

INTHEKNOW

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Bournville's Campus

Message from Miss Green:



We miss our students greatly, and are excitedly preparing for whenever we are able to teach them in person again. I want to reassure you that we are thinking hard, and planning carefully how we will ensure the safety of students and staff, follow government guidelines, and maintain sensible distancing when it is decided that students will begin to return to school. In the meantime, we hope that you and your families remain well in these challenging times, and we hope that you are able to access the work that is being set for students via Show My Homework. Our team of form tutors continues to enjoy their weekly conversations with students whilst our teachers are excited to receive emails with students' work. Please do make contact with your child's form tutor by email if you would like to

ask any questions. Staff emails are available on the school website. We have included information on colleges for students who are moving on to further studies next academic year below.

There will continue to be a range of project work set by teachers in each subject, as well as more essay based and writing tasks, as we begin to prepare students in different year groups for a return to school. Please bear in mind that the work set is designed to challenge and extend students, this means that some students may complete the core tasks more quickly and can then begin some of the extra tasks (e.g. reading an additional novel for English). It also means that your child may move through the tasks more slowly, this is fine as long as they are working hard – we want to provide enough work so that students can keep learning independently and do not run out of tasks, but we also don't want parents working at home to feel under pressure to complete all tasks with their children. Below we've also provided some extra links to widen students' learning and enable everyone to take advantage of lots of exciting opportunities to engage with culture from home.

Please remember that we have placed our teaching and support staff on a rota so that we can remain open to support keyworkers and vulnerable children during holidays. This means our staff will be taking their Easter holidays and ½ term at different times over the next few weeks. As a result, you may have to wait a week to receive replies from any staff you email if they are on holiday time. Please be considerate of this.

We would also like to wish all of our families of the Muslim faith 'ramadan mubarak'.



Mental health for young people during Coronavirus and lockdown

If you're worried about the impact of coronavirus on your mental health, you are not alone. The COVID-19 pandemic is a new and uncertain time for all of us and will affect our mental health in different ways. However you are feeling right now is valid. With the right help and support, we can get through this. The Young Minds website gives valuable advice on things you can do to keep mentally healthy.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

The Mix

- You can find information for young people about coronavirus and ideas for things to do while staying home on their website.
- The Mix's emotional support services are open as normal – and if you're under 25 you can talk to them about anything that's troubling you over the phone, email or webchat. You can also use their phone or online counselling service.
- Helpline open daily 4-11pm: 0808 808 4994 • Email service • Webchat open daily 4-11pm
- Counselling service

Childline

- If you're under 19 you can confidentially call, email or chat online about any problem big or small
- Freephone 24h helpline: 0800 1111

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger

- Provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis
- If you need urgent help text YM to 85258
- All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors
- Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus.

We'd also like to remind all parents that our website has a dedicated safeguarding section which contains information on key safeguarding topics and links to find information and help:

<http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/safeguarding/> You can also contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via email safeDSL@bournville.bham.sch.uk

Extending learning at home:

Teachers have also been working hard to set lots of tasks for students to complete so that their learning can continue at home. This is being set via the Show My Homework Platform. There are also lots of other free opportunities to extend this learning including excellent lessons being taught live by the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. Here you will find daily lessons on the full range of school subjects to complement the project work that has been set by school.

Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>

There are also fantastic opportunities to watch live theatre online –

National Theatre- <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

RSC <https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/watch-rsc-shows-from-home>

Globe <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/watch/>

MyLibby allows you to access eBooks for all ages through your local library:

<https://libbyapp.com/shelf>

There are also a range of excellent online tours of museums and galleries which your family can access from home:

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=Virtually-Visit-8-World-Class-Libraries>

<https://interestingengineering.com/11-science-and-tech-museums-you-can-tour-virtually>

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/mar/23/10-of-the-worlds-best-virtual-museum-and-art-gallery-tours>

Information on admissions procedures from local 6th form colleges

Post 16 providers:	Admissions Process:
<p>Cadbury 6th Form College</p>	<p>At present we will be enrolling students in the normal manner in August and intend to use our current entry criteria as listed on our website. Our understanding is that students will receive GCSE grades, as per the advice issued by Ofqual and in the first instance it is these grades that will we use to inform our initial judgements. We appreciate that some students will be unhappy with the grades they receive and we will put in place measures in September to ensure those who wish to can resit their GCSEs and where appropriate those students who have narrowly missed criteria will be given the opportunity through early in house assessment to demonstrate their suitability for their chosen A-Levels.</p> <p>As such our message to students is simple, if they've applied and hold an offer to study with us in September then their place is secure and we will do all we can to ensure they are not only placed on the appropriate course but that they will also be given appropriate opportunities to further demonstrate their suitability for courses if necessary.</p> <p>Further to this our applications remain open and students can submit them in the usual manner online. We have also worked hard over the last couple of weeks to develop an online virtual interview platform so we can continue to interview students. For any students who have missed an interview they can drop the college an email to arrange an online interview to secure their place.</p>
<p>King Edwards Stourbridge 6th Form College</p>	<p>For those students who have already applied, we have asked them to email us a picture of an official document i.e. school report or school letter which clearly shows their predicted grades as well as their name, school name. We will make a decision based on this information alongside their application info. No further interviews will take place this year – all offers will be made via email. Regarding enrolment – there will definitely be an enrolment process where students will need to provide evidence of their official 'calculated' grades'. This should be face to face at our college but obviously is dependent on the national situation at the time. The timing of these appointments is currently up for debate but I guess it will very much depend on when the grades are official released.</p> <p>Also, for those students who are not happy with the grades they have given who may have the opportunity to sit exams later in the year</p>
<p>UOB School</p>	<p>From UOBS, students should now have had their outcome decisions (i.e. Conditional Offer, Applicant Pool or Declined) as these were sent out by email before the schools closed. However, in terms of enrolment, we are still waiting on the full guidance from Dfe/Ofqual regarding the timelines and details for Calculated Grades, as these are likely what we will be using for our main enrolment criteria. Once we have this information, we aim to finalise our plans and contact all applicants with details about how and when they can enrol with us.</p>
<p>Bournville College</p>	<p>Currently Bournville College will be going on mocks and teachers assessments. All year 11's can still apply in the usual way and their application will be registered. When it finally comes to getting them enrolled, we will have to see where we are in the year and how is the best way to do it.</p>
<p>Halesowen College</p>	<p>Firstly, thank you for applying to study with us, and we look forward to welcoming you! Following the guidance from Public Health England, we have decided to postpone face to face interviews. We appreciate exams and assessments have been suspended, and ask that you do not worry about your College place with us. A member of staff will work with you at enrolment to ensure you continue your education on a course that is right for you and will allow you to flourish and succeed.</p>

If you or your family is struggling at this unprecedented time, support is available from the Birmingham City Council Educational Psychology team:



Do you as a parent or carer at home with your children during the school shut down, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families? Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carers of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families.

Areas of concern you may wish to discuss could include:

Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family.

Supporting you to support your children's emotional needs.

Concerns about family relationships.

Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and activities.

How to best look after yourself so you can support your children.

The concerns can be related to school or family life. You will be offered an initial telephone consultation of 30 minutes with a psychologist and a potential follow up session of another 30-minute consultation at a later date. These will be Monday -Friday, within standard working hours. If you would like to access this service please email: **Stephanie.Bowen@birmingham.gov.uk** with the following information:

Your name

The telephone number you would like to be contacted on.

The name of your child's school.

Times and dates you are not available for a consultation.

Whether an interpreter is required for you to access this service.

We will aim to get back to you within 2 working days to confirm a time and date for your consultation.

This service will, as far as possible, be confidential.

Nutritional Standards Policy

Parents are invited to view the nutritional standards policy on our website.