

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we start the summer term with now less than 4 weeks to go until the next half term break, we are in the exam season already. The GCSE exams start for some students next week and our KS1 and KS2 students will commence their SATs the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May.

As normal attendance and punctuality is vital at this time of year, particularly for our exam classes, as if students are late for any exam, they may not be able to enter after a given time. As per last year for our year 11 students we will be serving hot breakfast sandwiches from 8.00 am each morning in the restaurant. We encourage all students to avail of this as it will help set them up for each day as they proceed through the exams. Similarly, the "Mood Food" lunch menu served during this period is designed to help students with stress.

We will not be releasing Year 11 students on study leave until they have completed the majority of their GCSE exams. Lessons will occur as normal throughout the exams with students accessing master classes directly before they enter any specific exam. This will allow the students to maintain the rigour, momentum, and sharpness they need to be successful in each exam. Where students have an exam first thing in the morning, they will be able to get breakfast in the restaurant where there will also be a briefing run in the subject they are about to sit.

Period 6 will continue for the year 11 students throughout the exams; however, the subjects being taught may change depending on what exam is coming up the following day. Please reassure your son/daughter that it is never too late and not to underestimate how much they can achieve by maintaining the right level of focus and study to be successful in these exams. If you need any advice or help, please do contact Mr Lowe or Miss Boyle to discuss any concerns.

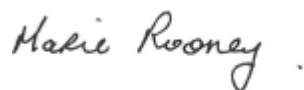
For all the other year groups they have been advised in the start of term assemblies about their study plans for their end of year assessments (GL and BASE assessments for KS3, Mock GCSE exams for Year 10). It is imperative that these year groups are studying the work they have covered over the year in preparation for their assessments. GL assessments will commence in the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June, BASE assessments 9<sup>th</sup> June and Year 10 Mock GCSE exams will commence week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June.

So, as you can see this is the business end of any academic year, however, we have planned some nice end of year events to finish off the year following all the student's hard work. In secondary the students will be going to Drayton Manor/ Alton Towers, which we hope all the students will be able to attend. Please can you ensure that the permission slips have been signed so your child does not miss out. We are also planning

a "sport festival" with the parent's teacher forum. This year this will be a joint event between primary and secondary. We will be sending out an Eventbrite invitation to parents, which, once completed and returned parents from across the school can attend and enjoy the activities with your children (wear your trainers we may have a parent race).

As you can see it's going to be a busy term and time is very short so, as always, we appreciate your continued support.

Best wishes



Principal  
Bournville Academy