



INTHEKNOW

8th February 2019



Year 8 students enjoyed a trip to Derby Theatre this week to see 'Noughts and Crosses'.

Message from Mrs Cottle:



This week saw the return of Period 6 taught revision sessions for our Year 11 students following their popularity and success with last year's Year 11 cohort. Teachers have designed a series of targeted and highly focussed revision sessions that will support your child to maximise their examination success. It is very encouraging to see students engaging so well and clearly valuing this opportunity. On behalf of our students, I would like to thank colleagues for giving of their time so generously.

It was really pleasing to see so many parents and carers of Year 8 students at our recent Options Evening where Mrs Yarker explained the Key Stage Four options process and Associate Assistant Headteachers outlined the many and varied programmes of study available to our students. Please remember that the students need to have chosen their options by Thursday 14th February using the online tool.

Tuesday and Wednesday this week saw a group of Year 11 students preparing for and taking part in their practical Food exams. The meals they prepared looked most appetising and it was clear that they put a great deal of effort into creating their final products.

A group of Year 8 students enjoyed a theatre trip to see the stage version of the popular Malorie Blackman novel, *Noughts and Crosses*. They had a wonderful time and their conduct and behaviour was exemplary; they were an absolute credit to Bournville School.

A visit to the Barber Institute by a group of Year 10 Aim Higher students took place on Friday and, needless to say, they thoroughly enjoyed this exciting and cultural experience.

This week has been National Safer Internet Week and a number of activities have taken place in form time to educate and remind our students about the importance of staying safe when using social media and a range of internet based gaming platforms. As parents and carers, please increase your own awareness of social media platforms by familiarising yourselves with the materials available on the school website designed with parents in mind. By taking an active interest in your child's use of social media, you will be increasing your ability to protect them from harm.

Our weekly behaviour focus is punctuality. Punctuality to school and to lessons is essential in order to maximise learning opportunities and to develop good learning habits. Please do all you can to instil this important life skill into your child.

Next Monday is year 11 parents' evening where parents and carers will have a final opportunity to receive information on the progress their son or daughter is making and how best they can support them to prepare for their forthcoming GCSE examinations. Please make every effort to attend.

Finally, Year 10 milestone assessments begin next week providing students with an opportunity to demonstrate how well they have progressed in their recently studied GCSE topics. Good luck to all!

All Year Group Section

Half term:

Students break up on Friday 15th February for one week for February half term. Students will return to school on Monday 25th February at 8:35am.

Lockdown practice:

We will practice our lockdown procedures on Tuesday 12th February. It is necessary for staff and students to be familiar with what to do if an intruder were to come onto the school grounds. Please do not be alarmed, this is part of our routine safety processes.

Top Griffin Earners in the Last Two Weeks:

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

Stephanie Whiston 7BY
Mesha Stephenson-Bernard 7CX
Dotto Wheldon 7BY
Esta Bradley 7TX
Beth Johnson 7TY
Teo Wheldon 7BY
Kayleigh Wareing-Lees 7BX
Kiera Atherton 7TX
Evie Bell 7BY
Alex Griffiths 9CX

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. These are presented to students in pastoral assemblies every two weeks.

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	Mr Akum
8	Miss Trilloe	Miss Porter
9 and 10	Mr Lowe	Miss Mahmood
11	Mr Chilton	Mrs Sutton

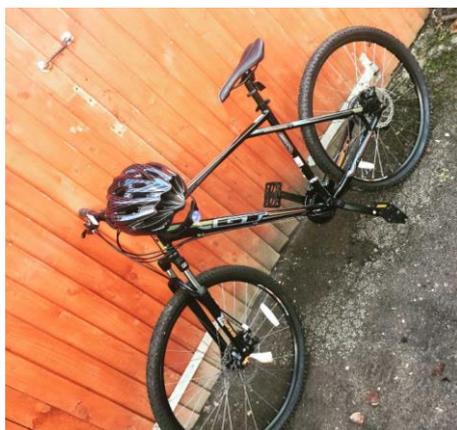
House news:



It has been another busy term for students who have taken part in a variety of house competitions. Well done to those who have submitted entries for the design a mask competition and contributed top tips relating to internet safety. Attendance and reading remain a priority and we will celebrate success in all areas in end of term assemblies. Latest house totals are Tolkien 82, Cadbury 112, and Boulton 55. Final scores will be revealed in assemblies next week and the House trophy awarded.

Attendance:

We continue to encourage all students to strive for 100% attendance. This half term, we are again offering the prize draw of the GT Racer bike (pictured below) on the last day of the half term. To qualify, you need to have 100% attendance for the period January 8th 2019 - February 15th 2019. Who will take it away this time? Each student with 100% attendance for this period will also be recognised in the House assemblies and given a 100% Attendance Griffin sticker.



We will announce the winner of our latest prize on Friday 15th February 2019. It is important that your child is in school every day to be in with a chance of winning this amazing prize.

Punctuality:

Students are expected to arrive for 8.35am each morning and punctuality is an important life skill that we aim to embed. The pastoral team will continue to support students with strategies to arrive to school on time. There is a continued focus on swift movement to lessons, particularly after break and lunch.

Please check your child's diary and ensure they have their timetable and are ready for the school day. All students are expected to be ready to move onto their next lesson as quickly as possible during the school day and ready to make the most of every minute of learning. **Students that have 3 or more lates to lesson in a week face a one hour detention on a Friday afternoon. We will be sending a 'Lost Minutes' report home to some families of students who have persistently poor punctuality to lessons to highlight the impact of lost learning time.**

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 Elaine Tisdell, our Safeguarding officer, or email her at: tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk

Being Respectful To Our Site

One of our key school rules is being 'Respectful'. We have recently seen some unfortunate incidents where our site has been damaged. Parents and carers are reminded that our clear Behaviour Policy, available online, outlines that parents/carers will be expected to pay to repair or replace aspects of the site that their child is believed to have damaged. Already 3 families are facing a bill to repair aspects of the site which is financially inconvenient and could have been avoided. It is important that your child understands their responsibilities to treat classrooms and corridors and all other spaces respectfully to ensure we continue to work in a safe working environment.

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

- Well done to 7TX who currently have the highest attendance in Year 7.
- Well done to 7BY who have logged the most griffins with an impressive total of 276!
- Message from Mr Kesterton: In my next assembly, I will be presenting the final results for the form with the best attendance and achievement for the fortnight. Ten points are available to the best form within these 2 categories, with 7TX being the current holders of the trophy. In addition to this, I will also be announcing awards to students who have achieved and accumulated 100, 200, 300 and 400 griffins since September. These students will be recognised for their hard work and contribution to the Bournville School ethos.

YEAR 8

- Well done to Christian-Stefan Serea for earning 1129 griffins so far this year!
- The deadline for choosing options is Thursday 14th February 2019. The options form and a guide explaining how to complete the form are both on our school website: <http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/year-8-options/>

YEAR 9

- Well done to 9TY for having 96.9% attendance.
- The top griffin earners in Year 9 are: Alex Griffiths, Rafay Naqvi and Aliyah Ganpatt. Well done!
- English Literature revision guides for the Power and Conflict poetry are available to buy on Parent Pay. Once purchased, the revision guides can be collected from the admin office in Bronte.

YEAR 10

- Well done to 10CY for having 96.8% attendance.
- The top griffin earners in Year 10 are: Santhosh Shanmugam, Emily Williams and Chelsea Smith. Well done!
- 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.
- If any Year 10 students need support finding a work experience placement, they can speak to Mrs Matto, Mrs Field or Mrs Meaney.
- Year 10 Milestone Assessments will take place in the week beginning 11th February. Students should check Show my Homework to support them in their preparation for these assessments.

- Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 11th February 2019 from 4.30-7pm. Appointments can be made via the school website: <http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- Year 11 mock exam fortnight will take place between Monday 4th March and Friday 15th March. Please encourage your child to revise and to seek help if they are struggling with anything.
- Year 11 students can use SAM Learning to revise for their exams. The website is: www.samlearning.com and the login details are: Centre ID: B30BS; User ID: date of birth and initials (e.g. 111002JD); Password: this is the same as the user ID.
- Year 11 students have been given information about the PiXL maths app which can support them with their exam preparation. Please encourage your child to use this app as part of their revision.
- Mrs Matto, our Independent Careers Advisor, is available for any Year 11 to speak to during break or lunch time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Message from Mr Chilton: Period 6 has got off to a tremendously positive start. All of the sessions that I have visited have been going extremely well, all of the students have been engaged and teachers working hard to make a difference.
- If any students have a college interview that needs to take place during school time could they please forward the email or copy of the letter to Mr Chilton. Chilton.c@bournville.bham.sch.uk



Wednesday 16th January 2019

REF: Car parking

Dear parents/carers

We have previously communicated to parents that in the interests of safeguarding, parents and carers are not permitted to park on the school site when dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of each school day. Unfortunately, some parents have ignored our requests and continue to park on the school site.

To prevent this from happening in future, the school gates will now be closed in the mornings and evenings and access to the school site will only be available to people who have an appointment to see a member of staff.

Please ensure that parking restrictions are adhered to when parking in the local area, taking care not to block the driveways of local residents.

We would like to encourage safe and considerate parking and we will seek legal enforcement for any parent who puts our children at risk. Please be advised that the police may prosecute the owners of vehicles illegally parked on receipt of photographic evidence. Parents, residents and staff may take photographic evidence (front and rear of vehicle) and email this to Bournville@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk along with a written statement.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the vast majority parents who do commit to helping to keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Cottle
Head of Academy