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10th January 2020



Our Prefect team and B30 Foodbank donation

Message from Miss Green:



I am delighted to have been appointed the new Head of Academy for Bournville School. My first week has been a whirlwind, I have met many fabulous young people who are firmly focused on being their very best every single day. The highlights include:

Maths – mastery of mathematical concepts
Chemistry - molarity with calculations
Music - pentatonic improvisations
Singing with primary students

There have been many positive moments and I would like to thank staff and students for making me feel welcome. It is also important to get to know parents and I will be holding parent drop in sessions each half term between 5pm and 7pm. There is no need to make an appointment: parents are welcome to see me to ask questions about the school or talk about their child. The first of these sessions will be at 5-7pm on Wednesday 5th February 2020.

All Year Group Section

In conjunction with Miss Green, our new Head of Academy, Mr Mason, our new Assistant Head for Behaviour, will be launching an exciting programme of rewards to recognise the fabulous contribution that most students make to Bournville School.

Rewards

A new 'gold' grade will be used in all lessons alongside the usual green, amber and red in the very near future to inspire and motivate our students. This 'gold' grade will be linked to improved and updated rewards which we will be giving students the opportunity to request in school council meetings taking place next week. A key element to the gold grade is going above and beyond and being a role model at Bournville school.

Year 10 sponsored 5k walk or run event

Year 10 will be undertaking a sponsored 5k event in several weeks to raise funds to create a VIP room in the school. The students will have access at both break times if they have achieved the new 'gold' grade in all lessons. The room will include:

Consoles & screens
Board games
Soft furnishings
Bean bags
Music
Books
Pictures

Forms will be distributed on Monday with the target of £10 per student. Any additional fundraising or donations that you are able to make, including unwanted or underused items that your family have, or connections to local businesses that make charitable donations, would be hugely appreciated by the whole school community and allow the rapid introduction of this fantastic facility. It will also provide a space students can use after school if a 'golden' day was achieved.

Extra-curricular clubs at Bournville

Sport is an excellent vehicle to assist mental well-being and improved health in our students. This week we have seen fantastic attendance and participation in the newly launched Year 9 and Year 10 football clubs during break times. These year groups will be playing a competitive fixture in



the near future and are working hard to prepare for this exciting opportunity. A Year 9 Girls' basketball and football club will be launched on Monday and we will welcome students at 1.30pm. We look forward to providing an extensive list of opportunities that students can access in all areas of the curriculum across the week.

We look forward to providing further updates and initiatives in the coming weeks in support of your child from the wider pastoral team at Bournville.

Personal Development Behaviour & Welfare

We have 3 key focus areas to ensure that student behaviour is of the highest standard and enables all at Bournville to learn and fulfil their potential.

Internal Truancy - if students are internally truanting they will receive a red grade and a detention. If this happens twice in one day the student will immediately be internally excluded with work for the rest of the day provided. Prompt attendance to all lessons and engagement in them is crucial to students' progress. Repeated internal truancy will require parental meetings and a home-school contract will be issued with specific individual expectations and targets for the students concerned.

Non-compliance- students are expected to comply with staff instructions first time, every time. If this is not heeded the appropriate graded consequence will occur using the GAR system, the ultimate consequence being a fixed term exclusion for continued non-compliance and defiance.

Mobile Phones in School- the expectation is that all phones are switched off and kept in students' bags. If phones are seen by staff, a polite reminder will be given regarding school policy. If this request is ignored the phone will be confiscated for that lesson and returned. If this is a repeated issue parents or carers will be called in for further discussions with Heads of Year and SLT.



Your support and timely reminders to your child about the high expectations above will be hugely appreciated and will undoubtedly result in improved progress at Bournville school for your child.

31st January – school will be closed for staff training.

Please put the 31st January into your diaries as we will be closed for staff training.

Attendance Rewards:

We are pleased to be able to announce that students who attend every day will be entered into a weekly prize draw for an Amazon voucher. This is in addition to our other rewards and incentives linked to high attendance and good behaviour, such as half termly movie afternoons and invitation to the Year 11 Prom.

Christmas Jumper Day collection for B30 Foodbank:

On Friday 22nd December we had our annual Christmas Jumper day. We're proud to say that once again our students collected a fantastic amount of food for the B30 Foodbank and many families in our local community will have benefitted from this generosity.

Spring Term Examinations:

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

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

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

Upcoming Sports Fixtures and Clubs:

Wednesday 15th January: Level 2 School Games Badminton competition (after school) at Shenley Academy (Year 8 and Year 11 Boys) with Mr Kesterton.

Thursday 16th January: Level 2 School Games Badminton competition (after school) at Hillcrest School (Year 9 and Year 11 Girls) with Miss Trilloe.

Wednesday 5th February; Level 2 School Games Sports Hall Athletics (after school) at Shenley Academy (Year 7 & 8 Boys) with Mr Summers.

All Years: Wednesday afterschool 3-4pm table tennis club in the Girls Gym

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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 in 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

- The Y7 Modern Foreign Languages Spelling Bee Final will be on 15th January at Lordswood. Good luck to all those taking part.
- Year 7 are currently reading *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd in their Library lessons. They are currently studying Romantic poetry in their English lessons. Please encourage students to read their Accelerated Reader choices at home, and to come and take a quiz in the library when they have finished their book.
- 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

- Year 8's Milestone Assessment week begins on 13th January 2020. Students can expect to have assessments in the majority of subjects and should be working hard on their revision.
- Year 8 Romeo and Juliet Masked Ball House Competition. Create your mask for a character from the play, explain your choices. Entry sheets are available from your English teacher. Please submit entries to Mrs Lewis in E3 by February 6th. The more creative the better!
- Please encourage students to read their Accelerated Reader choices at home, and to come and take a quiz in the library when they have finished their book.
- Year 8 are currently reading *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain* by John Boyne or *Mortal Engines* by Phillip Reeve in their Library lessons. They are studying Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* in English lessons.
- 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 can be obtained from English teachers.

YEAR 9

- Year 9 students who have received letters have the opportunity to visit the National Space Centre with our science team on 24th January. Please ensure all paperwork is returned as soon as possible.
- Year 9 are currently reading *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson and studying a range of Shakespeare's tragic heroes including Romeo and Othello in their English lessons. Please encourage them to make use of the resources on Show My Homework to support their study of these texts.

YEAR 10

- Access Assessments – Miss Lees-Smith will be assessing Year 10 pupils this half term for access arrangements for their examinations.
- Revision Guides for English Literature texts are available on Parent Pay. Yr10 can currently buy 'A Christmas Carol', and 'An Inspector Calls' will be available in the coming weeks. 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.
- 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

YEAR 11

- On 10th January at Form Time there was a Mock Exam Results Day run by Mr Lowe. We did this to enable students to imagine how they will feel getting their results in the summer, and to inspire them to work really hard in the coming weeks and months to achieve their goals.
- If your child has received a letter about the upcoming Globe Theatre and Poetry Live! trips (20th January 2020, 10.45-3pm), please could you ensure they return the letters to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Healy as soon as possible to ensure they can attend the trips.
- 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 inter house table tennis event is Monday 3rd February in the Girls' Gym.