

26th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a very positive start to the new half term already. Our school improvement priorities remain focused on challenge. As part of supporting students to work through the challenges we are setting them we have explained to them what the stages of learning feel like and the strategies they can use to succeed. The learning pit is a tool that helps students understand the process of learning, how they need to come out of their comfort zone and develop and challenge their thinking to advance their learning. This explains how students need to draft and redraft answers always challenging themselves to improve on their previous answers. This emphasises the importance of each student doing their homework and using this time to improve on what they have already achieved in their lesson within the quiet of their own space.

Looking forward to this half term we have 7 weeks left before the Easter holidays to make this next push to supporting our Year 6 and Year 11 students as they move ever closer to their SATs and GCSEs respectively. When we return this year after the Easter holidays that half term is very short only being 4 weeks with GCSE's and SATs starting week commencing 5th May 2025 (GCSE public exams begin) and week commencing 12th May 2025 (Year 6 SATs). This makes this half term critical in preparation for these exams.

The year 11 students will be starting their Mock exams, the week commencing **3rd March 2025**. All students have been issued with their Mock exam timetables which is also available on our website.

We are also in the process of arranging the Easter revision sessions which will run throughout the Easter holidays, and we will be sending this timetable out to you within the next couple of weeks.

The Year 7, 8 and 10 parents' evenings are scheduled as follows:

- **Year 7 parents evening** taking place tomorrow the **27th February**.
- **Primary school parents' evening** for all years will take place on the **3rd and 4th of March**.
- **Year 10 parents' evening** taking place on **20th of March**.
- **Year 8 parents' evening** taking place on **10th of April**.
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The curriculum plans for the following half term are now available on our website and will be sent out with the letter.

Please see link for the curriculum plans that are on our website:

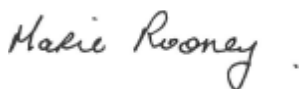
<https://www.bournvilleschool.org/parents/curriculum/>

We also have **World Book Day on 6th of March and the Book Fair** will run on the **week of 10th March** in primary.

Finally, can I remind all Year 9 parents that the deadline for your child's options submissions is Friday 7th March 2025. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with r.dhinsa@bournville.fmat.co.uk who will be more than willing to help advise you accordingly.

As you can see it's a busy half term and as always, I want to thank you for your continued support as we help your child become the best version of themselves.

Best wishes.



Miss Rooney
Principal