

Head of Academy Message

After only five weeks we are already at the mid term break which means we have had an intensive first half of the Spring term, as we continue to drive forward rapidly to achieve our aim of developing young adults with the knowledge, attitudes skills and habits to excel in modern Britain. As you can see from this newsletter, students have been busy both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our Year 11 students have worked diligently in lessons and in Period 6 sessions to prepare for their next set of mock examinations. This has been balanced with mentoring and support to ensure their confidence builds and their wellbeing is ensured. We wish them every success in upcoming mocks which begin 20th February.

One feature of recent activities has been the commitment and contribution of Bournville's students who volunteer their time to many additional responsibilities in school. Our School Council meet regularly, representing the views of all students and feeding into school improvement strategy. Our Prefects take their responsibilities seriously and a particular strength of their work is in supporting younger student in tutor time to feel safe and supported. We also value the joy they bring to the school with initiatives such as their Valentines Exchange, as they fundraise for their Prom.

We are proud to show visitors around our school, who notice the rapid school improvements made. We continue to focus on doing even better with a key focus on reading, the quality of education and work in books and of course excellent attendance. Please enjoy this newsletter which gives you a taste of just some of the highlights of the past half term.

We wish you a fantastic break with your families.

Miss M. Rooney

Key Dates:

19th Feb – Back to school
20th Feb – Y11 Mocks start
21st Feb – Y10 Speakers Trust
29th Feb – Y8 Spanish restaurant trip
8th March – Y9 Science trip
21st March – Students break up for Easter
21st March – Y11 Geography Field Trip
22nd March – Staff Training Day
8th April – Return to School

Keep up to date and informed about school events through our social media pages on Twitter and Instagram. Please do follow us to keep informed about latest school news:



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Y11 Information Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming Y11 parents to our special GCSE information evening on Thursday 18th January at 6.00pm.



Year 11 - Given the time of the year, our support for Y11 has increased. We started the term with an Information Evening for parents. Thank you those of you who attended and received the resources and guidance to help support your children. Our period 6 sessions have been well attended and students tell us they appreciate this additional time working with subject teachers. We also expect students to have revision plans and be steadily preparing at home. Upcoming mocks start on 20th February. Mr P. Lowe.

Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted to offer students an exciting opportunity to be part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. This year the Bronze award has been offered to all students in Y9 and Y10. We are really pleased to have 25 students sign up and attend our introductory session. We are now looking forward to what I'm sure will be a fantastic experience for students. They will participate in a well-structured programme, that aims to provide opportunities to be physically active, volunteer and learn a new skill.

What is the DofE Award?

The DofE Award has been inspiring, guiding and supporting young people in their self-development and recognising their achievements for over 50 years. DofE can be a life-changing adventure for a child. On the way, they will complete an exciting and challenging programme of activities to help them reach their full potential. They will learn new skills, help others, have fun, make new friends and gain a great sense of achievement. Miss H. Poole



Cadbury Visit

On Friday 2nd February, we took Y10 Food and Nutrition students to the 'Innovation Kitchen' at Cadbury's, Mondelez. This was a unique opportunity for them to learn about the manufacture and marketing of chocolate. They even got to make their own chocolate bars! Students will certainly remember this experience and use the knowledge gained in their GCSE studies.

Miss O'Donnell





Attendance - We believe attendance is a whole-school responsibility and all work diligently to achieve excellent attendance. We would like to congratulate and thank the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly too.

In line with our core purpose to develop students with the knowledge, attitudes, skills and habits (KASH) to succeed in life, we monitor attendance patterns with vigilance.

Absence disrupts the education of the individual student and the whole class.

Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- miss out on opportunities

Attendance to school is vital for your child's success and it is a fact that non-attendance to school can seriously disadvantage children in their adult life.

We are recognising those with excellent attendance through a range of rewards from hot chocolates to certificates, to chocolate treats and badges. A reminder too, for every lesson a student is in they receive a positive point. Those students that retain 95% of their points will go to our exciting rewards trip at the end of the year.

Education is a gift and it is essential that students attend every day – making every moment of this gift count!

100%
Attendance

100%
of the time





Poetry Live!

Some of our KS4 students enjoyed watching Poetry Live at the beautiful Symphony Hall in Birmingham. They had the great opportunity of not only listening to vital pieces of information which will help with their GCSE English Literature exam, but also being able to be submerged into the world of spoken language. Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard, amongst other, performed their pieces and then took questions, giving the students an opportunity to see the importance of the spoken word. Agard stole the show, the students enjoyed watching his charismatic and vibrant performance of 'Checking Out Me History'. Students behaved impeccably – well done to everyone involved! Mr K. Walpole

Careers - It is National Apprenticeship Week, an opportunity we are taking to educate students on apprenticeships as a viable post-16 option for them. Mrs Field has arranged for all students to have the opportunity to learn more about Apprenticeships and they will also have some online events to attend this week to find out more. Click on the link below to find out more.

[National Apprenticeship Week](#)

A reminder that all students have access to Unifrog, an online careers platform with invaluable information on everything to do with careers, it includes up to date local information. [Unifrog – The universal destinations platform.](#)

You will also find useful information about our school provision on the school website:

[Careers Education – Bournville School](#)

Mrs Field – Careers Lead

