



INTHEKNOW

24th May 2019



2019-20 Student Leadership Team: Head Boy, Arman Ayubi and Head Girl, Courtney Wells!

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Following this year's student leadership elections, I have great pleasure in announcing the 2019/20 Student Leadership Team. Head Boy and Head Girl are Arman Ayubi and Courtney Wells who will be assisted by Deputy Head Boy Yassin Ur Rahman and Deputy Head Girl Maryan Kadhum. The quality of applicants for these prestigious roles was particularly high this year and I would also like to congratulate runners up who impressed me greatly throughout the selection process. I am looking forward to working with them all along with the year 11 prefects over the course of the coming year.

That leads me to thanking the 2018/19 Head Boy and Head Girl, Jacob Rose and Chelsea Guy, who along with the wider student leadership team have been fantastic ambassadors for Bournville School. Their energy, drive and commitment have greatly enhanced the lives of the wider school community who have taken part in and enjoyed many fund-raising events and activities they have organised over the course of the last year.

With literacy continuing to be a huge focus at Bournville, I am thrilled to announce that we have another three Accelerated Reader Millionaires. As the title suggests, the following students have each read in excess of one million words during the course of this academic year which is, as I am sure you will agree, no mean feat! Warmest congratulations go to Christian-Stefan Serea-8BY, Anaia Sheldon-8BX and Alex Machlaj-7CX.

Following the successful completion of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition our Bronze award students are taking part in their expedition this weekend. I'm sure they will be equally as successful and hope that the weather is kind to them and the accompanying staff.

Year 11 students are now part way through their GCSE examinations and have, up until now, been attending their timetabled lessons every day. With the exception of exams and revision classes, Year 11 students are no longer required to attend timetabled lessons after the half term break.

You will be aware by now that the school is closed to all students, including those in primary on Friday 21st June 2019 for staff training and will be again on Friday 5th July.

Students are reminded that blazers are a compulsory part of school uniform that they are expected to wear at all times. They can also wear an optional Bournville School jumper if they wish to do so but this must not be worn in place of the blazer.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

All Year Group Section

INSET days:

School will be closed to all students on Friday 21st June and Friday 5th July for staff training.

Uniform Borrowing

The expectation is that students arrive every day in school uniform. Students who need to borrow an item of uniform will find that the 'Uniform Exchange' room in the Morris building will close at 8.30 each day from Monday 3rd June.

Therefore, if students do not have an item of uniform and wish to borrow a blazer, tie or shoes in the rare event they should not have theirs, they will need to visit the room before 8.30 to ensure they are ready for school. Uniform is checked every day by their form tutor and students can expect to receive a sanction if wearing incorrect uniform by 8.40 when their tutor time session begins.

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 Miss Porter
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	R Sandhu	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	J Burton	E26	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	

Social Time

Thank you to parents and carers who came along to the recent Parent Forum discuss the planned proposal to add additional activities for students at break and lunch. This week, we have been seeking the views of students on any activities they feel we can offer to them at break and lunch. In the next In The Know, we will be able to reveal all of the planned opportunities for students to participate in at social times. If you or your child feel, you would like to suggest any ideas in the meantime, please email: barton.j@bournville.bham.sch.uk

Healthy Eating: Reminder

As we previously informed parents and students, as part of our healthy lifestyles strategy, certain unhealthy foods are not allowed in school.

- Drinks with added sugar (including energy drinks)
- Packets of biscuits.
- Sweets.
- Any take-away foods such as pizza, McDonalds, KFC etc.
- Large "sharing size" packets of chocolate.
- Large "sharing size" packets of crisps.

Any of the above foods brought onto school premises will be removed and thrown away, so please ensure that if your child has a packed lunch that it does not include the above foods.

Help to Save

We would like to make parents aware of the government's new Help to Save scheme. Help to Save is designed to help working people on low incomes to build up their savings, and includes a tax-free bonus from the government of up to 50%. Savers can pay in from £1 to £50 each calendar month. Customers making the maximum deposit of £2,400 over four years without making withdrawals will receive government bonuses of £1,200. Please search online for Help To Save.

Future's Fortnight



The poster for Bournville School's Year 10 Futures Fortnight 2019 features a central illustration of a white rocket with orange fins and a blue window, launching upwards against a blue sky with white clouds. The text on the poster includes the school name 'BOURNVILLE SCHOOL', 'YEAR 10 FUTURES FORTNIGHT 17 - 28 JUNE 2019', and a list of activities: CV WORKSHOP, POST 16 CAREERS (STUDENTS & PARENTS), MOCK INTERVIEW DAY, and COLLEGE TASTER DAYS. At the bottom, it says 'Look out for further details.'

Year 10 Events:

Wednesday 5th June - 30 students visiting Cadbury Sixth Form College

Tuesday 18th June – CV Workshop,
All year 10 students will produce a CV that they can use in the future, and at the mock interview day.

Tuesday 25th June - Mock Interview Morning
All students will take part in a one on one mock interview, with an external employer to practice their interview skills.
Students will be able to attend school in smart work wear.

Wednesday 26th June – 30 students visiting Halesowen College.

Year 9 Events:

Tuesday 11th June - All year 9 students will be invited to attend Newman University to experience life as a university student. The day will involve an introduction to higher education, a campus tour, an insight into student life as well as information about finance.

Sportswriter of the Year competition

Students in Y7 entered our internal version of the Guardian Sportswriter of the Year Competition. Thank you to the PE Department for supporting literacy and extended writing with this opportunity for students.

We were overwhelmed by the number of excellent entries and they were of a high quality showing students' enthusiasm for sport. The winners have already had postcards and Griffins awarded by the PE department. There will be an additional prize for the winners given out in the end of year assemblies.

Our winners (in no particular order):

- Kiera Atherton – writing about Pippa Funnell the Olympic Horse Eventing Champion
- Esta Bradely – The Champion's League Miracle about the Liverpool-Barcelona match.
- Nikkita O'Malley – Liverpool's Great Escape about the Liverpool –Barcelona match.

Special mentions for excellent work go to:

- Macey Brinkworth – Football commentaries through the decades.
- Tara Neels – Serena Williams: Tennis
- Teo Wheldon – Eddie the Eagle: Ski-jumping
- Dotto Wheldon – Lin Dan: Badminton

Alex Rider Residential

These students in Year 7 and Year 8 are our most improved readers, and will have the opportunity to attend the Alex Rider YHA trip because they have shown enormous commitment to their reading and excellent improvement – well done! As a part of our drive to encourage students to read fiction as widely as possible, we have chosen 14 students, who have recently excelled in reading and made an improvement, to take part in a trip as a reward for their effort. The trip is to the Wye Valley where students will take part in a two day Alex Rider themed Spy Training Mission run by the Youth Hostel Association.

Alex Rider is the hero of a series of Anthony Horowitz spy themed novels. On the trip students will have the chance to take part in reading themed spy training activities which will be exciting and link to their reading of the novels. They will each be presented with a copy of the novel, and will then take part in archery (run by Team Great Britain Archers), code breaking, orienteering, and bush craft (building shelters and learning survival skills). All of these activities will be run by experienced instructors from the YHA who have Learning Outside The Classroom certification, and students will also be accompanied by two teachers from Bournville. We hope you agree that this is an excellent chance to experience new things and encourage reading.

Y7

- Frank Morris
- Liam Mason
- Qais Almasari
- Kian Mackenzie
- Destiny Smith
- Alana James-Harris
- Courtney Slimm

Y8

- Anaia Sheldon
- Tegan Anne Butler
- Lamia Powell
- Alex Boicenco
- Jacob Williams
- Aashir Mirza
- Dylan Rosete

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The dates for the Bronze and Silver expeditions are below:

Bronze Expedition Dates:

25th – 26th May 2019 (practice expedition) in the Blackwell area

6th – 7th July 2019 (qualifying expedition) in the Upton Warren area

Silver Expedition Dates:

21st – 23rd June 2019 (qualifying expedition) Long Mynd

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

- Year 7 exams will take place in the week beginning 1st July.
- Congratulations to all of the Year 7 students who are continuing to make further progress in their academic studies. I have been really impressed with students' contribution to lessons and I know that this will be reflected in the Year 7 exams which are due to take place in later in the summer term. I have also been really pleased with the standard of homework that is being submitted by many of our students, and this was particularly evident in the recent Sports Writer of the Year competition which was organised on behalf of the Guardian newspaper. A further example of the dedicated and conscientious approach shown by many of our students has resulted in a selection of students being chosen to attend a residential trip later in the academic year. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our students to continue to show the commitment and hard work needed to excel as additional rewards will be given to those who continue to strive for success. Mr Kesterton, Head of Year 7

YEAR 8

- Year 8 exams will take place in the week beginning 24th June 2019. Students should Check Show my Homework for revision material.

YEAR 9

- Year 9 mock exams will take place in the week beginning 17th June 2019. Students should check Show my Homework for revision material. Students have been given a copy of their exam timetable.
- There are revision guides available for the Year 9 mock exams on Parent Pay. Revision guides can be collected from the admin office.
- There will be a Rewards Trip for Year 9 students on Thursday 18th July. The top 20 students based on attendance, progress and rewards will be invited on the trip which will be to the cinema and to go bowling. Please encourage your child to log any griffin stickers they may have.
- **Year 9 Broadening Horizons Day** - Pupils in year 9 took part in a Broadening Horizons day held at Edgbaston Cricket Ground. Aimhigher Plus put on this event to help pupils understand what it takes to be successful in the world of work, as well as exposing pupils to new careers. Our pupils completed a mock assessment centre, where a series of challenges tested some of the key skills needed to get a job. Pupils completed logic puzzles, collected key information as well as putting their handshakes to the test. In addition, year 9 pupils completed a careers carousel, talking to many individuals from some very interesting careers. The year 9 pupils who attended came away with a greater knowledge of the world of work and were a credit to the school.

YEAR 10

- Year 10 Milestone Assessments will take place in the week beginning 10th June 2019. Students should check Show my Homework for revision material.
- There will be a Rewards Trip for Year 10 students on Thursday 18th July. The top 20 students based on attendance, progress and rewards will be invited on the trip which will be to the cinema and to go bowling. Please encourage your child to log any griffin stickers they may have.
- **Year 10 Careers in TV and the Media Day** - 8 Year 10 pupils were tasked with the challenge of creating a short film highlighting the advantages of university to their peers. Our pupils worked hard before the sessions to plan their short film and allocate roles for the filming day. On the day, year 10 attended a university level lecture about audio-visual illusions as well as filming and editing their work with a professional film crew. The final piece was both professional and creative. The film was screened in the media studio at the University of Birmingham. Pupils demonstrated their ability to work to a brief as a team as well as learning that a career in TV and media is so much broader than acting.

YEAR 11

- If students have any revision guides that they no longer need, can they please be returned to school so that they can be passed on and used again by other students.
- If students have a PE kit that they no longer need, can they please be passed on to the PE department.
- After Leavers Assembly, we would like to ask students to donate their tie and blazer if they no longer need them, so they can be used by other students.
- Students only need to attend school for their exams. However, please support your child by checking their exam timetable, so they are on time for all exams. Students must sign in and out of school, and they must use Bronte reception.
- If students would prefer to revise in school after half term, B35 will be open as a supervised quiet study space.
- Shirt signing is not to be done until after the exams as students will not be allowed into an exam if they have writing on their clothing. We will make time prior to the leaving assembly if students wish to do this.
- Leavers Assembly is on Tuesday 25th June at 3pm. Prom tickets and hoodies will be handed out at the end of the assembly.
- Prom is on Friday 28th June at the Botanical Gardens. Students should arrive from 6:30pm for a 7pm start.

