

Summer 2- 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another fantastic academic year, I would like to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support and commitment to Bournville.

This edition reflects the wide range of opportunities our students have enjoyed in recent weeks. From sporting success and our Sports Festival to educational visits, careers experiences, creative arts, public speaking achievements and the Year 11 Prom, it has been a fitting end to a year filled with ambition, achievement and memorable experiences.

I hope you enjoy reading about these highlights and celebrating all that our students have accomplished. On behalf of everyone at Bournville, thank you for your continued support. We wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Ms R. Dhinsa – Head of Academy



Bournville School 19 – 14 St George's School, Edgbaston



In a thrilling finale to a fantastic year of sport, the Bournville School Year 7 Boys basketball team dug deep to secure a hard-fought 19-14 victory, claiming the prestigious Birmingham & West Midlands Basketball Competition title. From the opening tip-off, it was clear that this was going to be a high-intensity battle. Bournville came into the game with a clear strategy, and the boys worked tirelessly from start to finish to implement the game plan. Central to that execution was Oscar, who put on a masterclass at point guard. Oscar controlled the tempo of the game beautifully, slowing things down when needed and picking apart the opposition defence with superb vision and poise under pressure.

Basketball is a team game, and this championship win was the definition of a total team effort. Bournville utilised a tight six-man rotation, and every single player who stepped onto the court left everything out there. Oscar orchestrated the play with great maturity, with Peter, Ayoub, Radman, Harrison, and Zaki all stepping up in clutch moments, whether it was pulling down crucial defensive rebounds, diving for loose balls, or working the extra pass on offense, all six boys contributed hugely to the win.

What stood out most, however, was the team's character. Facing a tough opponent, the boys showed incredible work ethic, resilience when the pressure mounted, and seamless teamwork. Just as importantly, they played the entire match with fantastic spirit and sportsmanship, representing Bournville School impeccably. We are incredibly proud of the boys' achievement. Bringing home the silverware is a massive milestone, and it caps off an encouraging year of fixtures at Bournville School.

Congratulations to the champions!

Sports Festival Brings Fun and Team Spirit

Our annual Sports Festival was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and fun. Students took part in a range of traditional athletics events alongside exciting inflatable activities, making it a day to remember for everyone.

With glorious sunshine, students also enjoyed a well-earned ice cream as they cheered on their friends and represented their houses with pride. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, sportsmanship and encouragement throughout the day.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students who helped make the festival such a success.



Year 10 Art- Ikon Gallery Visit

On Friday 19th June, Year 10 students visited Birmingham's Ikon Gallery. This became a standout creative moment for the students, who spent the day exploring contemporary art and getting hands-on with clay in a workshop led by artist Annie Dale. Their trip combined making, thinking about, and discovering new types of art.

The visit began with a tour of the current 'Break the mould' exhibition. This exhibition showcased artists who push boundaries—working with unconventional materials and unexpected shapes. Students found themselves asking how sculpture can be both fragile and powerful at once. There were interactive installations and artwork made of chewing gum.

Students then took part in a workshop delivered by artist Annie Hale where they tried out different clay techniques. Students experimented by painting with clay, sgraffito and working in relief with clay. This was the highlight of the visit and student kept their experiments to form part of their coursework.

Finally, we visited the 'Upright' exhibition which included artworks by Angela De La Cruz. Both shows challenged traditional ideas of sculpture, prompting students to think about how materials and form can communicate identity. Our tour guide Will was on hand to answer any questions students had about contemporary art and engaged students in lively debates about the purpose of art.

By the end of the visit, students left with clay-stained hands, fresh ideas, and a deeper appreciation for contemporary art. We look forward to using clay in Year 11 GCSE art lessons and to visiting the Ikon gallery in the future.

Miss Walton- Subject leader Creative Arts, Design and Technology



Y1 and 2 visit Cadbury World

As part of their history learning this year, our Key Stage 1 pupils have been exploring their local area, including the history of Bournville and the Cadbury brothers.

In July, 31 Year 1 and Year 2 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to Cadbury World in Bournville, where they discovered how chocolate is made and even had the opportunity to create their own delicious chocolate treats.

Of course, no visit to Cadbury World would be complete without sampling some chocolate along the way! The children had a fantastic day, returning to school full of smiles and enthusiasm. Many described it as "the best day ever!"

Mr J. Reynier – Subject Leader History

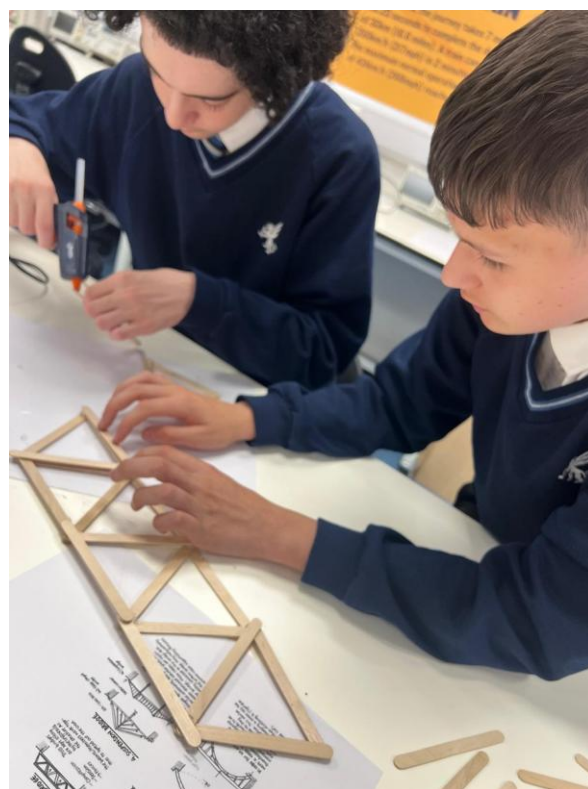


Y10 South and City College Careers Day

Our Year 10 students enjoyed an inspiring taster day at South & City College, experiencing college life and exploring a range of vocational subjects.

Throughout the day, they took part in engaging workshops, developed new skills and discovered potential career pathways while learning more about post-16 opportunities.

The visit encouraged students to think about their future aspirations, build confidence and begin planning their next steps. We would like to thank South & City College for providing such a welcoming and engaging experience.



Resilience on Display as Bournville Competes in Inaugural FMAT Maths Event

Some of Bournville All-Through School's most talented Year 8 and 9 mathematicians put their problem-solving skills to the test as they competed against other FMAT schools in the Trust's first ever Maths Challenge - an event designed to stretch high-performing students and celebrate teamwork.

The competition brought together teams from Bournville, Smith's Wood Academy, Fairfax Academy and Erdington Academy, with rounds inspired by UKMT challenges. Students tackled group problem-solving tasks, paired activities with limited communication, and a fast-paced relay round that demanded accuracy under pressure. Despite being a team member down due to illness, the Bournville team showed exceptional determination. "They valiantly competed anyway," said Miss Thompson, Academy Improvement Advisor for Maths and Numeracy, who organised the event. She praised the resilience of Year 9 student Aryanna Dima in particular: "Most impressively, Aryanna completed much of the competition without a partner — and with a smile on her face. She embodied the true meaning of resilience and determination and was the standout student of the day."



Miss Roberts, Maths Teacher and Associate Assistant Principal at Bournville, said the event was an invaluable opportunity for the Trust's most able mathematicians. "I am so proud of our students for performing so well. This is one of the benefits of being part of an academy trust. It allows us to organise competitions easily across schools, adding a greater sense of challenge and giving our brightest students the chance to push themselves."

The all-girl team from Smith's Wood Academy took first place, securing an early lead that other teams couldn't close. The event was hosted at Fairfax Academy and supported by their Year 12 students, who chose to stay and help run the competition despite most of their year group being on a reward trip.

Miss Thompson will now gather feedback from staff and students, with hopes of making the FMAT Maths Challenge an annual event.

C. Roberts – Associate Assistant Principal (Maths)

Open Events

We are delighted to invite you to our **Open Events**.

Open Evening – Thursday 24th September 6-8pm

Open Morning – Friday 25th September – 09.30-10.30am

Open Morning – Wednesday 30th September – 09.30-10.30am

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school, meet our staff, and see what makes our community such a special place to learn and grow. During the evening, you will be able to explore our facilities, discover our curriculum and enrichment opportunities, and hear about how we support every child to achieve their full potential.

We are proud of our caring, inclusive environment, high expectations, and commitment to helping every student thrive academically, socially, and personally. Our dedicated staff work hard to inspire confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning, and we look forward to sharing this with you. Whether you are considering our school for your child or simply want to learn more about what we offer, we would be delighted to welcome you.

We look forward to meeting you and your family.

The Big Summer Swap at the Hub on the Green

Join the Big Summer Swap on Saturday 8 August, 11am–2pm at the Hub on the Green.

Families can choose from a wide range of free school uniforms and children's books, helping to save money ahead of the new school year while supporting sustainability. Donations of outgrown uniforms and books are welcome but not required.

The event will also feature:

- Storytelling with local author Bea Jay Evans
- Poems on demand by Robbie Lea-Trengrouse
- A Blind Date with a Book (£1, including a free book-themed sticker)
- The chance to add your favourite children's book to the Hub's Book Tree

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy this community celebration of reading and recycling.



BOURNVILLE
ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

2026 OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 6-8PM

Come and see us in action at one of our Open Mornings!

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 9:30AM - 10:30AM

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Book your place today through **Eventbrite**. Scan the QR code or see our website for further details. Walk-ins welcome on the evening.

www.bournvilleschool.org

Bournville School is an **all-through school** catering for students aged **4yrs to 16yrs**.

FAIRFAX MULTICACEMENT TRUST

Pupils value the **positive environment** they say that teachers know them well and that this helps to make them feel safe.



Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.



Come to the Hub's Big Summer Swap!

Saturday 8th August * 11.00am – 2.00pm

Pre-loved school uniforms and children's books

Storytelling

***Poetry on demand ***

27 Sycamore Road, Bournville B30 2AA

www.hubonthegreen.org.uk

Speak Out Challenge

Bournville All-Through School's Head Boy, Cael Mohanraj, secured third place in the regional Speak Out Challenge final after delivering a compelling speech on the impact of social media.

Held at the University of Birmingham's George Cadbury Hall, the competition brought together finalists from more than 600 students across the region following weeks of workshops and school heats organised by Speakers Trust.

In his speech, Cael challenged the audience to reflect on their use of social media, asking: *"The next time you go on it, just think: do we really need it?"*

After receiving his award from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Zaker Choudhry, Cael said: "Speakers Trust gave me the confidence, practical techniques and guidance I needed. I would highly recommend it to anyone looking to build their confidence and become a more effective public speaker."

Mr Kieran Walpole, Associate Assistant Principal for English, said: "Cael spoke with real confidence and clarity. Coming third in such a strong field is a fantastic achievement, and he is an excellent ambassador for our school."



Y11 Prom



Our Year 11 students celebrated a memorable milestone at their Prom, marking the end of their school journey and the start of exciting new opportunities. Held at the beautiful Rowheath Pavilion, the evening provided the perfect setting for students to celebrate their achievements, reflect on lasting friendships and create memories to cherish.

The prom recognised the hard work, resilience and personal growth shown throughout their time at Bournville. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying such a special evening together. We wish all of our Year 11 students every success and happiness as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

Return to School in September

All primary and secondary students will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. To ensure a smooth start to the new academic year, students will arrive at different times as follows:

- Primary – Normal school day
- Year 7: Arrive by 8.25am for an 8.30am start
- Years 8 and 9: Arrive at 9.10am and report directly to form time
- Years 10 and 11: Arrive at 10.15am and report directly to form time



Uniform Expectations

Our students continue to take great pride in wearing their uniform, demonstrating the high standards and positive culture we value at Bournville. Smart presentation reflects our commitment to professionalism, respect and readiness to learn, and we thank families for their continued support in maintaining these high expectations. For full details see our website: [Uniform - Bournville School](https://www.bournville.org.uk/uniform)

Local uniform suppliers

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Clive Mark

Kings Heath
38-40 Poplar Road
Kings Heath
Birmingham
B14 7AD

0121 444 7623

[School Uniforms & Accessories | Clive Mark](#)

Kids Essentials

762 Bristol Road South
Northfield
Birmingham
B31 2NN

0121 477 0736

[Kids Essentials Birmingham Schoolwear – Kids Essentials Schoolwear Birmingham](#)

