



INTHEKNOW

14th December 2018



Winning design by Dylan Rosete, 8BY

We make our own futures

The winner of our design a Christmas card competition

Message from Mrs Cottle:



In the run up to the Christmas break many of our students have been taking part in a number of activities to complement and develop their understanding of the curriculum. On Thursday, a group of students in Year 7 had a fantastic day out where they experienced first-hand the magic of all that Harry Potter World has to offer including "The Making of Harry Potter" which, I am told was very informative. Earlier in the week, Year 11 students took a trip to Stratford upon Avon where they saw an excellent performance of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Our budding theatre critics were in good company as they sat shoulder to shoulder with some very discerning theatre critics during this press performance. All agreed that it was an excellent experience that helped to bring the

text alive.

Last week, a number of Year 9 students were fortunate enough to attend an Aim Higher CSI themed event at the University of Birmingham where they learnt all about forensics and had a chance to put their new found knowledge and skills to the test!

Year 9 Business Studies students received a visit from a representative from the Bank of England and gained a fascinating insight into the workings of the world of finance.

Year 11 also received another visit from Elevate who provided lots of hints and tips to support them with their all-important GCSE preparations including some really simple yet effective revision strategies.

It was good to see so many parents at Monday's Year 9 Parents' Evening. This was a particularly important event as it gave parents and carers the chance to meet teachers and to find out how well their child is progressing in the first year of their GCSE programmes of study.

Congratulations must go to Dylan in Year 8 and Maisie in Year 2 for their winning School Christmas card designs. The cards have been sent to all local secondary and primary schools.

Further congratulations go to our first Accelerated Reader Millionaire, Peter in 7TX. This is an impressive accomplishment – well done Peter!

Further to last week's LGBT assemblies delivered by Miss Meaney, our LGBT club, run by students for students, met for the first time on Wednesday.

The Secondary School Christmas Concert "Festive Favourites" will take place next Wednesday 18th December at 7pm.

Finally, following the success of last year's charitable event we are once again supporting a local charity the B30 Food Bank this year. Please give generously and we will ensure that food is delivered to needy families to help them to enjoy the festive season.

We wish you a safe, restful and happy Christmas and look forward to greeting students in the New Year on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

All Year Group Section

End of term arrangements:

Friday 21st December is the last day of term and students will leave school between 12.15pm and 12:25pm. Lessons 1 and 2 are as normal, and during lesson 3, there will be form time and our celebration house assemblies. Students are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on the day for a £1 donation. These should be added to normal school uniform. The money will be in support of House charities as follows:



Boulton – Water Aid
Tolkien – Crisis
Cadbury – Mind

Start of term arrangements:

The Spring term starts for students on Tuesday 8th January 2019. It will be a week 2 for students and lessons as normal.

Christmas Concert:

Our "Festive Favourites" Christmas concert is on Tuesday 18th December at 7pm. Tickets are £2, and they can be purchased on Parent Pay or you can pay on the door on the night.

Our student leadership team will be selling a range of items on the evening including aprons, candle holders and storage bags. All items have been made from recycled materials, and they could be a great ethical stocking filler for someone for Christmas!

House news:

Congratulations to Dylan Rosete (8BY) for winning the Christmas card competition and to Boulton house for winning the recent basketball competition.

Although we are yet to finalise points for attendance, accelerated reading, effort and other house competitions, the total house points for each house are:

Boulton – 155
Cadbury -147
Tolkien – 137

Please encourage all students to log their griffins as the winner of the House Cup at the end of term is by no means certain!

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

Attendance and Punctuality:

We will be asking the form with the best attendance this half term to choose their collective prize shortly. It is close between a few forms, so students need to ensure they attend every day in the run up to Christmas.

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. We look forward to giving this to a student on 21st December - keep an eye on our social media to see who wins.

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 and they are ready to make the most of every minute of learning.

Finally, we continue to issue penalty fines against families who do not send their child to school every day. 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. It is your responsibility to ensure your child attends every day. We will work with you to support you to ensure your child attends every day. If you are concerned at all, please speak to Stacey Corker, our attendance officer, or email her at: corker.s@bournville.bham.sch.uk.

Ready, Respectful, Safe:

The school's Behaviour Policy sets out to clarify the responsibilities which are shared by everyone involved in the community of our school. Please talk to your child about their responsibilities around our 3 simple school rules:

Ready

- Wear correct and smart uniform at all times
- Attend all lessons on time
- Show effort and dedication towards academic achievement, and constructive participation in all aspects of school life

Respectful

- Use good manners and be kind to everyone at all times
- Speak respectfully to adults and your peers, acting as a positive role model
- Keep the school tidy and litter free
- Always follow all instructions 'first time, everytime'
- Listen carefully when the teacher or another student is talking
- Show respect for school property and others' property in the school community

Safe

- Always walk quietly, calmly and purposefully
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself, respecting others' space
- Our mobile phones are not seen or heard on site.

Jamie Barton, Deputy Headteacher

Top Griffin Earners In The Last Two Weeks:

Students in Cadbury House logged the most rewards in the last fortnight. Top Griffin earners are:

Corey McMullan - 10TX

James Harvey - 9BX

Sagar Cheshti - 7BY

Alex Bocenco - 8CY

Dylan Harris-McCorley - 9CX

Maryam Kadhum - 10CY

Lexie Hyett - 7TY

Thom Bryant - 7TX

Denay Carr - 7CX

Charley Marshall - 7CY

Well done to all those students who have earned their milestone sew-on blazer badges by reaching 100, 200 or 300 Griffin points so far.

Medical:

If your child has a medical condition, please contact Ms L Bladen by email 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 7TX.
- Well done to Macey Brinkworth and Lexie Hyett for achieving their 300 Griffins badge.
- Well done to Owen Johnson, Samantha Lemmon, Thom Bryant, Dotto Wheldon, Teo Wheldon and Kiera Atherton for achieving their 200 Griffins badge.
- Miss Boyle and Ms Hutchinson have launched a house writing competition. 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.
- Year 8 parents' evening will take place on Monday 28th January 2019 from 4:30-7pm. Parents / carers will be able to make appointments via the school website.
- Well done to the following students for achieving their 100 Griffins badge: Demi Louise Taylor, Dylan Rosete, Ivona Coseru, Kambiz Razayee, Connie Konstantinou and Aryaz Ahmed.
- Well done to Christian Stefan Serea for achieving his 200 Griffins badge!
- Miss Boyle and Ms Hutchinson have launched a house writing competition. 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.
- Well done to 9TY for achieving 100% attendance two weeks in a row.
- Revision guides for a number of subjects are available to buy on Parent Pay.

YEAR 10

- The Year 10 form of the fortnight is 10CY.
- Well done to Corey McMullan for achieving his 300 Griffins badge.
- 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.

YEAR 11

- The Year 11 form of the fortnight is 11BX.
- **BTEC Exams:**
- **Wednesday 9th January at 9am: Certificate in Digital Applications (CIDA) exam in E23.** The Year 11 IT Btec class will be sitting this exam as part of their CIDA course. Students must attend this exam.
- **Thursday 10th January at 9am: Music BTEC written exam in E23.** Year 11 music BTEC students will be sitting this exam as part of their BTEC Music course. Students must attend this exam.
- On Tuesday 8th January 2019, Year 11 students will experience a mock results day. This will give students the opportunity to reflect on how they feel about their results so far, set goals for their future and plan how to make these goals their reality. Please support them at home with these important decisions.
- Deposits for the Year 11 Prom are due by 21st December. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.