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30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Celebration Evening

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Students in Year 11 have now completed their mock examinations with the final examinations in Art taking place this week. It has been a tough couple of weeks for many of them and they are to be commended for their hard work and the resilience they have shown.

A group of Year 9 students deserve a special mention for their involvement in supporting the South Birmingham Network Teacher Training providers with their interview and recruitment process. Our students took part in lessons delivered by would be trainee teachers and, as is so often the case, behaved impeccably. The lecturers commented on how impressed they were with our students who are fantastic ambassadors for Bournville School.

Students in all year groups participated in our annual Celebration Evening on Thursday which was a truly memorable event in which excellence and dedication was acknowledged and rewarded. Teachers and parents had an opportunity to congratulate and celebrate the many and varied achievements of our students. We were also treated to some excellent musical performances. Dylan performed his piano composition *For the Damaged* and Jack sang a note perfect rendition of Sam Smith's *I'm not the only one*. Jacob and Noah closed the evening with a memorable performance of Frank Sinatra's *The Girl from Ipanema*.

The following day staff took part in an excellent INSET day organised by the Oaks Collegiate of which Bournville School is a member. This is a group of local secondary schools who work together to share good practice in all aspects of education including curriculum planning, teaching and learning, behaviour management and safeguarding.

Finally, all schools within the Fairfax Multi Academy Trust are fully committed to providing your children with the best educational experience possible and we strive constantly to deliver high quality, engaging lessons that maximise your child's progress. To this end, last week we welcomed Mr Stevens and Mr Rhatigan to conduct a review of our teaching and learning. They were very impressed by the standard of teaching they observed and also by the behaviour for learning of students in the majority of lessons. I will share further details with you once I receive the written report.

## **All Year Group Section**

### **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 activities:**

Recent house activities have included dodgeball and netball for Children in Need and a Christmas card competition. In addition, house points are being awarded for attendance and personal achievement weekly. The latest house totals are:

Cadbury: 139 points  
Boulton: 129 points  
Tolkien: 124 points

Students are still promoting respect and tolerance by sending each other house cards and there are further competitions ahead with a photography completion and designs for stained glass windows. We encourage all students to participate to contribute to their house success.

### **Celebration Evening:**

On Thursday 22nd November, we warmly welcomed around 90 students and their families to our Celebration Evening 2018. The event recognised students for excellence in different subjects with staff nominating students to receive certificates and special Griffin badges.

We also recognised students with special awards, including the Headteacher's Award, The Marguerite Cross Award for overcoming adversity and the Graeme Mutton Award for Sports person of The Year.

It was a wonderful event that included displays of students' artwork and musical performances to showcase the creative talent of Bournville students.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to such a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### **Top Griffin Earners:**

2504 Griffin points have been logged by students in the last fortnight. Tolkien House students logged the most Griffin Rewards which bodes well for the house competition.

Corey McMullan 10TX  
Maryam Kadhum 10 TY  
Katy Greenway 9CY  
Jorjie Stevens 9CY  
Macey Brinkworth 7CX  
Esta Bradley 7TX  
Emily Marchant 10CY  
Peter Newnham 7TX  
Demi-Louise Taylor 8TY  
Ivona Coseru 8TY

Well done to all these top Griffin earners who are working hard, every lesson, every day.

### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

We have been asking students via Instagram about a prize for the best form attendance this half term and will shortly reveal the choices on offer for the form with the best attendance.

You may have seen our popular social media posts promoting our prize for 100% attendance for this half term - a GT bike. All students maintaining a 100% attendance streak from 5th November to 21st December will be entered into a draw to win this fabulous prize.

In comparison to last year, the number of students late to school has reduced by nearly 50% - more students are arriving for 8.35am and that is the expectation. There is now a real focus on swift movement to lessons, particularly after break and lunch. Please speak to your child to ensure they are ready to move onto their next lesson as quickly as possible during the school day.

Finally, we have issued a number of penalty fines against families who do not send their child to school every day and one family has been taken to court. We will continue to challenge through legal processes those parents and carers who do not yet understand their responsibility to support the school and ensure their child attends school every day. We have recently issued standard letters to families of students whose attendance is currently below 95% as it is expected to improve to that figure.

## 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 L Bladen by email [Bladen.l@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Bladen.l@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

- The Year 7 form of the fortnight is 7CX.
- Miss Boyle and Ms Hutchinson will be sharing details of a house competition with Year 7 students next week. The competition challenges students to write a 500-word diary entry about the most exciting snow day they have ever had or could possibly imagine. Further details are available on Show my Homework.

YEAR 8

- The Year 8 form of the fortnight is 8BY.
- Miss Boyle and Ms Hutchinson will be sharing details of a house competition with Year 8 students next week. The competition challenges students to write a Mini Saga (a story in 100 words) about the end of the world or a post-apocalyptic vision. Further details are available on Show my Homework.

YEAR 9

- The Year 9 form of the fortnight is 9TY.
- Year 9 parents' evening will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 4:30-7pm. Parents/carers can make appointments via the school website: <http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>

YEAR 10

- The Year 10 form of the fortnight is 10CY.
- Testing for access arrangements for exams is taking place this term. Please contact Miss Lees Smith (SEND CO) if you have any queries.
- English Literature revision guides are available to buy on Parent Pay for the following texts: 'A Christmas Carol', 'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls' and Power and Conflict poetry. The revision guides are £2.75 each, and once purchased, they can be collected from the admin office in Morris.

- There is a BTEC Business U2 Finance exam on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a real exam, not a mock.
- On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Elevate Education will be returning to Bournville to run another study skills session with Year 11 students. The session will take place from 9am-10:15am.
- 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.