



# INTHEKNOW

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2019



Well done to Aashir Mirza who has become an Accelerated Reader Millionaire!

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Since the last edition of In the Know there have been many exciting and interesting events taking place at Bournville. Last week, we hosted Smith's Wood Head of Academy, Mrs Craig along with her Teaching Land Learning Assistant Headteacher Ms Odedra who were keen to learn more about how we have incorporated opportunities for structured talk into our Teaching for Excellence model. They were welcomed by Ms Cross, our Teaching and Learning Assistant Headteacher who explained the benefits of the model and took them on a tour of the school to see first-hand how our students are taught. Both Mrs Craig and Ms Odedra left feeling very impressed by what they had seen and considering how the Bournville techniques can be incorporated into the Smith's Wood teaching model. They also

commented on how polite and welcoming our students were. Their visit was an example of how schools across the Trust collaborate to support one another on our improvement journeys.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, students and staff got into the spirit of World Book Day helped by the addition of costumes and face paint in our "Get your Potter On..." Harry Potter event. Activities, including a science magic show and Harry Potter themed lessons, took place during the day and were thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part.

That same day, we held our Friendship Evening for prospective Year 7 students where we were joined by many families eager to sample what Bournville has to offer and to confirm their places at Bournville for September 2019. Families were welcomed by our excellent Year 7 student ambassadors who showed their dedication by returning to school on a cold rainy evening. Following a short speech by Head of Year, Mr Kesterton, they were taken to sample two different lesson activities where they also had an opportunity to meet some of their new classmates. The evening was a huge success and we look forward to welcoming the children again at our Induction Day in July.

Year 11 mock exam fortnight came to a close on Friday and students in Year 11 are reminded that Period 6 lessons re-commence on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Year 10 timetables have been issued to students this week and teachers have made students aware of which topics need to be revised for and have provided information, advice and guidance on how to revise effectively. As ever, the support of parents and carers in encouraging your child to revise is much appreciated.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award when I went to see them off on this weekend's practice walks. Duke of Edinburgh is a wonderful opportunity for young people to develop personal resilience and to improve their team-work skills and is something that is increasingly valued by universities and employers.

### **All Year Group Section**

#### **Free Breakfast for All Children:**

We are delighted to have been successful in our bid for funding from the Magic Breakfast charity. This means that we will shortly be able to offer all students a free cooked bagel at breakfast time. Free breakfasts will be ready to be collected from the canteen between 8.00 and 8.30 each morning for secondary students, and will be delivered to classrooms for primary students. The Magic Breakfast project is one of a number of charity projects we are running to provide support for children and families – we are also able to provide food bank vouchers and free sanitary products. We will send parents a text message when the Magic Breakfast is up and running.

#### **Bournville Singer of the Year**

The Bournville Singer of the Year competition will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the PPC. Tickets are £2 for adults and £1 for concessions.

## 9 mile challenge

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 12 students will walk 9 miles from Erdington Academy to Bournville School to raise money for Comic Relief. Students will raise money through sponsorship. We wish the following students the very best of luck on their epic challenge:

Jack Harrison – 9BX  
Haseeb Naqvi – 8BY  
Malachi Jay – 10TX  
Arman Ayubi – 10TX  
Cristian Stefan Serea 8BY  
Kai Rowe – 9BY  
Meron Tareke 8BY  
Adzelina Kesicka – 8BY  
Macey Brinkworth 7CX  
Katie Woliter 9TY  
Alissia Shorter 10BY  
Viktoria Spinnerova 10TX



## Aimhigher and the National Collaborative Outreach Program

Aimhigher Plus works in schools to encourage students to reach their full potential and plays a part in raising the aspirations of Bournville pupils. This year has begun with some great opportunities for our students through Aimhigher Plus. Pupils have had the chance to see what it is like to work as a Crime Scene Investigator, have tested their science skills at a Sci-Fi day and shown their artistic talents at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts.



Cultural Capital trip to London: Most recently, Aimhigher has taken 6 of our year 10 students to London for the Day along with 30 students from other schools around Birmingham. This all expenses paid trip began with a journey on the tube (a first for many) and a look around the Natural History Museum and the Science museum. Pupils were allowed to explore these

museums, taking in many exhibitions that sparked interest. In the afternoon students took in a performance of 'School of Rock' on the West end - the best part of the day for most! A great day was had by all and the students were a credit to the school.

Unifest: Currently year 10 pupils are able to apply for Unifest. Unifest is a collection of summer schools run by Birmingham universities. The programs offers students a chance to experience university life. Each Unifest program has a subject focus and gives students a taste of university life, those who successfully obtain a place will take part in hands on activities, stay in university halls and meet many new people. If you would like your child to be involved please find more information through the following link- <http://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/teachers-advisers/unifest/>. Pupils can get application forms from Miss Hanmer or Miss Walton in school.

Year 9 Speak Out Challenge: On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, all year 9 students will take part in the Speak Out Challenge. Coaches from Speakers Trust will be in school working with year 9 to improve their public speaking skills and confidence. The day will culminate in all students having the chance to

Speak Out concerning something that they are passionate about! This is a fantastic opportunity for year 9 pupils.

### **The Importance of Reading for Pleasure: Year 7 and 8 Accelerated Reader**

Accelerated Reader reading has been set as a homework on Show my Homework for Y7 and Y8 students. When students have read a book, they should complete a quiz on their book. The library is open for students to quiz before and after school, at break and at lunch, and they should quiz as soon as possible after finishing their books.

We will be running a competition for the most improved readers by May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, and the winners will be offered the chance to attend two days of Alex Rider themed spy training (there will be a small parent contribution to the cost of the stay for the winners, but this is heavily subsidised).

#### **ALEX RIDER SPY TRAINING COMPETITION:**

Only 14 Students in Y7 & 8 will get the chance to **train as spies:**

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 for two days away from school learning from experts.

- CODEBREAKING
- TARGET PRACTICE
- SURVIVAL SKILLS

How to enter: the 14 students winning the chance to attend the ALEX RIDER MISSION BRIEFING must show us their commitment to reading and do **one** or more of the following by 20<sup>th</sup> May:

#### **ACCELERATED READER IMPROVEMENT:**

- ✓ Have one of the most improved reading ages between NOW and 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- ✓ Be committed to reading in AR lessons, form times and Do Now (teachers will be asked for nominations).
- ✓ Take the most tests on AR books scoring over 7/10 for the book you've read.
- ✓ Read and test on Alex Rider, Young Sherlock, Anthony Horowitz or Young Bond Books.
- ✓ Become a millionaire or read and test on your first 250,000 words, or 500,000 words.

### **Griffin Rewards**

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

Edward Hadley - 7BX  
Lexie Hyett - 7TY  
Teo Wheldon - 7BY  
Owen Johnson - 7TX  
Thom Bryant - 7TX  
Kiera Atherton - 7TX  
Cameron Lightwood - 7BX  
Dotto Wheldon - 7BY  
Lily Oliver - 7CX

### **Senior Staff 90 Minute Friday Detentions**

We have recently decided that instead of having the sanction of a day in Re-Focus if consecutive detentions are missed, **we will issue a 90 minute detention with senior staff held on a Friday from 3.00-4.30.**

Hopefully, this will not affect your child as we expect all students to act in accordance with our **'Ready, Respectful, Safe'** approach. We only expect this to affect a small minority of students.

However, if your child has this sanction issued and fails to attend the senior staff detention on a Friday or fails to meet the school's expectations of conduct during this detention, the following actions will take place:



- A letter and text message will be sent to you inviting you to a meeting on Monday morning at 9am with your child and either a Deputy Head of Academy or the Head of Academy.
- Failure of parents/carers to attend this meeting may result in a **fixed term exclusion** being issued for defiance – **this will mean that this would stay on your child's permanent record** as well as unfortunately meaning your child would have to stay at home, possibly causing you inconvenience in terms of childcare/time-off work etc.

### 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:

Form	Tutor	Form Room	Head of Year and SSO
7BX	M Wade	B19	Mr D Kesterton and Mr T Akum
7BY	Ruth Taylor	E9	
7CX	D Sullivan	B22	
7CY	K MacLean	M30	
7TX	L Gray	E21	
7TY	V Meaney	E17	
8CX	N Ashmore	B11	Miss B Trilloe and Miss L Porter
8TX	A Burrells	E11	
8CY	R Field	E25	
8BX	E Cottle	E1	
8BY	S Haji	K1	
8TY	R Everest	B14	
9CX	G Hill	B21	Mr P Lowe and Miss K Edwards
9TX	M Toseland	B18	
9TY	K Brown	K3	
9BX	G Thomas	E22	
9CY	S Stanway (W Raven Mon and Fri)	E6	
9BY	H James	E16	
10CX	D Griliopoulos	B16	Mr P Lowe and Miss M Mahmood
10TX	E Boyle	B10	
10TY	M Taylor (S Nash Thur and Fri)	E13	
10CY	K Billingham	E20	
10BX	L Walton	M33	
10BY	T Owen	E5	
11BX	D Miles	M34	Mr C Chilton and Mrs N Sutton
11TX	L O'Reilly	B23	
11CX	W Evanson	E4	
11TY	A Hodgkiss	B17	
11BY	Z Healy	E2	
11CY	T Reda	E12	

## House activities

The new programme of activities for this half term is out and students can design a flag, participate in the singing competition or design a mask for drama. As usual attendance and effort will be rewarded as well as our accelerated readers. Congratulations to Cadbury who won the House cup last half term.

## House competition winners

Well done to Lexie in 7TY and Demi in 8TX for winning the Literacy Vocabulary Bookmark competition!

Well done to Cameron in 7BX and Jacob in 8TX for winning the Harry Potter World Book Day Word Treasure Hunt!

You will receive your prizes in next week's assembly!



## Drama Performance

Congratulations to all members of Bournville School Drama Club for their fantastic performance of 'The Twits' this week!



## Attendance and Punctuality

**Ms A Jones has been appointed as our new Student Attendance Officer.** Ms Jones will be writing regularly for In The Know to give parents and carers key updates:

Working alongside other key members of the school, our aim together is to improve levels of attendance and punctuality across the whole school and enable students to build good habits for life.

As part of the school's attendance strategy I will be communicating regularly on all areas of attendance to raise awareness and importance of good attendance. I will inform parents/carers of

the schools' expectations, policies and procedures and I will be keeping you informed of current attendance figures and actions to improve attendance regularly.

There can be many reasons for students not attending school on a regular basis or arriving on time consistently. I am here to support both students and parents/carers to implement strategies to improve towards and maintain excellent attendance and punctuality. Regular school attendance is essential if students are to achieve their full potential, this maximises their educational opportunities - lost days due to absence can greatly impact their progress.

Please feel free to contact me in school to discuss any concerns regarding attendance or absences. The expectation is that students attend on time, every day. I look forward to speaking to and meeting with many parents and carers in the coming months. My email is: [Jones.A@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Jones.A@bournville.bham.sch.uk).

**A Jones - Student Attendance Officer**

### **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](mailto:tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk)

### **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

- Year 7 parents' evening will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 4:30pm and 7pm. Parents / carers can make appointments via the school website: <http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- Once again there has been some outstanding work and effort being demonstrated in Year 7 lessons which has resulted in a large number of students receiving griffins for their efforts. At present we have 56 students who have achieved over 100 griffins in Year 7 since September.
- On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, year 7 students will learn about careers in technology at the STEM Roadshow with visitors from BAE systems, the Navy and RAF.

## YEAR 8

- On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, year 8 students will learn about careers in technology at the STEM Roadshow with visitors from BAE systems, the Navy and RAF.

## YEAR 9

- Revision guides for a number of subjects are available to buy on Parent Pay.
- On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, year 9 students will take part in the Speak Out challenge. The session will focus on improving students' confidence in public speaking.

## YEAR 10

- Year 10 mock exams will take place between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Students have been issued with an exam timetable, and they should check Show my Homework regularly for support with their revision.
- 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 11

- Period 6 lessons will resume on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- The final payment for Prom is due on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. All payments can be made via Parent Pay.
- Year 11 students can use SAM Learning to revise for their exams. The website is: [www.samlearning.com](http://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.
- Mrs Matto, our Independent Careers Advisor, is available for any Year 11 to speak to during break or lunch time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.