



## INTHEKNOW

26<sup>th</sup> October 2018



### Careers Fair!

Message from Mrs Cottle:



A big thank you must go to all staff involved in the preparation and planning and delivery of the Careers Fair which took place last week with 32 exhibitors in attendance representing a range of education, industry and public service organisations. Students from all year groups had an opportunity to discuss a range of options including A Level opportunities, vocational courses and apprenticeships.

As predicted, students and staff had a wonderful time on their recent trip to Madrid, soaking up the sunshine and absorbing the Spanish culture. Students were an absolute credit to the school and everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful trip.

It is pleasing to see how many Year 7 students have been taking part in the many extra-curricular activities available to them. Last week, our KS3 science club spent time turning a jelly baby into a firework – the topic was experiments that go whizz, bang and fizz...

Budding Year 7 writers were treated to a visit from a real life author in the guise of Barbara Fisher, a former student of Bournville School. Barbara read extracts from her autobiography and took part in a Q&A session. She has since emailed me to compliment our students on their focus and participation in the lesson.

Students in all year groups have had House Assemblies this week where they have been awarded tutor group prizes for attendance and griffin awards in recognition of the excellent effort and dedication they have shown this half term.

The House Leaders have also been busy organising House Sports competitions as well as the House Photography competition.

On Monday evening, we welcomed parents and carers to the first Year 11 Parents' Evening of the year. Presentations were given by the English, Mathematics and Science faculties who provided parents with lots of information on the forthcoming mocks and the summer GCSE examinations. Parents were provided with revision materials and given lots of hints and tips on how they can support their children to prepare well and revise effectively. Following the presentations, parents/carers had an opportunity to meet with their child's individual subject teachers to discuss their progress so far and what needs to be done moving forward.

Remember that Year 11 mocks start the second week back from half term so it is vital to complete some half term revision – there are lots of resources available on ShowMyHomework.

Wishing you an enjoyable and safe half term.

## **All Year Group Section**

### **Half term break**

The half term break is from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Students return to school at 8:35am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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>

### **Anti-bullying week**

A number of activities are planned to highlight 'respect' amongst students during anti-bullying week (12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November).

### **Children in Need**

We will be organising fundraising activities for Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. More information will be sent out after half term.

### **Remembrance Day**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a two minute silence for Remembrance Day.

## **Inset Day**

As a reminder, school will be closed to students on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for a staff training day.

## **Accelerated Reader**

Year 7 and 8 students have an Accelerated Reader lesson every week. Every half term, we recognise the students, form and house that have read the most words. We are hoping to have some reading Millionaires soon.

The winning house this half term is Cadbury House with 651,173 words read.

The winning form this half term is 8CY with 452,209 words read.

The students who have read the most words this half term are:

Syed Islam	8CY	397,317
Ivona Coseru	8TY	130,067
Dylan Rosete	8BY	115,406

All students in Year 7 and 8 should have a library book to read at home as part of their English homework. The library is open before school, at break time, at lunch time and after school if students needs to change their library book.

## **Top Ten Griffin Earners**

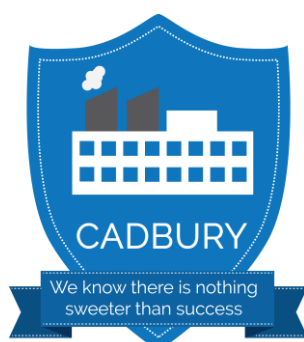
Congratulations to the following students who have earned their Gold Griffin badges through their dedication to excellence this half term:

Macey Brinkworth - 7CX  
Emily Marchant - 10CY  
Rafay Naqvi - 9TX  
Samantha Lemmon - 7CX  
Christian-Stefan Serea - 8BY  
Owen Johnson - 7TX  
Lexie Hyett - 7TY  
Thom Bryant - 7TX  
Teo Wheldon - 7BY  
Kiera Atherton - 7TX

## **House Update**

House events:

Congratulations to Cadbury House who were awarded the House Cup this week, having secured the most house points during this half term. In his assembly, Mr Hill applauded all members of his house who contributed to this achievement. Students were recognised for entering house competitions such as the bake-off and photography competition. Students who were 'caught reading' were given house points as well as those in Year 7 who participated in the football tournament. It was wonderful to see students recognised for completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award and those nominated as house captains. Recognition was also given to students earning the most griffins and those with the highest attendance. Students with 100% attendance will be rewarded with special griffin stickers. Although not winners, Miss Gray and Mr Summers held their own rewards assemblies for Tolkien and Boulton houses this week and many students will come home with certificates, badges and stickers recognising their success. It seems there is much to celebrate in Bournville School!



### **Tolkien House update from Miss Gray:**

The year has started well for students of Tolkien House. We have had a lot of achievements, initially electing our House Captains from each form. Well done to these students who represent our House so well, and others who are definitely in the running for next election.

In this first half term, Tolkien have won:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Macmillan Bake Off
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Get Caught Reading
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Griffins (3068 points!)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in #BournvilleAutumn Photography Competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Accelerated Reading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Year 7 Football Competition
- Form of the Fortnight twice (7TX and 9TX)
- and 5 of the Top 10 Griffin earners this half term are in Tolkien!

Long may our successes continue!

Miss Gray would like to pass on a huge thank you for being such dedicated and competitive members of our team. Keep being #AsTerrificAsTolkien.

### **Boulton House update from Mr Summers:**

Team Boulton have had a steady return after a victorious summer of celebrations, winning the house cup for 2017-18. There have been many highlights throughout this half-term. Year 7 have settled into life at Bournville School and Team Boulton magnificently, so much so that we came first and second in the Year 7 football competition.

We also had fantastic contributions to Macmillan Bake Off competition, and we came third in this competition with some yummy cupcakes created by Rebecca Moore-Allsop. Well done, Rebecca.

Each form has elected a house captain, who will have a big part to play in ensuring team Boulton remain successful this year and retain their status as champions.

### **Cadbury House update from Mr Hill:**

This half term has been excellent for Cadbury house, especially with the welcoming of our new members in year 7. As a house, we have rocketed from the efforts we made last year, becoming the winners of the house cup for the first half term with an amazing 106 house points!

We owe our successes to the dedication of our students, Kristen Wright and Lorna Davison, who were placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the photography competition. We have also had the best attendance as a house every week of this half term!

Whilst we may not have won points in every competition, such as the year 7 football, even here the students in Cadbury deserve to feel proud of their successes and dedication as our 7CX team won most of their games with only 3 players!

I am looking forward to seeing the continued successes of our house next half term, and to competing again with Boulton and Tolkien... where I'm confident our sweet success will continue!

### Careers Fair

This month at Bournville, we have had a large focus on careers and students thinking about their futures. The careers fair saw 32 providers come to school and inspire our students. Many students came out of the careers fair excited to think about what path they might take, whether it be college, sixth form or an apprenticeship. For many year 11 students, it was a chance to get detailed information from providers, and year 10 were able to ask for advice about work experience. Many employers gave us excellent feedback on the attitude of our students and they were impressed with the questions they were asking.

### 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

Parents and carers are reminded of their responsibility to ensure their child attends school every day. As you are aware, we have recently issued letters regarding students' attendance for this academic year. We also have begun formal proceedings where these warning letters have not been heeded, regarding unauthorised absence. **We have issued one fine through court proceedings already this year.**

We expect all students to attend the academy every day.

### 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 [Bladen.I@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Bladen.I@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

- Year 7 Milestone Assessment week will take place in the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November. Students should check Show my Homework for resources to support their revision.
- **Message from Mr Kesterton:**
  - I would take this opportunity to congratulate students in Year 7 who have demonstrated a positive approach to their learning. These students have very quickly applied the Bournville core values to their learning and have shown an enthusiasm and eagerness to excel in lessons. I have been impressed with the smart and professional appearance of Year 7 students, as well as their ability to be organised with their planners and equipment.
  - The year 7 cohort consists of students from a large number of primary schools, and already many students have made many new friends. In addition, I have been impressed with the attendance of Year 7 students in extra-curricular activities, and I would encourage all students to take the opportunities that are presented to them so they can excel further. The recent House Football Competition was a huge success which highlighted how gifted some of our students are.
  - I look forward to continuing to visit more Year 7 in lessons after the half-term break and celebrating the achievement and attendance of students in my next assembly.

YEAR 8

- Progress checks will be issued to parents/carers on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

YEAR 9

- Year 9 Milestone Assessment week will take place in the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November. Students should check Show my Homework for resources to support their revision.

YEAR 10

- Year 10 have had their assembly about work experience this week. This has given them all the information they need to start asking if employers will have them for a placement. We would like all our students to be ambitious with their placements, and they should be looking for what they want to do with their career and find a placement linked to that. The dates for work experience are 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. We ask that students start asking employers in the next few weeks as places often fill up very quickly. Once they have found a placement, they are to fill in the forms which they can get from their form tutors or the Admin team. Students have also had detailed information about the process in PSHE. For any help with anything linked to Work Experience, students can find Mrs Meaney in E17.
- Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SENDSCO) if you have any queries.
- Year 10 parents' evening will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 4:30-7pm. Parents/carers will be able to make appointments via our school website shortly.

YEAR 11

- Thank you to all parents and carers that were able to attend Parents' Evening this week; I hope that you found it a useful and positive evening. The next Year 11 parents' evening is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- There is a BTEC Business U2 Finance exam on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a real exam, not a mock.
- Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SENDSCO) if you have any queries.
- Deposits for the Year 11 Prom are due by 21<sup>st</sup> December. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.
- Academic mentoring is due to begin after half term in order to help some of our Year 11 students to navigate their way through this difficult final year.
- Mock exams are due to begin 12<sup>th</sup> November for two weeks. Please encourage your child to spend time revising over the half-term holiday. A copy of the mock exam timetable can be found on our school website: <http://www.bournvilleschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Year-11-Mock-Exams-November-2018-Timetable.pdf>
- Any year 11 students who need support with post 16 placements can find Mrs Matto next to M35 on Tuesdays and Wednesday. For any help with anything linked to Post 16 choices, students can find Mrs Meaney in E17.





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