

May 2025

Welcome to this issue of "In the Know".

After only four weeks we are already at the mid-term break which means we have had an intensive first half of the summer term. As you can see from this newsletter, students have been busy both inside and outside of the classroom. Firstly, I must commend our Y6 and Y11 students. Y6 completed their SATs with confidence and our Y11 students are showing real maturity in their approach to GCSEs, continuing to work diligently and preparing thoroughly with master classes and period 6 sessions. We are certainly very proud of them! We will expect the same from KS3 and Y10 students as they will sit BASE assessments and in the case of Y10, their first set of mock exams in the second half of the summer term. They are already preparing well.

One feature of recent activities has been the number of visitors we have welcomed into school to work with students. From business leaders to gallery owners, students have enjoyed a wealth of opportunities, and the visitors are always complimentary about the behaviour, effort and welcome they get from our students. Please enjoy reading more about these opportunities in this newsletter which gives you a taste of just some of the highlights of the past half term. Another busy, seven weeks awaits us next half term with some exciting end of year events planned including our Sports Festival and reward trips. Lots to look forward to, until then we wish you a fantastic break with your families. School reopens at the normal time of 08.30am on Monday 2nd June.

Best wishes, M. Rooney (Principal)



Communication

We are regularly posting on social media, celebrating school achievements and keeping you aware of what is happening in school. Please follow us on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram @BournvilleSch Our website is also a useful source of information: [Bournville School – Part of Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust](https://www.bournville.org).

Culture Day



Our culture day is a new tradition at Bournville School started in 2024. The intention behind this event is for us to celebrate the diversity of our school community and to encourage our students to be respectful and tolerant of difference. Subjects have planned some unique lessons so that students learn about art, music, food and traditions from around the world.

For our KS3 students the day started with a demonstration of Bhangra dance and for some they were even able to join in with the dancing in special Bhangra dance workshops. Thank you too to student leaders who wanted to do something for children around the world who are less fortunate, so sold samosas and break and lunch time to raise money for Unicef. With the site decorated and many students dressed in their cultural dress, it was a very special atmosphere at Bournville and a great end to the term!



Aim Higher Study Skills Workshops

All of our students will have formal end of year assessments over the coming weeks to assess their knowledge and understanding as follows:

- Year 11: GCSE examinations (start W/C 6th May)
- Year 10: Y10 mocks (W/C 16th June)
- Year 9: BASE and GL assessments (W/C 2nd and 9th June)
- Year 8: BASE and GL assessments (W/C 2nd and 9th June)
- Year 7: BASE and GL assessments (W/C 2nd and 9th June)



Preparation is key and students must do some independent learning and revision out of school hours in order to achieve their best and to support the excellent work they are doing in school.

In PSHE lessons we are teaching students how to revise. They create revision timetables and learn a range of techniques they can use to revise effectively. Their teachers will also provide plenty of resources to support their exam preparation.

For our Y10 students who will experience the formality of how their GCSE exams will run for the first time, we were really pleased to welcome Aim Higher into school yesterday to deliver an assembly and workshops about effective study skills. Students commented on how useful they had found the session and how it made them realise what they should be doing to achieve success.

We will continue to prepare students over the coming weeks and wish them all the very best of luck in the exams when they come.

FD2-ITC Enterprise Project

The Young Entrepreneur Project is a workshop which has run over the past 6 weeks for business students. The programme gives the students the opportunity to design an item of clothing to their liking, and then have the item manufactured. In between that time the students then learn the process behind manufacturing and all other aspects of fashion and the business elements behind it. The aim is to empower the students and give them a platform to express themselves and grow in confidence, all in a creative environment. The programme concludes with the students receiving their fully custom-made item of clothing, a certificate and showcasing their finished designs.

The program covers various areas of the curriculum including English, Art, DT, business, reading, maths and PSHE. Students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



Barber Institute

Over the past half term, a selection of creative KS3 students have worked with representatives from the Barber Institute. Sessions have included working with local poets and artists as well as having the opportunity to see artwork from the gallery itself. This has been a unique experience, and students have created illustrations and paintings inspired by their visitors; work they can be proud of!



Bournville Botanicals Design Competition

All students are invited to enter the 'Bournville Botanicals' competition where you must design a mural with the theme Bournville Botanicals. Entries to be in by 2nd June.

For further details of any of the creative competitions available to students, please see Miss Walton.





Y10 HSC students learn First Aid

Our Level 2 Health and Social Care students recently had the chance to take part in hands-on first aid training with expert trainers from St Johns Ambulance. The session taught them life-saving skills such as CPR, wound care and the importance of the recovery position in the event of an emergency.

This training didn't just give them practical skills—it also boosted their confidence and prepared them should they choose to continue to work in care homes, hospitals and community healthcare teams in the future. First aid isn't just a skill—it's a way to make a real difference in someone's life, especially in high-pressure moments. Our students are now better equipped to handle whatever challenges come their way.



Feedback from students was positive:

"I found the sessions useful because they covered both the practical and theoretical sides of first aid. We didn't just learn how to do it—we also learned why it's important and how to apply it in real situations".

The students were thoroughly engaged, especially in the practical element of the course; they individually performed CPR on the mannequin and placed their patient in the recovery position. All students will now receive a certificate demonstrating their achievement.

Barclays Life Skills Workshops

Our Y9 students had the chance to work with representatives from Barclays Bank on developing their financial literacy and to develop employability skills.



GSUS Live Workshops

KS3 students enjoyed GSUS live in RS lessons this past half term. This was a unique opportunity for them to do interactive multimedia sessions on a variety of PSHE themes. E24 was transformed with displays and technology providing an exciting backdrop to their lessons.



Key Dates:

We have several key dates already in the diary for next half term, please see below:

Key Events/Dates:

Monday 2 nd June	Back to school at normal time of 08.30am
Tuesday 10 th June	Y9 University Visit
Thursday 12 th June	FMAT Summer games
W/C 16 th June	Y10 Mocks begin
Thursday 19 th June	Y11 Assembly and BBQ
Friday 20 th June	Y11 PROM
Friday 27 th June	Rewards Trips
Tuesday 1 st July	Y10 South and City College Taster Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Induction Day
Thursday 3 rd July	SEND family picnic
Friday 4 th July	Y7 NHS Trip
W/C 7 th July	Work Experience Week
Tuesday 8 th July	KS3 Sports Festival
Friday 18 th July	Break up for summer



BOURNVILLE
ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

PTFA
PARENT TEACHER FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

We are excited to invite you to join our PTFA (Parent Teacher Families Association).

Members of the PTFA should be passionate about supporting the school community and the children who attend the school.

The two main functions of the PTFA will be:

- To raise additional funds to enhance children's school experience
- To organise events the school community will enjoy attending

If you are interested in joining and sharing your ideas or time, please e-mail h.poole@bournville.fmat.co.uk

COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS AT THE NEXT MEETING!
Date: Thursday 15th May. Time: 3.15pm.

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We are starting a Parent, Teacher and Friends Association and invite all parents to join us in arranging events and fundraising initiatives for the benefit of the school.

If you are interested in finding out more or joining this group, please e-mail h.poole@bournville.fmat.co.uk All welcome!

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Attendance

At Bournville, excellent attendance is one of our top priorities. We encourage all pupils to take full advantage of every teaching and learning opportunity available to them, and for that to happen it is important they are attending school daily and that they are punctual.

To find out more about our attendance and punctuality work, please read our 'Attendance Matters' booklet which can be found on our school website OR click the link below:

[Attendance-Matters-Booklet-24-25-PDF-003.pdf](#)

As we come to the end of this half term, in our celebration assemblies we are recognising those students who have excellent attendance. Our 95% and 100% attendance winners each receive a certificate and enjoy a range of rewards from ice-lollies to vouchers. Congratulations to Year 8 student Jamie, our latest iPad winner, an outstanding student who has excellent attendance!

R. Mullings



Attention! Pupils & Staff

FORM GROUPS
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE!

SWEET REWARDS

LEVEL UP

PATHWAY PUPILS
FRIDAY, MONDAY RULE!

