

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust this letter finds you and your family safe and well. There is a lot to get through this half term and with Easter falling as early as it is this year, the effort has to be concentrated to reach the required point before we break up.

Firstly, I must commend all our Year 11 students who started their second set of Mock exams with such maturity and resilience. Over the first two weeks of this half term, during these exams, we have suspended period 6 on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays for the year 11 students. We will be starting up again with period 6 week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Mock papers will be marked and moderated over the next two weeks and on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 during period 5 will issue the results.

We opened the options process for our year 9 students on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The options booklets and relevant forms are available on our website here [Year 9 Options – Bournville School](#). If you have any queries, please do contact Miss Briner at [n.briner@bournville.fmat.co.uk](mailto:n.briner@bournville.fmat.co.uk) before the options process closes on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Our school improvement priorities continue to focus on stretch and challenge, knowledge retrieval and students using feedback to redraft answers in green pen. Teachers have developed clear guidance for students that outlines what good work in books looks like. These will be stuck into every student's book for students to use to ensure they can continue to be proud of their work in lessons.

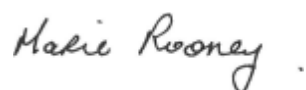
We are so proud of our students as they continue to meet the high expectations of the school and we want to make sure we celebrate their achievements. At the end of last half term, we met with our student leaders to discuss what they would like to see from the rewards system. Based on the students input we have relaunched our rewards system. Students now have a "How to boost your positives" wheel and a rewards ladder, providing clarity on how to achieve awards. Any positives that your child has received should be visible on "My Child At School (MCAS)". If you have not yet been able to log into MCAS please do contact Mrs A Baker-Smith at [a.baker-smith@bournville.fmat.co.uk](mailto:a.baker-smith@bournville.fmat.co.uk) so you can get a new link and set MCAS up. Please note when you get the login details they are time related so you will need to activate the link.

We want to thank you for your continued support on our drive on attendance, so your child's attendance is at least 95% of the time. If you are having any difficulties with ensuring your child attends all the time, please do get in touch with your child's form tutor to talk through how we can support you further.

Finally, we will be sending you a separate email with the information on the curriculum plans and homework for each subject area, for this term for your child's year group. This will allow you to continue to keep up to date on what your child is learning at school.

Once again, 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



Marie Rooney  
Principal