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12th December 2019



Bournville School Mock Election

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Today we were all proud to see our students exercising their democratic rights in our Bournville School mock election. We were particularly proud of the serious manner in which our students approached their votes, and how engaged they were with the democratic process.

Many of you may have attended last weekend's Bournville Christmas Light switch-on where three of our students sang festive songs to a crowd of over two thousand members of the Bournville community. What a wonderful start to the festive season! Carole Lowe, from

Bournville Village Trust, praised the students' talent and said that she had received lots of positive feedback about the way in which the students represented the school. Congratulations to Bradley, Esta and Taylor.

Earlier this week, it was wonderful to see so many parents who braved the inclement weather to attend the Year 9 Parents' Evening. Many positive discussions took place about the impressive start to GCSE studies made by the majority of our students.

This week and next, there will be a number of seasonal events to mark the end of the autumn term. Year 11 students have already held a well-attended cake sale with all proceeds supporting the Year 11 prom which will be held at Edgbaston Cricket ground and promises to be a wonderful occasion.

Getting into the Christmas spirit, Year 9 students gave a wonderful performance of scenes from the pantomime classic Cinderella on Wednesday evening. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the highly entertaining show in which there were several stand out moments. In other drama news, Year 10 students have completed their GCSE devised pieces which highly impressed their audience of fellow students. We would also like to celebrate our students' achievements beyond school, and this week Leah in Year 9 achieved her black belt in karate this week after several years of dedication and hard work.

The last week of term provides an opportunity to reward students for their hard work and dedication within their school work. A variety of rewards events are being held to celebrate students' success including, by popular request, a cinema and popcorn afternoon. We will also be celebrating the successes of our Year 11 students in their recent mock examinations in a rewards assembly led by subject leaders on the last day of term.

Finally, please remember that the last day of term is Christmas jumper day where students are encouraged to come to school wearing their favourite seasonal jumper. In return, we ask that they bring non-perishable items of food to donate to the B30 foodbank to support families within our community to have an enjoyable Christmas. We wish everyone in our school community a very merry Christmas and an enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing you all for the new term in on 7th January 2020.

All Year Group Section

Christmas Jumper Day and end of term arrangements:

On Friday 22nd December we have our annual Christmas Jumper day. Students should wear their usual school uniform, but may swap their school jumper for a festive Christmas jumper. This is not a non-uniform day, and students must wear their uniform and school shoes. Students taking part are requested to bring a non-perishable food item to contribute to the B30 Foodbank collection. Students will leave the school site between 12.30 and 12.40 with tutor groups in the winning house leaving first.

Arrangements for the start of spring term:

We will commence the spring term on Tuesday 7th January 2020 following the timings of our normal school day.

Spring Term Examinations:

Please be aware that the following external examinations will be taking place in January and February:

Sports Science – Risk of Sports Injuries – 8th January AM (60 minutes)

Creative Media Pre-production skills (- 8th January PM (75 minutes)

The Music Industry Btech – 9th January AM (60 minutes)

Promotion and Finance for Enterprise – 3rd February AM (120 mins)

Health and Wellbeing – 7th February AM (120 minutes)

Keeping healthy at school:

There have been recent outbreaks of Norovirus at schools in Birmingham. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you how to keep healthy and avoid infections and ensure viruses like the Norovirus don't spread.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

The infographic is divided into several sections. The top left section, titled 'Keep kids home from school for', features a large '48 HOURS' in a blue circle, indicating the isolation period. Below this, it states 'after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course'. The top middle section shows a handwashing bottle with the text 'Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus'. The top right section features a large '25' and states 'different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans. They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK'. The bottom section, titled 'Home Treatment', contains three items: a bottle of paracetamol with the text 'Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains', a water bottle with the text 'Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids', and a slice of bread with the text 'If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods'. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'NHS choices' and the 'Food Standards Agency'.

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NHS choices Food Standards Agency

Alex Rider Reading Competition for Y7 and Y8:

It's time to get reading! 30 Students in Y7 and 8 will get the chance to **train as spies** on 17th-18th June 2020 for two days away from school learning from experts at the YHA Hay on Wye. They will take part in a range of exciting spy training activities including: codebreaking, archery, orienteering and survival skills.

The 30 students winning the chance to attend the ALEX RIDER MISSION BRIEFING must show us their commitment to reading and do **one** or more of the following by 1st January 2020:

- ✓ Have one of the most improved reading ages between NOW and 1st January.
- ✓ Be committed to reading in AR lessons, form times and Do Now (teachers will be asked for nominations).
- ✓ Take the most tests on AR books scoring over 7/10 for the book they've read.
- ✓ Read and test on some Alex Rider, Young Sherlock, Anthony Horowitz or Young Bond Books.
- ✓ Become a millionaire or read and test on your first 250,000 words, or 500,000 words.

Winners will be offered a chance to go on the trip – the trip is heavily subsidised, but parents or carers will be asked to make a contribution to the cost of the trip.

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

YEAR 7

- Year 7 are currently reading *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness in their English lessons.
- Y7 can now come on the trip to see *the Boy in the Dress* students 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.

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. 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.
- Year 8 are currently reading *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare in English lessons.

YEAR 9

- Year 9 are currently reading *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* The Play by Simon Stephens – based on the book by Mark Haddon.

YEAR 10

- Year 10 House Competition: Watch the following trailer which is advertising new BBC dramatisation of *A Christmas Carol* - which all year 10 are currently studying. Create a **poster** advertising this version of *A Christmas Carol* to year 10 students, persuading them that watching it will help them to understand the characters, plot and themes better for their GCSE. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dK2CGOJ74k> Entries to Ms Cross – paper copy or electronically to Cross.c@bournville.bham.sch.uk by Friday 13th December.
- Work experience - The dates for work experience this academic year are 29th June - 3rd July. Please speak to your child about what they would like to do for work experience and encourage them to go and speak to businesses to arrange this. Students have been advised of how to arrange their work experience, and what information they need to bring to school about their placement. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Meaney or Mrs Field
- 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.

- You can access our GCSE revision preparation presentation for parents and pupils from the Associate Assistant Head Teachers for English, maths and science at
- Year 11 students can now buy discounted revision guides for *An Inspector Calls*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Power and Conflict Poetry* and *Macbeth* via Parent Pay for the bargain price of £2.75 each. These can be collected from Admin in the Morris Building once your payment has been made.
- Year 11 Sports Science; R041 Reducing the risk of sports injuries External Exam; Wednesday 8th January 9am.