

19th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Like Year 11 students all over the country, your last day as a school student is **Friday 26th June**. We are very sad that we have not been able to see you off in the way that we would have expected to – there is sadly no leavers assembly, leavers video or prom this year.

After the 26th June staff will no longer be setting you work or calling you weekly but we understand that you may still have questions or need help so we have made sure that there are sources of support for you that will continue after you finish as a Bournville School student. You can find details of these organisations on our website under the “student wellbeing” section but we would very much recommend www.koooth.com

Although there have been no exams, we still intend to give students their results in person on results day, which will be on **Thursday 20th August from 9.00-10.00**. Obviously, this is dependent on the situation with Coronavirus, but if there is any change to these plans we will send a text message to all parents to let you know.

Understandably, Year 11 pupils and their parents will be worried about their GCSEs and their progression, and we would like to offer our support to any Year 11 pupils. Gurjit Matto- The schools independent Careers Adviser will be available for you to contact once you have left school at the end of June. Gurjit can be contacted on: matto.g@bournville.bham.sch.uk. Gurjit will also be available on GCSE results day in the summer to offer careers guidance and support.

Students and parents can also contact the colleges direct for further guidance on admissions and enrolment.

- <https://www.sccb.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/about/school-leavers/>
- <https://www.bmet.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.cadcol.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.kedst.ac.uk/>
- <https://uobschool.org.uk/our-sixth-form/>

Yours faithfully

Miss M Green
Head of Academy

A personal message from your Head of Year, Mr Lowe:

Most of you joined Bournville School in September 2015 in what for you will seem like a lifetime ago but for the staff here it seems like yesterday.

This message would normally have been given to you in Elgar hall after your last exams. There would have been a buzz of excitement and perhaps some nervousness but most of all there would have been a tangible feeling of togetherness. Your form tutors and I would speak about you telling funny stories which we can now look back on and laugh about. Then finally finishing off with an embarrassing video of the staff acting up and saying goodbye. When leaving the hall both staff and pupils would discuss looking forward to seeing each other at the prom with pupils letting us know how much money they've spent on their outfits!

Like many thousands of pupils, the sitting of exams and celebrating the end of your schooling has been cancelled. Many of you will feel disappointed that you cannot sit your exams that you have worked hard towards since year 9. You will also feel upset that you cannot celebrate the end of your school life with your peers for one final time at the prom.

At the moment the world doesn't seem a happy place but things will get better and eventually get back to normal. You will have the chance to educate yourselves further whether this is at college then university, apprenticeship or employment. Embrace learning new skills and knowledge and just like school if you work hard you will be successful.

Finally, a personal message from me. Thank you for the five years of fun, laughter and drama. Be a good person, make mistakes but learn from them, go and see some of the world and keep fit and healthy.

On behalf of all the staff at Bournville School I would like to like to wish you a happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you on results day.