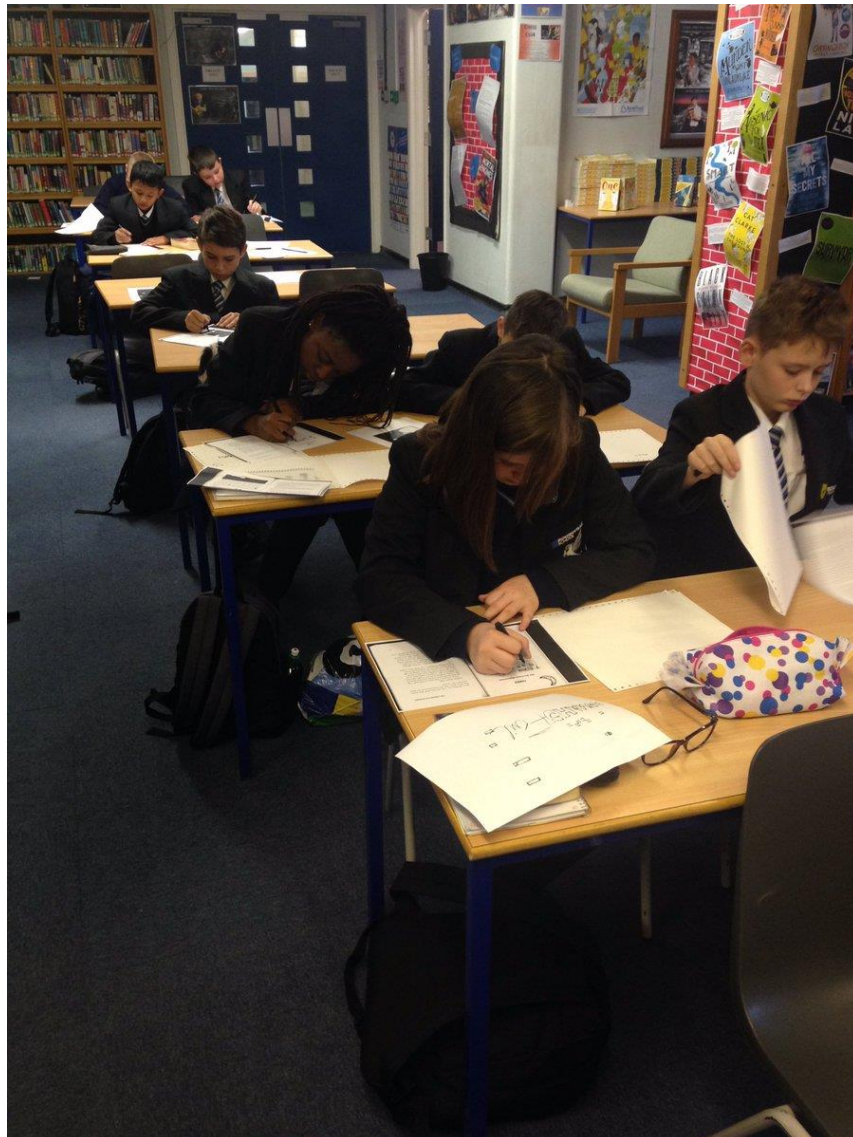




## INTHEKNOW

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12<sup>th</sup> October 2018



**Year 7 students creating some 'black out poetry' on National Poetry Day!**

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Our Year 11 student leadership team organised an excellent Macmillan Coffee Morning last week that was not only enjoyed by students and staff alike but also raised £235 for this deserving charity. Judging the cake competition was a difficult task for Mr Barton due to the extremely high standard of the entries. However, after much deliberation, he announced the winner was Ellie in Year 8. Well done, Ellie!

It was lovely to meet so many parents and carers of Year 7 students at last week's Tutor Parents' Evening. There was a really positive atmosphere and parents left the evening feeling reassured that their sons and daughters have settled in well and are really thriving and taking full advantage of the opportunities available to them at secondary school.

The Elevate session delivered to all Year 11 students on Thursday was excellent with student feedback being 100% positive. The presenters delivered their message with energy and enthusiasm and really motivated our students to strive to be successful. I was especially happy to hear the presenters commenting on how focussed and engaged our students were and what a pleasure it had been to work with them.

The Elevate Team returned to school this week to give a presentation to the parents and carers of Year 11 students on how best to support their sons and daughters to prepare and revise for their examinations during this all-important GCSE year.

National Poetry Day was marked by the 'black out' poetry event in Year 7 in which students created some wonderfully imaginative poems under the guidance of Miss Boyle.

This weekend we say "adios" to a group of Year 10 students who, along with their teachers, are flying to Madrid to spend the weekend immersing themselves in Spanish culture and improving their language skills. I'm sure they'll have a wonderful time and return with lots of tales to tell!

Next week is our first secondary parent forum of the year and I do hope you are able to join me. I will be presenting a safeguarding update, GDPR implications and discussing school uniform.

## **All Year Group Section**

### **Parent Forum**

We will be holding a parent forum on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm-7pm in the library. Mrs Cottle will be presenting a safeguarding update, GDPR implications and discussing school uniform. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **Careers Fair**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding a Careers Fair, and students in all year groups will have the opportunity to speak to post 16 providers, further education providers and employers. This year, we have over 30 stands, including: University of Birmingham, The University of Law, Solihull College, King Edward's Stourbridge Sixth Form, The NHS, The RAF, The Navy and The Army.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The timetable of extra-curricular activities is now available to view on our school website:  
<http://www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/ExtraCurricularAutumn201819.pdf>

## House Photography Competition

Are you a keen photographer? If so, why not enter our Bournville School House competition?

Task: Take a photo that reflects the theme of 'Autumn'.

1<sup>st</sup> place – 20 house points

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 10 house points

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 5 house points

All entries to receive a griffin sticker.

Submit your entries by Instagram #bournvilleautumn or email Mr Miles:  
[miles.d@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:miles.d@bournville.bham.sch.uk)

Deadline: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



## Top Griffin Earners In The Past Fortnight



Students logged 2998 Griffin reward points in the last 2 weeks!

- 1) Jacob Rose - 11BX (93 points)
- 2) Macey Brinkworth - 7CX (82 points)
- 3) Anna Van der Ray - 11CY (74 points)
- 4) Teo Wheldon - 7BY (72 points)
- 5) Christian-Stefan Serea - 8BY (56 points)
- 6) Kiera Atherton - 7TX (53 points)
- 7) Tia Trance Copper - 8TX (50 points)
- 8) Thom Bryant - 7TX (49 points)
- 9) Kalyani Largie - 9TX (48 points)
- 10) Morgan O'Toole - 7BX (48 points)

3 students (Samantha Lemmon, Christian-Stefan Serea and Macey Brinkworth) have qualified for their sew-on Griffin blazer badges by earning over 100 Griffins. These will be presented in their next assembly. Well done to them for their dedication!

## Nutritional Standards Policy

Parents and carers may wish to view our Nutritional Standards Policy, which can be found in the "policies" section of our website.

## Punctuality

We send daily notifications to parents and carers if their child is late for school. Parents and carers are reminded that all students need to arrive to school for 8.35 a.m. Punctuality is an important habit for students to learn in preparation for them to excel in modern Britain when they leave Bournville.

We will shortly be working with groups of students in different year groups to address persistent punctuality concerns with 'Punctuality Plans'. **If this affects your child, you will have received a text.** Whilst we accept that, from time to time, there may be transport issues across the city, and family circumstances may change, there can be no excuse for persistent poor punctuality and it will be challenged through sanctions and potentially other measures: the school can use legal procedures to challenge poor punctuality where appropriate.

## Attendance

We have attached a letter to 'In The Know' reminding parents and carers of their responsibility to ensure their child attends every day and the school's procedures to challenge this where absence is impacting upon a child's education and life chances.

Where we have concerns over attendance, we will notify parents/carers by letter when attendance drops to outline the next steps. **We will shortly be issuing letters to parents and carers to start formal legal proceedings where we have significant concerns over persistent absence.**

## 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:

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

## 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.

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a Year 7 Disco on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm-7pm in the PPC. Tickets cost £2 and are available to buy on Parent Pay.</li> <li>The Year 7 form of the fortnight is: 7CY.</li> <li>Over 2000 Griffins for effort, commitment and demonstrating the school values have been logged in Year 7. Remember to log all stickers on the following website: <a href="http://www.MyStickers.co.uk">www.MyStickers.co.uk</a></li> </ul>
YEAR 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8CY have had 100% attendance for two weeks and have won queue jump passes for the last week of term. Congratulations, 8CY.</li> <li>The Year 8 form of the fortnight is: 8BY.</li> </ul>
YEAR 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Year 9 form of the fortnight is: 9TX.</li> </ul>
YEAR 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Milestone Assessment week begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Students should prepare for their assessments by logging on to Show my Homework in order to access resources and revision material.</li> <li>Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SENDSCO) if you have any queries.</li> <li>The Year 10 form of the fortnight is: 10CX.</li> </ul>
YEAR 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 parents' evening will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 4:30pm-7pm. Appointments will be available shortly via our school website: <a href="http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/">http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/</a></li> <li>Parents and carers are invited to attend an English, maths and science information session on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 4pm-4:30pm in the PPC. This is just before parents' evening.</li> <li>On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, parents and carers of Year 11 are welcome to attend our Careers Fair with their children from 10am-10:30am in Elgar Hall.</li> <li>Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SENDSCO) if you have any queries.</li> <li>Deposits for the Year 11 Prom are due by 21<sup>st</sup> December. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.</li> <li>The Year 11 form of the fortnight is: 11BX.</li> </ul>

# School Attendance

## *A very important message for all Parents/Carers*

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Bournville School is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. **We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.**

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

<b>How does your child compare?</b> Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher, within the boundaries set by the Education (Pupil Registrations) (England) Regulations 2006. **Head Teachers may not authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional.**

Please remember that parental illness, going shopping, visiting family, truancy, not wanting to go to school, alleged bullying (speak to school immediately to resolve the issue) are not acceptable reasons to be absent. All of these will be recorded as unauthorised absence, including if your child arrives at school after the close of registration.

Family emergencies need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Being at school with support from staff and peers can provide children with stability. The routine of school offers a safe and familiar background during times of uncertainty.

It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.

**Legal action that may be taken includes:**

- **Issuing penalty notices:** Each parent receives a penalty notice for each child who has unauthorised absence. The penalty is £60 or £120 depending on how soon payment is made. So, if there are two parents and two children the total penalties could be up to £480. Failure to pay may result in prosecution.
- **Taking parents to court for unauthorised absence:** Education Act 1996 Section 444(1) - court can fine each parent up to £1000 per child, order payment of prosecution costs and/or impose a Parenting Order.
- **Taking parents to court for persistent unauthorised absence:** Education Act 1996 Section 444(1A) - court can fine each parent up to £2,500 per child, order payment of the prosecution costs, impose a Parenting Order and/or sentence you to a period of imprisonment of up to 3 months.

**Being taken to court could result in you having a criminal record.**

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

If your child's level of absence is of serious concern, the school will offer advice and support to improve attendance. After this, any unauthorised absence may result in the School and the Local Authority taking legal action.

**Again, we would like to thank those parents who make sure their child is attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.**

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Barton  
Deputy Head of Academy