

19th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping safe in these very strange times.

Remote Learning 2021

At Bournville we are working hard to make sure that there is an effective Remote Learning Offer for students and would like to remind you that the following is in place:

- Daily timetable of live learning opportunities including small group tutorials
- Online Tutor time
- Narrated Power Points available through Show My Homework for those not able to log onto live learning
- Printed packs for those that prefer this

In addition, students are also benefiting from Online instrument lessons, remote mentoring from the Brilliant Club and remote support for mental health and wellbeing. As always if you need any help and support please contact your child's tutor or email post@bournville.fmat.co.uk

We really do welcome your views and would ask that you also visit the Parent View site to complete the online form <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Student Wellbeing

Your child's form tutor will hold a weekly form time session with members of their form. This is to help us to ensure that all students are well supported by the school at this time. Our pastoral team will be contacting students and parents who do not take part to ensure they are safe, well, and able to access online learning. Our website has two dedicated sections which contain information on how to support your child and how to keep your child safe, and links to organisations that can support children and families:

<http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/safeguarding/> and
<http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/student-wellbeing/>

Examinations 2021

It is a really difficult time for parents and students in year 11 because the form that assessment will take is not currently known. There is consultation on the way forward which is outlined as follows:

- Year 11 will continue Remote learning until such time as they can return to school
- In May students will sit tests which have been devised by the exam boards and will be marked by teachers
- Tests and work produced by students will form part of the assessment of where students are
- Teachers will award grades. The grade represents the standard that students have achieved in or around May 2021.
- Internal moderation of evidence will take place
- Grades will be submitted
- External moderation will take place.

You are encouraged to have your say and respond to the consultation and I would urge as many of you as possible to respond. Please see the link.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6ab0193c-fc85-4d6a-a641-678aa7688149&utm_content=immediately

Free Library

The Oaks Academy has created a free virtual library so that students can extend their reading repertoire during lockdown. Here is the link:

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miss M Green', written in a cursive style.

Miss M Green
Head of Academy