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29th November 2019



Under 16 Boys' Table Tennis Team

Message from Mrs Cottle:



Led by Mrs Yarker, my curriculum deputy, faculty and subject leaders have devoted a great deal of time over the course of the last year or so revising, devising and sequencing a broad and balanced curriculum which will ensure our pupils receive a quality education that will serve them well in their future lives.

In recent weeks, I have spent time visiting lessons in science, maths, performing and expressive arts, and PE looking at how this curriculum is being implemented and observing first hand pupils' learning experience. In addition, I have looked at pupils' workbooks and discussed their learning with them. I have been really encouraged by the quality of curriculum delivery I have seen and also by pupils' comments that the teaching they are receiving is helping them to know, remember and do more.

A big thank you to staff whose lessons I have visited and to pupils who have spoken so eloquently and with such insight during my meetings with them. I am looking forward to visiting the humanities and English faculties in the coming weeks.

Another event I am looking forward to is the Christmas performance on December 7th, which will be scenes from Cinderella the Pantomime. It promises to be a fun and laughter filled evening. I hope to see you there.

Before Christmas we will host a Bookbuzz Read-along event for students in Y7 and Y8. Last year this was very popular and entailed staff and students reading and discussing the novels they had read. Earlier this term we provided a Bookbuzz book, free of charge, to all Year 7 and Y8 pupils. It was lovely to see the level of engagement from the pupils taking part, some of whom have doubtless been inspired to join Book Club.

Continuing with the theme of reading and promoting literacy, pupils wishing to be considered for the Alex Rider trip need to get reading! The trip is open to pupils who make the most progress in their reading between now and January and there is everything to play for! We already have our first Accelerated Reader Millionaire of the year, Callum in Year 8. Congratulations Callum!

All Year Group Section

All Years Table Tennis Club:

The club will meet on Wednesdays after school 3-4pm in the Girls' Gym, this is a fantastic opportunity to try a new sport or hone your skills. Everyone is welcome, from complete beginners to seasoned professionals!

Tuesday 26th November: Year 8 and Year 11 Birmingham Schools Table tennis Championships at Nishkam High School, The Under 16 boys' team had a losing draw against Handsworth Grammar and a loss to St George's 1-7. They showed excellent sportspersonship. Congratulations to Corey on winning the single player match.

Wednesday 27th November: All years: Level 2 School Games Table Tennis Championships at Bournville. Under 16 boys Bournville finished 4th. In the under 14 event, Bournville finished in second place. Harborne Academy won both events. However, Thom, Ryle and Dan remained unbeaten.

Cinderella Pantomime:

We are very excited to announce that Y9 will be putting on selected scenes from Cinderella the Pantomime on Wednesday December 11th in the PPC at 7pm. This will be a family friendly performance so please do bring little ones along!

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)

Collection of GCSE Certificates:

Certificates for official exams taken in the Summer term are now ready for collection.

Please phone the school on 0121 475 3881 ensuring that you give at least 24 hours' notice.

All certificates must be signed for and a formal proof of ID will be required (passport, birth certificate etc.) If a student is unable to collect his/her certificates they can nominate a responsible adult (or a fellow student) to collect the certificates on their behalf. Before this can happen, however, the students must write to the Examinations Office, giving the name of the person who will be collecting their certificates. The nominated person will be required to provide formal identification when collecting.

Attendance and Punctuality:

The target attendance figure for all students is a **minimum of 97% attendance**. This equates to no more than 5 days of absence over the whole school year.

Regular attendance is not just a legal requirement, but it is vital for students to maximise their learning and achieve their full potential here at Bournville. There are a number of important steps that you can take to ensure that your child maintains a high level of attendance:

- Ensure your child attends every day, on time, equipped and ready to learn. Students must be in school from 8.35 am ready for registration with their tutor at 8.40 am. Please be aware that students arriving late to school will receive a break time detention on the same day.
- Ensure the school has up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers to contact you.
- If your child is ill, contact the school and provide an explanatory note on their return to school. Please make sure you telephone every day your child is absent.
- Ensure that medical appointments are made outside of school time.
- Holidays are not to be taken in school time. Holidays will not be authorised during term time other than in exceptional circumstances.
- Contact your child's Student Support Officer or Form Tutor.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality at Bournville School.

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

- Y9 Parents' Evening takes place on 10th December. Please make your bookings via the link on the school website:
<http://web.bournville.bham.sch.uk/parentseveningbooking/>
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Monday 25th November: Year 10-11 netball v Bishop Challoner 3-5.30pm
- Year 11 Sports Science; R041 Reducing the risk of sports injuries External Exam; Wednesday 8th January 9am.