



# INTHEKNOW

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019



**Our Student Leadership Team handing over donations for the B30 Food Bank**

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Welcome to the first edition of In the Know 2019!

Before breaking up for a well-deserved rest, students and staff embraced the spirit of the festive season by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day and raising funds for their respective House Charities. They also showed their concern for local families less fortunate than themselves by generously donating an impressive amount of food and consumables to the B30 Foodbank which was collected on the last day of term and distributed in time to help struggling families to have a more enjoyable Christmas.

Staff returned to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January where they received training in a number of areas including the topic of mental health. This was a very informative presentation which outlined how staff can identify, respond to and support students who may be experiencing low mood or mental health issues.

Students returned to school on Tuesday and have settled in well to the demands of the new term. All Year groups have received assemblies reminding them of expectations around standards of conduct in and around school and when representing Bournville out in the community.

Year 11 received their mock GCSE results on Tuesday during an event which recreated the experience they will have when they receive their genuine results in August. Mrs Yarker delivered an assembly beforehand which focused on the importance of hard work and preparation during the coming weeks and months in order to maximise the chances of examination success.

On Thursday, Elevate returned to school to deliver another session to Year 11 to support them with devising revision timetables and a range of revision strategies. Student feedback was really positive and all considered it to be really helpful and worthwhile.

Finally, parents are reminded that the school car park is for the use of staff and visitors to the school and is not to be driven into when dropping off or picking up children. Despite having been asked not to, a number of parents are continuing to park in the school carpark which poses a risk to the safety of pupils. To prevent this situation from continuing, I have appointed a member of staff to ensure the gates remain closed at the start and end of the school day with access only to authorised vehicles. Please park considerately elsewhere ensuring that you are not blocking the driveways of our neighbours. Thank you to majority of parents and carers who always have been and continue to be co-operative in this matter.

## **All Year Group Section**

### **School website**

Unfortunately, our school website is not working at the moment due to technical difficulties beyond our control.

### **Uniform Standards**

We have had a number of students arrive after the Christmas holidays missing items of uniform. Parents/carers have been alerted via text message if their child was not meeting our high uniform standards on the first day back. A reminder to all that blazers and ties can be purchased online from Clive Mark or from the Kings Heath store and that our policy on shoes is clear.

Similarly, we would like to remind parents and carers of our policy on traditional hairstyles for students which is again part of our uniform policy and available online.

## **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

## **House update:**

Congratulations to Boulton House who earned the most points last half term and were awarded the House Cup in the end of term assembly. Mr Summers praised those students who entered house competitions as it was their points which just edged Boulton ahead of Tolkien and Cadbury. Last term House Charities were decided on and thank you to those students who wore a Christmas jumper to fundraise for Mind, Crisis and Water Aid. Another highlight was seeing Daniel Wallach of Tolkien House being awarded a bicycle to celebrate his 100% attendance. This half term students should look out for the new House competition list which will be out next week and includes a singing competition! Once again there will be a variety of activities to appeal to all tastes and we encourage students to get involved.

## **Top Griffin Earners in the Last Two Weeks**

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

Dawit Betlehem - 7TY  
Maryam Kadum - 10CY  
James Harvey - 9BX  
Chelsea Smith - 10CX  
Salwan Alnor - 8TY  
Lisa Wang - 8CX  
Abdul Mohammed - 8TY  
Samantha Barte - 7CX  
Rianna Ralphs - 7CY  
Emily Williams - 10TY



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.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to Daniel in Year 10 who won the 100% attendance prize of a GT Racer bike for having 100% attendance for the second half term of the year. All other students who had 100% attendance for this period have received a special 100% Attendance Griffin.

Even if your attendance has not been 100% for the year, we began our new competition on 8th January 2019 and 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.

In comparison to last year, the number of students late to school has reduced significantly- more students are arriving for 8.35am and that is the expectation. The pastoral team will continue to support students with strategies to arrive to school on time. 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 Elaine Tisdell, our Safeguarding officer, or email her at: [tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk](mailto:tisdell.e@bournville.bham.sch.uk)

### 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	Mrs Sutton and Mr Akum
8	Miss Trilloe	Miss Porter
9 and 10	Mr Lowe	Miss Porter (year 9), Miss Mahmood (year 10)
11	Mr Chilton	Miss Mahmood

### 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

- This term, Year 7 students will be reading 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd in their Accelerated Reader lessons.
- Message from Mr Kesterton: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Year 7 students and congratulate them on successful first term at Bournville School. The vast majority of students have adapted well to the transition from primary to secondary school. I have been fortunate to visit lots of year 7 lessons throughout the autumn term, and I have been pleased with the level of effort and enthusiasm demonstrated in lessons. During the last week of the autumn term, Bournville School recognised and celebrated the successes of a large number of Year 7 students. These students have received and accumulated a large number of griffin stickers for their effort in lessons, conduct in school and commitment to extra-curricular activities, qualities that embody our core values. These students have now received additional griffin badges which recognises their dedication, perseverance and commitment.

### YEAR 8

- This term, Year 8 students will be reading 'The Boy at the Top of the Mountain' by John Boyne in their Accelerated Reader lessons.
- Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 4:30-7pm. Appointments can be online via this link: <http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- Year 8 Options Evening will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Parents / carers will shortly receive a letter with more details.
- Miss Boyle is running a trip for 41 Year 8 students to see 'Noughts and Crosses' the play at Derby theatre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. A letter will be sent home next week with details about the trip.
- Message from Mrs Meaney: This half term in Careers, the focus for Year 8 is planning for their future. As the students will soon be starting to choose their options, they will need to be thinking about where their options will lead them. What career are they aiming for? What qualifications will they need in order to get onto the right college course for that career? This important choice for year 8 students has been discussed with them in PSHE and there will be more information coming to parents in the near future. In order for the students to think about these choices in greater detail, the Careers department have organised a 'What's my job event?' on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Year 8 students will be meeting five different professionals and hearing all about their careers in order to inspire and motivate them to aim for what they want in their future. Students will be able to ask these professionals a range of questions in order for them to get the information they need to be what they want to be.

- Revision guides for a number of subjects are available to buy on Parent Pay.
- Well done to the following students for achieving 100% attendance in the autumn term:

Ahmed, Laiba  
Ahmed-Clarke, Aysha  
Cavoski Murphy, Luka  
Connolly, Madison  
Cooley, Megan  
Douglas, Olivia  
Finnegan, Olivia  
Flanagan, Connor  
Greenway, Katy  
Harrigan, K'zariah  
Harris- McCorley, Dylan  
Harvey, James  
Haywood, Chievo  
Henry-Graham, Monet  
Ho, Owen  
Kader, Damoon  
Largie, Kalyani  
Lemmon, William  
Lewis, Holly  
McNamara, Abby  
Mooney, Eamon  
Murray, James  
Osman Yakubu, Didad-Wunam  
Wallis, Sophie

YEAR 10

- 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.
- Well done to the following students for achieving 100% attendance in the autumn term:

Ali, Qasim  
Ayubi, Arman  
Barte, David  
Brown, Tyler  
Bryant, George  
Charalampou, Ioanna  
Collins, Frances  
Dainter, Robyn  
Elias, Yassin  
Grocott, Lewis  
Hope, Marc  
Irving, Mia  
Kadhun, Maryam  
Kinrade, Ella  
Koravand, Tiam  
Leung, Ka Ho  
Marchant, Emily  
Mirza, Hira  
Ndlovu, Lwazilwandile  
Parijat, Shamat  
Siddique-Bowman, Lamisa  
Smith, Chelsea  
Spinerova, Viktoria  
Thoinet, Joffrey  
Wallace, Laura  
Wallach, Daniel  
Wells, Courtney  
Woodfield, Aaron  
Yao, Harry

YEAR 11

- Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 4.30-7pm.
- Year 11 Milestone Assessment week will begin on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Students should use Show my Homework to support their revision for their Milestone Assessments.
- Year 11 mock exam fortnight will take place between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Mrs Matto, our Independent Careers Advisor, is available for any Year 11 to speak to during break or lunch time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Mr Thomas is running a trip for 45 Year 11 students to see 'Macbeth' at the Wolverhampton Grand on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. A letter will be sent home next week with more details about the trip. This is an excellent opportunity to see one of their set texts in performance.