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13<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Year 11 Results Day 2019

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to all Bournville students, staff and their families. I do hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Of course many staff remained on site during the holidays and several major improvement projects were undertaken including a refurbishment of the girls' gym and changing area, new IT equipment in several classrooms and new windows on the front elevation of Bronte.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> our Year 11 students and their families came into school to collect their GCSE results. This was a joyous occasion for most and their teachers were on hand to congratulate them on their achievements and share in the celebrations. For the few students who experienced disappointment, pastoral staff were also on hand to offer advice and guidance and liaise with further education providers to secure places on alternative courses for our learners.

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, all staff returned to school to take part in two training days in preparation for the new academic year. We received a number of interesting and informative presentations from school leaders and were also fortunate to have a speaker from Pivotal Education providing training in building positive relationships. Colleagues from History, Geography and Languages benefitted from attending Trust-wide training which took place at Erdington Academy.

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, we welcomed back students in years 8 to 11 and welcomed for the first time our new Year 7 cohort. I am delighted to report that all students have settled well and quickly into school life and have enjoyed a happy and productive first few days.

We must now ensure that the impressive standards of punctuality, uniform, behaviour and attitudes to learning we are seeing are maintained throughout the course of the year. Parents, please support us by ensuring your children arrive to school on time, wearing correct uniform and correctly equipped.

This year we have altered our social times offer and introduced two 30 minute breaks rather than a short break and longer lunchtime. The primary reason for this is to ensure students have adequate time to eat and digest the food they purchase at morning break. To enhance the social times experience, we have introduced a significant number of activities for students to take part in during these times including sporting opportunities, computing, board games, dance and many more. Student feedback so far is very positive.

Our next major event is Open Evening which will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September followed by Open Mornings on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. We will be asking our students to take part in these events by acting as guides and ambassadors for the school and will shortly be sending out letters seeking your permission.

### **All Year Group Section**

#### **Open Evening: Early closure**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, school will close to secondary students at 12:30pm. There will be hot food available in the canteen during first break (11:00-11:30am), and any students who are entitled to a free school meal can have a meal at this time.

#### **Social time activities:**

Using some school fund, we have purchased some sports equipment to loan out to students during break 1 and break 2. This includes footballs, basketballs, netballs and table tennis bats and balls.

We are really pleased to see so many students requesting this equipment already and using it in a positive way to work together to play sport and get some exercise in their social time. All they have to do is meet the member of staff at the equipment store on Bronte patio and sign the equipment out, returning it 5 minutes before the end of break.

Therefore, from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, we are asking students not to bring in their own sports equipment (e.g. footballs and basketballs).

In addition to this, we have some organised activities that students from all year groups can turn up to in second break. This includes:

- Board games in M30 on Mondays
- Computer access in E23 on Tuesdays
- Computer access in K1 on Wednesdays
- Product design (modelling) in E9 on Thursdays
- Dance club in Elgar Hall or board games in M30 on Fridays

We hope that students engage in these opportunities and we would love to hear about any other activities they would like to see running in social times too.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning:**

Our Year 11 Charity Leader Prefects will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Any donations for the cake sale will be greatly appreciated (no nuts), and all cakes can be handed in to the student leadership room on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Magic Breakfast:**

A reminder that FREE breakfast bagels are available for all students in the canteen each morning between 8.00 and 8.30.

### **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:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Head of Year</b>	<b>Student Support Officer</b>
7	Mr Kesterton	Mrs Sutton
8	Miss Trilloe	Mrs Sutton
9 and 10	Mr Chilton	Miss Porter
11	Mr Lowe	Miss Edwards

### **New House Badges:**

We have invested in new 'iron on' house badges for this year, given that so many students have unfortunately lost their house pin badges. We hope that a simple 'iron on' badge will be easy to affix to your son or daughter's school blazer pocket and therefore a longer lasting method of showing a student's house identity.

However, there will be some instructions issued in order that your iron does not damage your school blazer and that it is placed in the correct position which is the same for all students. We will have a drop in area for students who would find it easier to have ironed on at school. More details to follow.

## **Behaviour and Standards: 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'**

Since returning to school this term, we have been speaking to students about 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. Our Code of Conduct is clear and on our website - we are not a school with endless rules; we operate on 3 core principles. It is important that you talk to your child about their responsibilities to ensure they meet these simple expectations and you support the school so that your child can succeed. We will challenge any conduct that does not show that our students are being 'ready, respectful and safe'. Some guidance is below (from our Behaviour Policy) in accordance with our school values:

### **Ready**

- Wear correct and smart uniform at all times - our policy is online.
- 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, every time'.
- 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 calmly and purposefully.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself, respecting others' space.

### **Uniform:**

Please be reminded that school shoes should be made of polishable black material without logos.

Also, small pouches should not be used in place of proper school bags as they are not appropriate for carrying the equipment students require. A Bournville school bag is available to purchase, or students can use their own rucksack.

Here are some examples of the bags that are not allowed in school:



### **Attendance:**

In the case of illness parents must contact the school either by telephone (0121 475 3881) or email [attendance@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@bournville.bham.sch.uk)

In the case of medical absence, parents must phone to school to inform them of their child's appointment or bring the appointment card to school. We would encourage parents to make routine doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours or during the school holidays where possible.

## Parking:

We would like to politely remind parents to 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.

We 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.

## MyEd Mobile App - have you downloaded it yet?

We would encourage you to download our mobile app for parents and carers if you have not already done so by searching for 'My Ed' on your mobile's app store.

You can:

- Find out the dates of all important events such as Parents' Evenings
- See the latest school newsletters and blogs from the Head of Academy
- Track your child's Griffins and see their current attendance
- Report any absence for FREE
- Connect with the school via social media
- Access all homework for your child on the Show My Homework calendar
- Report any issues of bullying directly to the senior team
- Book your Parents' Evening appointments
- Buy Bournville uniform online
- Apply directly for free school meals

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**MY Ed THE PARENT APP**

"MyEd", an app aimed at parents, can be downloaded onto a smartphone and/or tablet. It provides access to a wide range of quick and effective communication relating to the Academy your child attends.

If you are registered as the main contact for your child, you can also receive specific information relating to them.

In preparation for the new term we are encouraging parents to download the app now.

**HOW TO DOWNLOAD**

1. Ensure that the Academy has your correct mobile number and email address.
2. Via your app/play store, search for the "MyEd" app and download it onto your smartphone.
3. Once installed, tap the "MyEd" icon to open the app.
4. Search for your Academy, then click 'select' next to the Academy name.
5. Fill in your full name, mobile number and email address.
6. To enable the 'My Students' section of the app (which provides specific information concerning your child), the mobile phone number must be the same as the one held on the Academy database.
7. You will then receive a text message with a security code. Enter this code on the following screen and provide a password as requested to complete the app setup.

**WHY?**

- Improves communication between the Academy and Parents
- Significantly reduces administrative workloads and offers cost savings on text messaging and postage
- To replace non-essential communication currently either texted or posted home, to the free notifications sent through the parent app

NB: My Ed will not replace current procedures relating to parental communication for absence, pastoral and safeguarding issues.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE:**

**MY SCHOOL:** key dates, news, school information

**MY STUDENT:** attendance, forms, achievement

**FREE MESSAGING:** send a free instant message to the Academy e.g. to inform us of student absence

**WHEN?**

The app is fully live and available to download now.

[www.myedschoolapp.com](http://www.myedschoolapp.com)

## Show my Homework:

As a reminder, all homework is set via Show my Homework. Students should log in regularly to check their homework tasks. The web address for Show my Homework is:

<https://www.satchelone.com/login>

### **PiXL Unlock Student App:**

PiXL Unlock is an app which helps students to improve their vocabulary across a range of subject areas. The app is a fun way for students to improve their progress across the curriculum. A wide vocabulary and understanding of word families is crucial for GCSE success. Students will be set vocabulary homework tasks to complete by their subject teachers. Students can either download the app to any device, or can access it via a computer. All they need to do is go to this website and download the app for their chosen device:

<https://vocab.pixl.org.uk/Vocabulary.html>

Students have been issued login details for PiXL Unlock:

- School ID: BV977
- User ID: surnameforename (e.g. ScroogeEbenezer or BirlingArthur)
- Password: Password

Students can use the app on the computers in the school library before school, after school, and at break times. Students are not permitted to use the app on their phones whilst at school.

### **Detention Changes:**

As you will be aware, we have operated a "same day detention" policy for a number of years, whereby students who receive a "red" (or two "ambers") will receive an after-school detention for half an hour. Currently students receive a half hour detention whether they receive one red or more. We have made some changes to this which are outlined below:

- Each red detention will now last twenty minutes, up to a maximum of one hour each day. Therefore, a student who receives one red will attend detention for twenty minutes, while a student who received three reds would attend for an hour.
- Students who miss their detention will go into detention at break time. Repeatedly missing after school detentions will result in further sanctions (for example, for Year 11 students, access to Prom would be restricted).
- Students who are late to school will also receive a break time detention the same day.

### **Punctuality To School:**

Please ensure that your child is on site for 8.35 as the Griffins Brook Lane entrance and student entrance on Hay Green Lane will close promptly. Any students arriving after 8.35 will be marked as late and our procedure is for them to sit a break time detention. We hope you will support the school by ensuring your child is on time.

### **Medical:**

If your child has a medical condition, please contact Mrs E Jones by email [Jones.E@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Jones.E@bournville.bham.sch.uk) to arrange to discuss your child's requirements as appropriate. If your child has prescribed medicines, please contact Mrs Jones (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

- On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, year 7 students will complete a baseline assessment in English and maths.
- There will be a Year 7 tutor evening on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 4:30pm-6:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor and discuss how their child is settling into school. Parents and carers will shortly be able to make appointments via the following link:  
<http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- This half term, Year 7 are going to be reading 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman in their Accelerated Reader lessons.
- We are taking part in Book Buzz which means all year 7 students have been given the opportunity to choose a free reading book from a choice of 17 titles. The list of books available can be found here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>
- Year 7 students will shortly be receiving a letter about a trip to see 'Private Peaceful' at The Old Rep on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The cost of the trip is £17, and tickets can be purchased on Parent Pay.

## YEAR 8

- This term, Year 8 are going to be reading 'One' by Sarah Crossan in their Accelerated Reader lessons.
- We are taking part in Book Buzz which means all year 8 students have been given the opportunity to choose a free reading book from a choice of 17 titles. The list of books available can be found here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>

## YEAR 9

- Year 9 booster vaccinations are scheduled to take place in the upcoming weeks. Please could parents look out for a consent form from the immunisations team and ensure it is returned to the admin team at school at the earliest possible convenience.

## YEAR 10

- Year 10 Milestone assessments will take place in the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October. Students should check Show my Homework for resources to support them in their revision for these assessments.
- Year 10 are currently studying 'A Christmas Carol' in their English Literature lessons. If parents or carers would like to buy a revision guide for their child, they are available on Parent Pay for £2.75 instead of the recommended retail price of £5.95.

## YEAR 11

- Year 11 are currently studying 'Macbeth' in their English Literature lessons. If parents or carers would like to buy a revision guide for their child, they are available on Parent Pay for £2.75 instead of the recommended retail price of £5.95.