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27<sup>th</sup> September 2019



**Year 9 Forward Thinking Trip**

Message from Mrs Cottle:



On Wednesday evening we welcomed the families of prospective pupils into school to join us on our Open Evening to see for themselves what Bournville has to offer and what makes our school community so special. Elgar Hall was packed with families eager to hear about our school ethos and what makes Bournville unique. Year 8 student ambassadors Tom and Macey spoke eloquently about their experiences since joining Bournville and the range of great opportunities available to our students. The audience listened with interest before having an opportunity to have a tour of the school accompanied by student guides. They answered lots of questions and ensured that families were given a chance to visit all faculties and take part in lots of different activities,

typical of the sort of things they might experience on joining Bournville. Our student guides were an absolute credit to the school as were all the students who supported in departments. I know I am biased but I felt incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the course of the evening. They really were excellent ambassadors for the school as were our staff who pulled out all the stops and were, as ever, incredibly warm and welcoming. The feedback we received was extremely positive, both at the end of the evening and in emails of thanks we have since received.

***"I wanted to take the time to email to say what a fantastic open evening that was tonight. The teacher and pupils were really helpful and friendly. The school felt open and spacious, yet warm and welcoming. The pupils were fantastic, impeccably behaved, great knowledge, super polite and represented the school so well. I was thoroughly impressed and hope that my son will secure a place in September 2020. I can't express enough what a credit the pupils were to the school."***

This week we have launched an exciting new strand to our PSHE offer, Character Education. We are very conscious that in order to succeed in modern Britain now, more than ever, young people need to develop qualities and character traits such as resilience, curiosity, empathy, reliability and self-control. Linked to our school values, the character education programme has been launched with staff and students through assemblies and staff training and promises to further strengthen our school ethos and support our students to develop positive attitudes to self and others and to develop attributes and skills to ensure future success and happiness.

On Friday morning we held our first charitable event of the year. Our Macmillan Coffee Morning took place in Elgar Hall at 11am. It was really well attended and students and staff dug deep to support the work of this worthwhile charity. Cakes and sweet treats were enjoyed by all. Thank you to those of you who donated so generously.

I look forward to meeting parents and carers at our Year 7 new Parents' Evening next Tuesday evening. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you make an appointment to meet with your child's form tutor.

## **All Year Group Section**

### **Forward Thinking University Trip**

Students (pictured above) had a fantastic visit to the University of Birmingham as part of the Forward Thinking Programme for students in years 8-11. The aim is to help raise aspirations for students who are the first in their family to attend university. Our students enjoyed chemistry experiments, a lecture on biomedical engineering, and the opportunity to ask university student ambassadors questions about university life.

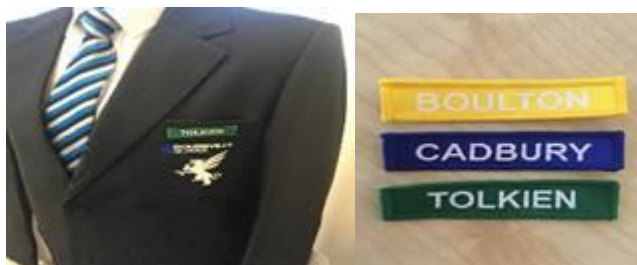
### **Macmillan Coffee Morning:**

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. Cakes will go on sale in Elgar Hall at break so bring your pennies and pounds to support this fantastic charity!

### House Badges:

New house badges have been distributed to all secondary students this week via their form tutors. Please ensure you read the instructions prior to ironing the badge onto the blazer, it is important that it is placed correctly. It should be placed above the Griffin on the Blazer pocket. We are asking that these badges are in place by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There will be drop in sessions where students can get their badges ironed on, students should see Mrs Tully for more information.



### School Council Meetings:

The Year 11 School Council Prefects welcomed student representatives to the first council meeting of 2019-20 this week. It was great to see so many students talking animatedly about how they would like to see elements of school life improved giving excellent ideas and taking part in our school's democratic processes. We look forward to seeing and hearing how these ideas evolve over the coming weeks and months.



### House Football Competitions:

The 26<sup>th</sup> September provided one last afternoon of summer for the Year 8 House Football competition action. There was an excellent turn out of 19 students who upheld our traditions of dedication and ambition by playing for their House Teams. The scoreboard was as follows:

Boulton 1st  
Tolkien 2nd  
Cadbury 3rd



### **Science Club**

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 are invited to take part in an exciting range of science activities on Thursdays at 3:10-4:00pm in B14. There will be the opportunity take part in lots of fun practical experiments. Students will have the opportunity use microscopes, make crystals, use the 'electric ball' and take part in experiments with colour, fizzes, bangs and pops. Students need to have parental permission to attend.

### **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.

### **Magic Breakfast:**

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

### **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:**

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>

Students have been issued login details for PiXL Unlock:

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

## YEAR 7

- 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 be attending 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 7's attendance was 95.7% over the last fortnight, our target is 97% so we need to ensure all students come to school every day so they don't miss out on powerful knowledge and vital learning experiences enacting school motto of everyone, every lesson, every day.
- Year 7 earnt 361 Griffins, and Form of the Fortnight was 7TX well done for your dedication, integrity and ambition!

## 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

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm on the school field the Senior Netball team will have home matches.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3pm will be the Year 9 House Football Competition.

## 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.
- On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September our Y10 Drama students will be attending a performance of *Blood Brothers* after school.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm on the school field the Senior Netball team will have home matches.

## YEAR 11

- Year 11 Mock Exams will be taking place between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There are lots of revision materials available for students on Show My Homework.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm on the school field the Senior Netball team will have home matches.