

8th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a very positive start to the term, and it has been wonderful to see students returning to school with enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude to learning. In particular, our Year 7 students have made a strong start to their secondary school journey. They have embraced new routines, built new friendships and settled into school life exceptionally well. We are very proud of how confidently they have adapted to the opportunities and challenges of secondary education.

This half term is set to be a busy and exciting one for our school community. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our Open Evening on 24th September, followed by our Open Mornings on 25th and 30th September. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and celebrate the achievements of our students and staff.

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 7 students to our Year 7 Tutor Evening on 1st October. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet your child's form tutor, discuss how they have settled into school life, and find out more about the support and guidance available throughout the year.

We are also pleased to be able to offer a range of exciting enrichment opportunities for our students this term. These include a Year 8 History trip to the Black Country Living Museum on 16th October, as well as Geography and Art trips for students in Years 10 and 11 who study these subjects as part of their option choices. Educational visits provide valuable opportunities to enhance learning beyond the classroom, and we look forward to seeing students benefit from these experiences. Further information, including consent and payment details where applicable, will be shared with parents and carers closer to the date of each visit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. Students have returned looking smart and ready to learn, and this has contributed positively to the atmosphere around school. Maintaining excellent uniform standards will remain a key focus throughout the academic year, and we

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appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring that all students arrive at school correctly equipped and dressed in accordance with our expectations.

As we begin the new academic year, I would also like to remind all families about the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Regular attendance and arriving on time each day are essential to ensuring students make the most of every learning opportunity. This is particularly important in light of the new trip criteria that was shared via MCAS during the first week of term. We encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with these expectations and support their child in maintaining high standards of attendance and punctuality throughout the year.

This provides a timely opportunity to remind families that all school communications will now be sent via MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) rather than by email or text message. MCAS is available both as a mobile app and through a web browser and will be our primary method of communication with parents and carers throughout the year.

If you do not currently have an active MCAS account, please email post@bournville.fmat.co.uk with your child's name and the email address you wish to use. A registration link will then be sent to you. Please note that registration links remain valid for 24 hours only.

We value the strong partnership between home and school and look forward to seeing many of you at our forthcoming events. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every student achieves their full potential.

Yours faithfully,

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