

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. When I joined Bournville school as Principal at Easter last year, I saw a school that had such potential and every day since then I have watched as the students blossom and excel in all aspects of school life. I am determined to ensure excellence in all areas of Bournville school life, so we ensure that every child develops the knowledge, attitudes, skills and habits (KASH) and good character, that allows them to succeed in the future. I am very excited to see how the next year will continue to allow your child to thrive in a culture of excellence underpinned by care and discipline.

It has been a very busy couple of weeks already as we welcomed back all the students to Bournville school, and we settled our new year 7's into their secondary school life. The students have arrived back looking very smart in their school uniforms, with their new lanyards, colour coded to their year group with a refreshed focus on their studies. Our year 7 students have settled very well, making new friends, and making a very good impression on their teachers.

I want to ensure we continue to work collaboratively and that you are informed on key information throughout the year. There will be at least one parent evening for each year group throughout this year for you to meet your child's teachers and form tutor. Please see the dates below and I urge all parents to save the date in your calendar so you can attend. You will also notice that we have brought back planners. The planners will help, as an additional resource, to support communication between us. Please encourage your child to have their planners in their bags each day, with any messages you may have added, as they prepare for the school day.

### Parents Evenings:

Date	Year Group
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 7 Tutor Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 7 Parents' Evening

The role of your child's form tutor has been given a greater level of importance and focus within the school. Your child will meet their form tutor first thing in the morning and last thing before they complete their school day. Therefore, every child has two points in the day to touch base with this significant adult as well as being the first point of contact for you within the school. Please do contact your child's form tutor if you want to speak to them on any matter.

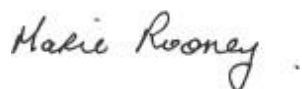
As important as your child's studies are it is also equally important that your child gets the chance to engage in wider school activities. We have planned a series of after-school clubs which we would like you to encourage your child to sign up to. We are particularly excited about our Variety Show which will take place in December with a matinee and evening show, the auditions for this commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please do encourage your child to take part. All extracurricular activities will be displayed on a board in reception in Elgar.

Throughout this year I want you to be informed about what your child is learning in each subject each term. We will be sending you a separate email that will have the information on the curriculum plans for each subject area, for this half term for your child's year group. These will be shared with you each half term as we go through the year. You will also be sent information on the homework expectations as well as details on how to login to our homework system, Satchel 1.

Finally, a special note for our year 11 students, it is vital they start to revise now for their upcoming GCSE's. There will be focused revision ongoing in lessons as well as targeted work occurring in form time. We will also be running additional GCSE revision sessions after school for Year 11's. We strongly encourage year 11's to sign up to these after school revision sessions as soon as possible before they are full.

I look forward to working alongside you throughout the coming year.

Kind regards



Miss M Rooney  
Principal