

Monday 8th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the summer term at Bournville Academy. At the heart of our ethos is a varied curriculum for all of our students, whilst some will perform at an exceptional level, all of our students will benefit in many ways from fully engaging with what we have on offer, including our extra-curricular activities. My challenge to all our students is for them to attend at least one extra-curricular activity.

Another challenge I will be extending to all our students is for them to develop the habits of a successful learner. There are several basic habits that will result in students being very successful learners; high attendance, arriving at school on time with their full equipment; following the school's learning routines in each and every lesson; completing all homework on time and revising for upcoming exams. These appear to be so straightforward, but all our student performance data tells us that the students who embed these habits make exceptional progress. You can help with this by ensuring your son/daughter has an appropriate space, that they can concentrate, to do work at home.

This term will see assessments for all students. For our Year 6 and Year 11 students, this will involve the SATs and GCSE exams. This can be an anxious time; but my message to the students is to trust the process; following the learning routines each day, both in school and at home, keep on revising hard and practicing exam questions and they will have done their best. We will be providing further information to each Year group with reminders of the key dates for the term.

Our Year 7,8,9 and 10's will also be doing assessments in summer half term, with our Year 10's doing their first GCSE Mock exams. Assessments conducted by all year groups will inform teachers, students, and parents of the progress that the students are making. Where this progress is not as it needs to be, the school responds in a couple of ways. Firstly, teachers will analyse each assessment to identify a) key topics that have not been mastered by most students, b) individual students who have not mastered given topics. Secondly teachers will then replan the curriculum and lessons to reteach given topics and provide additional support to individuals who need help.

Our school improvement priorities in lessons continue to focus on stretch and challenge, knowledge retrieval and students using feedback to redraft answers in green pen. Excellent attendance and punctuality underpin your son/daughter's success. I therefore thank you for your continued full support on this as we work together to ensure your child is successful.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kind regards



Miss M Rooney
Principal