which provides specific information concerning your child), the mobile phone number must be the same as the one held on the Academy database.
7. You will then receive a text message with a security code. Enter this code on the following screen and provide a password as requested to complete the app setup.

### WHY?

- Improves communication between the Academy and Parents
- Significantly reduces administrative workloads and offers cost savings on text messaging and postage
- To replace non-essential communication currently either texted or posted home, to the free notifications sent through the parent app

NB: My Ed will not replace current procedures relating to parental communication for absence, pastoral and safeguarding issues.

### WHEN?

The app is fully live and available to download now.

### INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

**MY SCHOOL:** key dates, news, school information  
**MY STUDENT:** attendance, forms, achievement  
**FREE MESSAGING:** send a free instant message to the Academy e.g. to inform us of student absence

[www.myedschoolapp.com](http://www.myedschoolapp.com)

## 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.

## YEAR 7

- On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Year 7 will have a baseline test in English and Maths.
- There will be a Year 7 tutor evening on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 4:30pm-6:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor and discuss how their child is settling into school. Parents and carers will shortly be able to make appointments via the following link:  
<http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- This half term, Year 7 are going to be reading 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman in their Accelerated Reader lessons.
- We are looking to enter a new boys' football team in the FMAT Games Boys' Year 7 football event on 24<sup>th</sup> September and a new girls' football team on 1<sup>st</sup> October. We are also looking to enter a new girls' Year 7 netball team into the inter-school competition against other Fairfax Multi-Academy trust schools on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Interested students should see their form tutor or Miss Hughes/Mr Summers in the PE department.

## YEAR 8

- This term, Year 8 are going to be reading 'Mortal Engines' by Philip Reeve in their Accelerated Reader lessons.
- We are looking to enter a boys' football team in the FMAT Games Boys' Year 8 football event on 24<sup>th</sup> September and a girls' football team on 1<sup>st</sup> October. We are also looking to enter a girls' Year 8 netball team into the inter-school competition against other Fairfax Multi-Academy trust schools on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Interested students should see their form tutor or Miss Hughes/Mr Summers in the PE department.

## YEAR 9

- We are looking to enter a boys' football team in the FMAT Games Boys' Year 9 football event on 27<sup>th</sup> September and a girls' football team on 1<sup>st</sup> October. We are also looking to enter a girls' Year 9 netball team into the inter-school competition against other Fairfax Multi-Academy trust schools on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Interested students should see their form tutor or Miss Hughes/Mr Summers in the PE department.

## YEAR 10

- We are looking to enter a boys' football team in the FMAT Games Boys' Year 10 football event on 27<sup>th</sup> September. We are also looking to enter a girls' Year 10 netball team into the inter-school competition against other Fairfax Multi-Academy trust schools on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Interested students should see their form tutor or Miss Hughes/Mr Summers in the PE department.

## YEAR 11

- Year 11 will have Milestone Assessments in all subjects in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October. Students should check Show my Homework regularly to support them with their revision.
- We are looking to enter a boys' football team in the FMAT Games Boys' Year 11 football event on 26<sup>th</sup> September. We are also looking to enter a girls' Year 11 netball team into the inter-school competition against other Fairfax Multi-Academy trust schools on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Interested students should see their form tutor or Miss Hughes/Mr Summers in the PE department.



Parent/Carer  
Bournville School

**Bournville Police Station**  
341 Bournville Lane  
Birmingham  
B30 1QZ

Switchboard: 101  
Tel. Ext: 822 3133  
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PARKING**

We are taking this opportunity to remind all parents when dropping off or collecting their child/children from Bournville School to park their cars with consideration for the local community of residents.

Hay Green Lane is a residential road and it is imperative that cars are parked considerately and legally.

**Parents and carers are reminded not to drive on to the school car park.**

Cars are **NOT** to be parked on the pavements, road junctions, on resident's drives or across dropped kerbs blocking the resident's drives.

**Any person who parks their cars illegally could receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £100 and 3 points on their licence.**

Have consideration for the residents and park responsibly. **DON'T PLONK IT, PARK IT**

Bournville: Neighbourhood Team  
Tel No – 101 ext 822 3014

Email: [bournville@west-midlands.police.uk](mailto:bournville@west-midlands.police.uk)