

15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a great first week back after the October half term break. I start with a huge "Thank you" to you and all the colleges, universities, businesses who attended our careers fair on Tuesday. It was an immense success; it has inspired the students, and we are confident this will help your children study even harder as they focus on their ambitions.

Additionally, throughout last week all the students in primary and secondary were preparing for Remembrance Day and have created amazing displays. It was such a proud moment to see the whole school out honouring those who gave their lives for our freedoms in the 2-minute silence on Friday.

We are continuing with ensuring you are informed about what your child is learning in each subject, and you will find the information on the curriculum plans for each subject for this upcoming half term on our website. We have also been sending you the information on how to log into the new "My Child at School" system which replaced Class Charts from September. I appreciate there has been teething problems with getting this up and running. Can I urge you to log in and set things up when you get the link, as there is a time limit on when the link is available. However, my team are checking to see how many parents have logged into the system each day and they will be supporting those who may still be having difficulty setting things up.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 11 parent/ teacher meeting on Thursday. The feedback from the parents who attended has been incredibly positive and we can see how helpful the teachers' advice have been to you all. We will continue to support your son/daughter in year 11, as they prepare for their first Mock exams, with the revision sessions that started at the beginning of the year. Please encourage your son/daughter to sign up and attend. We are conscious of how stressful this year is for year 11 students, and we will continue to support your son/daughter to manage their anxieties, particularly as their Mock exams start the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Please advise them to talk to their teachers, form tutor, pastoral Assistant Head of Key Stage, or any other trusted adult if they need anyone to talk to.

Last half term we had several successful trips that included a trip to the Lion King for year 8 and year 9 students, a trip to the Globe in London for year 11 students, a trip to the Black Country Museum for year 8 students and a trip to the Think Tank for year 10 students. There are even more trips planned for this half term our Reception and KS1 students will be visiting the "Serbian Orthodox Church" on Cobs Lane, Birmingham, our year 7 students will have the chance to attend the "The Lion King" in Birmingham and a trip to "Lapworth Museum" in Birmingham. Our year 8 students will be attending the "Harry Potter studios" in London and our year 10 students will be able to attend a "Christmas Carol" in London. All these trips will provide your son/daughter with the opportunity to bring what they are learning in school to life as well as creating memories of their time at Bournville.

It is important to me that we provide a wide range of experiences for you and your son/daughter to get involved in together, to celebrate with your son/daughter and make their time at Bournville a memorable one. There are so many more events planned for next half term that will provide fun activities on the lead up to Christmas e.g., Children in Need, the Christmas Fayre and the Talent show. We are excited about the Talent show as this will provide you with the opportunity to celebrate with us. Please do come along to our Matinee and Evening shows which are planned a matinee for the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec and an evening show on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. There are a series of after school clubs also running which will compliment what your child is studying, please see attached for more information.

We will be running our usual Christmas card competition to choose our Christmas card design so watch out to see if your son/daughters design is voted for this year's Christmas card. As you can see it will be a busy half term that will end with Santa Claus's annual visit to our primary aged students.

Once again, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we collaborate to make Bournville school a great school. Our parents' forum continues to meet every half term, please do feel welcome to come along, your input is invaluable.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Rooney".

Miss M Rooney  
Principal