

At Bournville School, in addition to a broad academic curriculum, every one of our students has the opportunity to experience a wealth of **personal development** activities. This newsletter gives you an insight into some key highlights from the past half term. *Our aim is to develop articulate, resilient and ambitious students, regardless of background, with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and habits to excel in modern Britain.*

### Message from the Principal:

September seems like a distant memory. It has been a long and busy Autumn term and our students and staff have worked extremely hard to cover the national curriculum and to ensure our children all fulfil their potential. Our Year 11 students in particular have continued to strive for excellence and shown incredible dedication to their studies as they completed their mock GCSE exams.

Of course, the term has also been packed with activities, visitors into school, educational visits outside of school and not to be forgotten, our Christmas Fayre! There have been many highlights for me over this year, but I would like to mention the amazing Christmas productions where students and parents from the primary and secondary phases came to watch fantastic acting, singing and dancing in our Talent shows. It was great to see the confidence in our children, the smiles on their faces and how so many of their peers came to celebrate their talents and cheer them on. Again, these events enrich the curriculum and allow education to take place both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our school continues to grow with additional children starting all of the time which is a wonderful compliment and testimony to the team here. We have all been on an amazing journey over this term and I am so proud of everything we have achieved together. Bournville school is just an amazing place to be right now, and I am so excited for what the new year has to bring. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time of the year and hope 2024 brings you more amazing experiences.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**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.](http://www.bournville.org)

### Key Dates:

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Staff Training Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Jan – All students return to school  
W/C 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y10 Milestones  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parent Forum  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y11 Information Evening  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y9 Parents Evening  
W/C 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y8 Milestones  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break up for half term



**Does Bournville School have talent?** It most definitely does, and a lot of it at a very high level! The quality of talent on display at the Winter Talent Showcase was at an incredibly impressive level which left the audience amazed!

What makes the Talent Show such a special and important event is that it gives a range of pupils a platform to showcase their variety of talents and an opportunity to develop both their performance skills and their confidence. It also includes opportunities for event management, administration and technology for other pupils as they support backstage.

Uncovering new talents is also an exciting outcome of the Talent Show; from Orion hosting to the range of musical, vocal, dramatic and dance performances. The audience was left impressed and in awe. Of course, without dedicated staff, these events can't happen. A huge thank you to Miss Brown and Miss Charterton for their dedication over these last months and for giving students these opportunities.



## Character Education

We teach our students to STRIVE for success. This half term our work focused on developing 'Tolerance'. Our tutor time sessions focus on character development. Students have engaged with topics related to the protected characteristics as well as Human Rights. We are teaching our students to be respectful and tolerant.



## Careers Education

The half term started with our annual careers fair, which was bigger and better than ever with over 30 local employers, colleges and universities visiting to speak to students. Evaluations show that students found it incredibly useful and we were pleased to see some parents attend too.

Unifrog, an online careers platform, has also been relaunched with students. This is a useful careers resource we pay for to support students with their Careers research.



Our impartial careers advisor, Mrs Matto, is in school on Tuesdays and is currently supporting Y11 students with applications to post 16 provision.

BOURNVILLE ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL				
EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME   AUTUMN 2023				
EVERY DAY				
Barbarian Club	Recreation Club	Chess	Choir	Football
Luncheon (Y7 & Y8)	Sports activities	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs
Luncheon (Y9, Y10 & Y11)	Sports activities	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs
MONDAY				
Breaktime (Y7 & Y8)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
Luncheon (Y9, Y10 & Y11)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
TUESDAY				
Breaktime (Y7 & Y8)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
Luncheon (Y9, Y10 & Y11)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
WEDNESDAY				
Breaktime (Y7 & Y8)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
Luncheon (Y9, Y10 & Y11)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
THURSDAY				
Breaktime (Y7 & Y8)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
Luncheon (Y9, Y10 & Y11)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
FRIDAY				
Breaktime (Y7 & Y8)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library
Luncheon (Y9, Y10 & Y11)	IT Book Club	Library	Library	Library



## Extra-Curricular

We have a wealth of extra-curricular activities on offer to students. This includes, art, drama, music and sport. We are encouraging participation through the use of the extra-curricular loyalty card which can lead to house points and prizes. This past half term, students participated in the Winter Showcase, an opportunity for talented students to perform in front of the school community. Many also helped out at the Christmas Fayre.

Academic support is also provided for Y11 students with after-school revision sessions in most subjects. Great to see them taking their studies so seriously.

## Student Leadership

We have elected a range of student leaders in different capacities as we value their contribution to the school community. We have 72 students selected who support the school in different ways. A key highlight of the term was running a coffee morning for 'Griffinians', ex-staff and students of Bournville School. It was a really special occasion to re-establish this link and to cement a relationship that is beneficial to the school. Prefects did an excellent job! They also raised £150 for Children in Need, support in tutor groups and act as duty marshals in corridors, keeping children safe. The School Council meet regularly to give feedback on key issues and feed into school planning. House Captains are also now in place and will encourage participation in House Events.





## Educational Visits

There have already been 11 educational visits this past term, opportunities to go to the theatre, museums, universities and many sporting opportunities. We are committed to offering these unique experiences for students, to create life-long memories but also to make them culturally aware and to bring learning to life. There are many more visits planned. Y8 recently enjoyed the Warner Bros Harry Potter tour and Y10 went to see 'A Christmas Carol' at the Old Vic in London.

**Christmas Fayre** - Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fayre such a success on Thursday 7th December. It was wonderful to see so many new faces and past students attending this wonderful Christmas Event.

It was a special event for many reasons. Firstly, it has been some years since we last



ran a Christmas Fayre. It was welcomed by all of the school community and will now

be a regular on the school calendar. There is already talk of a Summer Fayre too! Secondly, we are an all-through school and primary and secondary worked together to organise this event and it was all the better for it. We are committed to doing much more together and to share best practice from each other. This was also the start of a PTA too, where we worked with parents to organise the fayre for our students. We are particularly grateful for all of the donations. Much more to come from this collaboration too!

The event itself was full of all the festive favourites; a tombola, raffle prizes, name the elf, guess the weight of the Christmas cake... There were games and bargains, event Santa in his Grotto. The atmosphere was wonderful, students really appreciating the effort we'd put in. Many students volunteered to run stalls and those selected were an absolute credit to the school both polite and professional. Nearly £1,000 was raised. Some of it will be donated to House Charities, the rest will go back into the PTA fund to run future events for our students.

## Art – Autumn 2



During Autumn 2 art club have created a beautiful collaborative poppy display to commemorate Remembrance Day. We used recycled bottles to make the 3D poppies and the students wrote messages of thanks on the 2D poppies during form time. Lest we forget.



Year 7- Alice Clewer has created this excellent painting inspired by Paul Cezanne. Great colour mixing skulls, use of brushstrokes and observation of shadows and highlights. A fantastic painting!



Year 8 and 9- Noah Molak and Dylan Ivens. Noah has explored how to successfully present his tonal drawings. Dylan has created this wonderful pen study for his homework. Well done boys!



Winter walks photography competition entries to [L.walton@bournville.fmat.co.uk](mailto:L.walton@bournville.fmat.co.uk) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.



Well done to Poppy Morrison (Year 7), Honey Walsh (Year 8) and Owen Lai (Year 7) for their excellent Christmas card competition entries.

We wish everyone a restful holiday and a Happy New Year!

## Food – Autumn 2



### Year 7

Year 7 have had an amazing start to their first rotation in technology. In food technology they have completed a wide range of both theory and practical lessons. Making lots a tasty treats, such as shortbread biscuits and fairy cakes to mini pizzas and pasta bakes.

### Year 8

Year 8 have been building upon their knowledge and skills they learnt in year 7 to make some wonderful new dishes this term. Savoury dishes like Chicken Tikka Masala and Mac & Cheese. Also, some sweet treats such as Flapjacks and Chocolate chip cookies.



### Year 9

Year 9 are starting to prepare for their GCSEs next year. They are completing more and more complex dishes and theory work. This term they have made chicken curry from scratch, unbaked cheesecakes, burgers, scones, focaccia, palmers and much more.

### Year 10

Year 10 have made an excellent start to their GCSE course. They are building up high level skills through their practical lessons in preparation for the NEAs next year. Students have been very festive when recently making yule logs during lesson time.



### Year 11

Year 11 have spent the majority of the term completing their NEA 1, (Non-Examined Assessment), The Food Investigation. They have been working very hard on this during their lessons. They will be completing their NEA 2 after the Christmas holiday.

### Christmas Fayre

Some year 8 students did some festive baking after school to sell at the Christmas Fayre.

Cadbury House also made Reindeer Hot Chocolate Cones and raised over £120 for Acorns Children's Hospice.



### Cooking Workshop

Year 10 students had an excellent cooking demonstration from Academy Food UK. They learnt how to make some budget dishes and improve upon their cooking skills.

