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10th October 2019



The Senior Netball Team

Message from Mrs Cottle:



It was wonderful to be able to congratulate our girls' senior netball team on their three resounding victories last week, all against strong teams fielded by local schools. The score lines in two of the matches were particularly impressive with the girls winning 19-4 against Selly Park, 21-6 against Bartley Green, and 17-4 against Hillcrest. Their sense of team spirit and sportspersonship really shone through as did their commitment to the Trust value of dedication by attending frequent practice and coaching sessions delivered by the PE team. Talking of P.E., I am really looking forward to next week's FMAT Winter Games in which sports enthusiasts from all four FMAT schools will take part in a range of competitive sports at the fantastic Birmingham University sports facility.

On Monday we welcomed the parents of our new Year 7 pupils to meet with their Head of Year, Mr Kesterton and the Year 7 tutor team. The evening was really well attended and feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive when asked about their children's experience of Bournville so far. To begin Black History Month, assemblies last week were written and delivered by our Student Leadership Team who talked passionately about the importance of celebrating cultural diversity within our school community and beyond. Our Macmillan Coffee Morning not only provided an opportunity to eat some delicious cakes but also raised £156.93 for this deserving charity. On Thursday pupils from Year 6 and Year 7 went to see a production of Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed this quality performance and, as is always the case, pupils' behaviour was exemplary.

I am delighted to announce that the Free Bookbuzz books have now been ordered for all students in Years 7 and 8 to support them in developing their literacy skills and encouraging a love of reading. As you are aware, we believe that developing good literacy skills is incredibly important and reading is at the heart of our curriculum right from Year Reception. To support pupils to develop their vocabulary we have launched the PiXL Unlock app which is free to all users and should ideally be used on a daily basis by all pupils. The final piece of literary news is that, following the highly successful Alex Rider trip last summer, an opportunity to take part in the June 2020 Alex Rider Mission Briefing has now been launched. This is available to all students in Y7 and Y8 who show a passionate commitment to reading by the end of next half term. Get reading and watch this space for further details!

Finally, thank you to those of you who have already ironed on the new house badges to pupils' blazers. Our pupils show their commitment to the school value of tradition by displaying their house identity on their blazer pockets and by wearing their uniforms with pride each day.

All Year Group Section

Blood Brothers GCSE Drama Trip

Students in Y10 were given the fantastic opportunity to see an evening performance of Blood Brothers at the Birmingham Hippodrome, organised by our Drama department. The trip was a huge success and students were excellent ambassadors for our school and its values.

Students were thoroughly immersed in the show, an experience which is critical for their upcoming GCSE.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

We raised £156.43 for charity at our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September.



PiXL Unlock:

PiXL Unlock is an app which helps students to improve their vocabulary across a range of subject areas. Students will be set vocabulary homework tasks to complete. Students can either download the app to a Smartphone or tablet, or they can access PiXL Unlock via this website:

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

PiXL have changed the format of student logins to be as follows:

- School ID: BV977
- User ID: surnamefirstinitial (e.g. Ebenezer Scrooge would be Scroogee. or Arthur Birling would be birlinga)
- Password: Password

Show my Homework:

Lots of useful revision materials have been uploaded for Yr11 revision for Mock Exams and for Yr10 for their Milestones. 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>

Careers Fair:

There will be a careers fair in Elgar Hall on Tuesday 15th October. Students will have a fantastic opportunity to ask a wide range of employers questions about future careers.

Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable:

DAY AND DATE	MONDAY 11 th November	TUESDAY 12 th November	WEDNESDAY 13 th November	THURSDAY 14 th November	FRIDAY 15 th November
9.00 – 11.00	English Language 1hr 45 mins 9.00- 10.45	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30 mins 9.00– 10.30	Biology (Triple) 1hr 45mins 9am – 10.30 Combined Science (Biology) 1 hr – 15mins 9.00– 10.15	English Literature 1hr (Macbeth) 9.00– 10.00 English Literature 45 minutes (Power & Conflict Poetry) (10.05 – 10.50)	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30 mins 9.00– 10.30
Break 1 11.00 – 11.25					
11.25-13.20	French and Spanish Writing Higher 1 hr 15 mins 11.25 – 12.40 French and Spanish Writing Foundation 1 hour 11.25 – 12.25	Geography Paper 1 1 hr 30mins 11.25 – 12.55	Sports Science 1 hour 11.20– 12.20	Geography Paper 2 1 hr 30mins 11.25– 12.55	Drama 1 hr 30 mins 11.25 – 12.55
Break 2 13.20 – 14.00					
14.00– 15.00	French Listening Higher 50 minutes 14.00 – 14.50 French Listening Foundation 40 minutes	Music Paper 1 1 hour 14.00-15.00	Spanish Listening Foundation 40 mins 14.00 – 14.40 Spanish Listening Higher 50 mins 14.00 – 14.50		

DAY AND DATE	MONDAY 18 th November	TUESDAY 19 th November	WEDNESDAY 20 th November	THURSDAY 21 st November	FRIDAY 22 nd November
9.00 – 11.00	Chemistry (Triple) 1hr 45mins 9.00– 10.45 Combined Science (Biology) 1 hr – 15mins 9.00– 10.15	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30 mins 9.00 – 10.30	Physics (Triple) 1hr 45mins 9.00 – 10.45 Combined Science (Physics) 1 hr – 15mins 9.00 – 10.15	Product Design 2 hours 9.00– 11.00 RS Paper 1 Philosophy & Ethics 2 hours 9.00 – 11.00	History 2 hours 9.00 – 11.00
Break 1 11.00– 11.25					
11.25 – 13.20	Computer Science Paper 1 1 hr 30mins 11.25 – 12.55	iMedia 1 hr 15mins 11.25 – 12.40	Computer Science Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins 11.25– 12.55	Food Prep & Nutrition 1 hr 45 mins 11.25 – 13.10	Geography Paper 3 1 hr 30mins 11.25 – 12.55
Break 2 13.20 – 14.00					
14.00 – 15.00	French/ Spanish Reading (Higher) 1 hr 14.00 15.00 French/ Spanish Reading (Foundation) 45mins 14.00 – 14.45	RS Paper 2 – Christianity 1 hr 14.00-15.00 Health and Social 1 hr 14.00-15.00	Enterprise 1hr 14.00-15.00		

YEAR 7

- There will be a Halloween themed disco for Y7 students run by our Student Leadership Team. It will be on the last Friday of this half-term and more details will be available soon via form time.
- This half term, Year 7 are going to be reading 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman in their Accelerated Reader lessons.

YEAR 8

- Students in Y8 will get the opportunity to see the play of 'The Boy in the Dress' at the Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon on Wednesday 29th January. The performance of David Walliams' heart-warming comedy includes new songs from Robbie Williams and Guy Chambers. It has been directed by Gregory Doran. We hope that this trip will help to develop students' love of reading as they see one of their favourite stories come to life on stage. Students will leave school by coach at 3.15pm and be back around 8pm. The cost of the trip is £23.50 per person and payment can be made via Parent Pay. Letters will be given out shortly.
- 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

- Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd, Monday 7th, and Thursday 11th October at 3pm on the school field the Senior Netball team will have home matches.

YEAR 10

- Year 10 Milestone assessments will take place in the week commencing 14th October. Students should check Show My Homework for resources to support them in their revision for these assessments.
- Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd, Monday 7th, and Thursday 11th October at 3pm on the school field the Senior Netball team will have home matches.
- Revision Guides for English Literature texts are available on Parent Pay. Yr10 can currently buy 'A Christmas Carol' payment can be made on Parent Pay and the guides, which are just £2.75 each, can be collected by students from Admin in the Morris Building once payment has been made.

YEAR 11

- Year 11 Mock Exams will be taking place between Monday 11th November and Friday 22nd November. There are lots of revision materials available for students on Show My Homework.
- Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday 22nd October 4.00pm – 6.30pm. There will be a GCSE revision preparation presentation for parents and pupils from 3.30-4.00pm led by the Associate Assistant Head Teachers for English, maths and science. There will also be the opportunity to buy any of the relevant English Literature Revision Guides on the night using the Parent Pay app. You can then take them home to begin revising.
- Year 11 students will also benefit from a Walking Talking Mock taking them through each of their examination papers for maths and science in the coming weeks.