

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well as we approach the end of another year. All students will finish for their summer holidays on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

There are so many highlights that have been shared this year in our newsletter "In the Know" which have been testament to the amazing culture that now exists within Bournville. We recently have had the DfE (Department for Education) visit our school and their summary of what they saw from all your children and the staff in the school was described as "Exemplary". This collaborative positive culture was exemplified in the recent sports day festival where students competed with dedication and excellence trying to win their house system awards.

Looking forward to August, the year 11 students will be coming in to receive their GCSE exam results. Students will be able to receive their results on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**. Results will be distributed from **Elgar Hall** between **9.00am and 11.00am**. If students enter via Griffin Brooks Lane and make their way to Elgar Hall, they will be able to collect their results. Our exams officer will send a reminder letter closer to the date with all relevant details.

Similarly, our year 6 students have successfully completed their primary education with the best set of Key Stage 2 results ever, and we are now preparing them to take their next step into secondary school.

All year 7 students and primary aged students will start back on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Whilst **Year 8,9,10 and 11** students will start back on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be at the usual time of **8.30 am**. **To ensure your child has the most positive of starts to their new year we ask you to ensure they have the appropriate uniform and equipment as outlined below.**

I would like to thank all the students and staff for all your hard work throughout this school year. Bournville school has been transformed because of the dedication of all our students and staff, and we look forward to building on this over the next years. As usual at this time of year we say goodbye to a few staff who have given dedicated services to the school. We wish them well in the future.

There are many projects running over the summer to further improve the facilities at the Academy by updating the ICT facilities, improving outside groundwork as well as painting and decorating the Academy.

I wish you all the very best summer holidays possible, and I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic year.

Please read the practical information appended to this letter to help prepare your child for the start of a new year.

I look forward to our continued work together into the next year.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Rooney  
Principal

### Practical Information for the return to School in September 2025

**When students return to school in September**, we will be staggering the start of the academic term for secondary aged students to ensure year 7 have an effective induction. Please see the plan below. All primary aged pupils will return on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the usual time of 08.30am.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Staff Inset Day 1 – no students in school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff Inset Day 2 – no students in school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Only Y7 induction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 arrival at 08.30am</li> </ul> Primary Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All primary students start back at 08.30.</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7, 8, 9,10,11 arrival at Griffins Brook Lane for an 08.30 start. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bagels will be available as normal from 08.00 am in the restaurant.</li> </ul>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	All students in at 08.30am – following the normal school timetable

### Arrival and Departure

Please note all **secondary students** will use the **Griffins Brook Lane** entrance for arrival and departure. All **primary students** will use the **Hay Green Lane** entrance.

### School bag and planners

It is important for us to ensure that **students take personal responsibility for themselves and their equipment**. Students will need a school bag that will be able to house 5 exercise books, a pencil case and a planner.

All students are expected to bring their own pencil cases to use within each lesson. Each pencil case should have at least 1 black pen, 1 green pen, 1 pencil, an eraser, a ruler and a scientific calculator (Casio FX83GTX).

Students will need to ensure they bring their planners with them every day once they are issued with them.

### Timings of the School Day

The school day starts at 8.30 and finishes at 3.00pm as usual.

The timing of lessons will be as follows:

#### **Time Period**

08:30 - 09:00	AM Reg/ Tutor Time
09:00 - 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2
11:00 – 11:20	Break
11:20 – 12:20	Period 3
12:20 – 13:20	Period 4
13:20 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Period 5
<b>15.00 – 16.00</b>	<b>Period 6 (Mon, Tues, Wed Year 11 only)</b>

### Canteen & Food

We encourage all parents to **send their children to school having eaten a healthy breakfast**. We will also continue to offer every student a bagel each morning. **This will continue to be free of charge. This will be available to students in the restaurant at 8.00am.**

During social times, we will also have the school restaurant running their usual service of hot and cold food. In order to purchase food from the canteen, students will need to have money 'loaded' onto their account via ParentPay. **Students will not be able to pay with cash.**

### Uniform

We expect every student to arrive at school on time in full uniform. The uniform is an opportunity for all students to show respect and pride as part of the Bournville family. It is incredibly important and the ability to wear uniform and dress professionally at all times is a vital skill that students will need when they enter the world of work. There will be a standards cupboard available for students for emergencies to purchase uniform items such as ties, jumpers and blazers as well as equipment.

**For the avoidance of doubt, the items of uniform that all students must wear are:**

- Black polishable shoes – **trainers are not permitted.**
- Professional black trousers/pleated skirt that must fall below the knee – **jeans/leggings, stretchy material skirts are not permitted.**
- White shirt.
- Bournville tie worn correctly.
- Navy Jumper – **hooded or tracksuit tops are not permitted.**
- Black Blazer with Bournville badge (badges can be bought directly from the school)
- A bag that will be able to hold at least 5 exercise books and a planner.
- One small pair of studs only.
- One wristwatch- no bracelets.
- **No** long false nails or lashes.

On arrival in September, pastoral staff will be checking uniform at the school gates and the **Bournville standard will be insisted upon. Action will be taken should students not meet our professional standards.**

For full uniform guidelines, please see the school website: [Bournville School Uniform – Bournville School](#)

### Attendance and punctuality

Research has proven that poor attendance and punctuality is linked to poor outcomes for children. We must ensure that every child accesses every opportunity provided to them at Bournville so they can achieve the very best they can from their education. Every minute counts!

It is therefore important that all children have excellent attendance and punctuality upon returning to school.

**Your child's attendance target is between 97 and 100%.**

If attendance falls below 95% research tells us that students on average achieve 1 grade beneath their targets. If attendance falls below 90% the same research predicts a student will on average achieve 2 grades below their target.

Therefore please:

- **Ensure your child attends every day, on time, equipped and ready to learn.**
- Ensure the school has up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers. We will contact you by text or by telephone if your child is absent or late and you have not contacted the school.
- If your child is ill, contact the school every day your child is absent.
- Ensure that medical appointments are made outside of school time.
- Do not book holidays in school time.
- Contact your child's form tutor (secondary) or class teacher (primary) if you are experiencing difficulty getting your child into school.

In order to ensure that every child has excellent attendance we will work with families to help resolve any issues, but **we also work with Birmingham City Council to prosecute parents whose children's attendance is below the acceptable level.**

### **School trips and opt out permissions**

We have very high expectations of every student at Bournville so they will achieve the best outcomes. We also want them to have broader experiences that bring the curriculum to life as well as providing them with experiences they may not normally get. We therefore plan several trips that we want your child to be included in.

Last year we noticed that when we sent out messages about trips some children either forgot to get their slips signed, or returned, and they therefore missed out on the trip. We have therefore decided to work on an optout approach to school trips moving forward. All parents have already signed a general consent form. We will notify you of the upcoming trip and unless we are notified that you want to opt your child out of going on the trip, we will make all the necessary arrangements for them to be included. If the trip extends beyond the normal school day we will notify you of timings and again await your opt-out correspondence.

### **Keeping Safe Over the Summer**

The summer break is a time for students and families to spend quality time together and recharge ready for the new term. Sometimes children and families might experience difficulties during the break. Below are some agencies that can offer support over the holiday period.

We hope that all of our students and our families remain safe over the summer, whether that be online or in real life. Our website has two dedicated sections which contain information on how to support your child and how to keep your child safe, and links to organisations that can support children and families: <http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/safeguarding/> and <http://www.bournvilleschool.org/academy-life/student-wellbeing/>