

## Principal's Message

It's been a long summer term packed with many activities and exam preparations. Firstly, I must commend all the students as they prepared for end of year exams. Students have worked hard studying for a series of exams from GCSE's, mock GCSE exams, SATs and BASE end of year assessments. Year 7,8,9 have completed their BASE assessments, whilst Year 10 have completed their first mock GCSE exams. You will receive a report at the end of this term, to inform you of how they have done. The reality for every child is that their formal education will be measured by their success in exams whether that be GCSE, A levels, Apprenticeships, bachelor's degrees or other. This only comes with hard work and resilience to endure the intensity of doing public exams, we know the assessments they are doing now prepare them well.

We want to instil the habit in students to look at their exams, look at what they did not do well in and to independently revisit these areas, so they are successful next time. Teachers will plan lessons to reteach key themes that the exams may show need further coverage, however we want students to take responsibility for their own advancement as well. We ask you to sit with your child to look at what they could study again to prepare for next year.

Peppered throughout all this hard work has been a number of other experiences that students have been able to engage with from the preparations for our Hansel and Gretel show for next year, volunteering at transition events and open evenings, trips such as Drayton Manor, theatre, South and City College taster day, Y6 residential, mock elections, Y11 Prom, Y10 work experience week as well as Sports day at the Abbey stadium.

I must give a shout out to all those students who attended the FMAT games and successfully competed showing their sporting talent against the other schools in the Trust. Next year we intend to take home more medals showing we are the best! However, if our young people were not able to show this at the FMAT games they certainly did at the Abbey stadium on Sports day on 16<sup>th</sup> July and on our primary sports day on 5<sup>th</sup> July. "Bournville's got talent!"

We are already forward planning next year to continue to broaden our Personal Development offer and the experience that all students have access to. We will have morning extracurricular activities running as well as many after school activities. We will be looking to ensure more students are able to attend our school trips than before by asking parents to opt out as opposed to opt in. We want the very best school experience for your child!

I hope you enjoy reading this terms edition of the "In the Know" to give you some examples of the successes of our wonderful young people at Bournville.

Marie Rooney  
Principal



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### Key Dates:

<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Break up for summer
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	GCSE results day
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y7 return to school
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	All year groups return
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open Evening
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open Morning 1
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y11 Geog Field Trip
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y11 Progress Evening
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open Morning 2
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Y7 Tutor Evening
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Staff Inset Day
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Break up for half term

## Y11 Prom Night



We're really proud of our Y11 students who dug deep this year in school, showing great determination in their learning. Period 6 sessions in English, Maths and Science became a normal part of their school day and provided crucial extra learning time for them. Students told us how much they appreciated these sessions and how it gave them confidence when sitting their GCSE examinations. We were very pleased then, to give our Y11 students a wonderful send-off at their Prom Night. This was held at the H-Suite in Edgbaston. It was a great evening of joy and dancing, with students marking a key moment in their lives as they leave Bournville School and go on to a range of post-16 options at local colleges and sixth forms.

However, one very important event left! We will be in school ready to celebrate with students again on results day, where we hope students are rewarded for their hard work with some fantastic GCSE results.



## Sports Day 2024

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July over 400 students were taken to Abbey Stadium in Redditch to participate in Sports Day. Despite a rainy start to the day, it was a fantastic success with students able to compete in a range of field and track events for medals and important points to try their very best to win the House cup. Would it be Austin, Boulton, Cadbury or Tolkien?

Students from years 7 to 10 competed in races from 100m all the way up to 800m, finishing with some exciting relays. Field events included long jump, high jump, javelin and shot put. Some excellent performances all round.

The day was made even better by the fantastic camaraderie and support from the crowd, with spectators supporting their houses superbly. Tutors had gone all out with flags, cheerleaders with pom poms and a wide range of posters and banners. It was great to see students supporting their team mates so enthusiastically.

We congratulate all those competitors who represented their houses so well, many left with medals, some students even earned several! Overall, there could be only one winner.... congratulations to Tolkien House; Sports Day champions 2024.

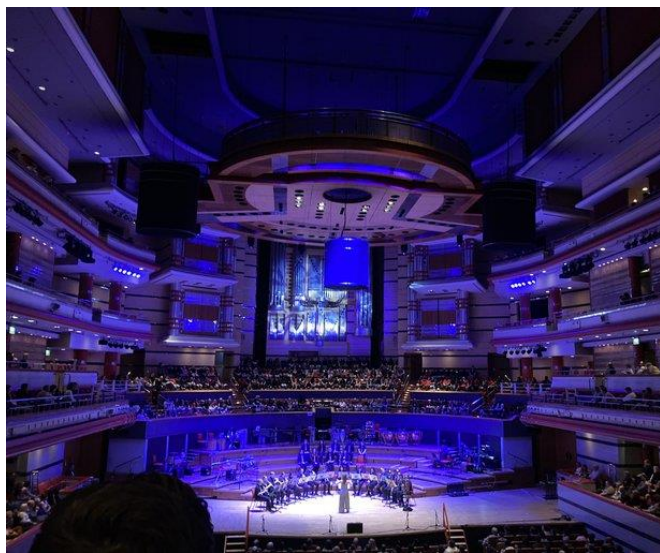




## Spanish Onattí Theatre Trip

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, a group of year 10 students went to King Edwards VI Lordswood School for Girls to watch a theatre performance. This was organised by the Oaks Collegiate. The reason for the trip was because they are studying Spanish and, by watching the play, the students were exposed to listening to two native speakers talk in Spanish. During the performance, they were also able to put their Spanish skills in practice by asking and answering questions in the target language and taking part in the performance.

The students were an absolute credit to the school.



## Playing at the Symphony Hall

We are proud of our percussion ensemble who got to play at the Symphony hall on July 9<sup>th</sup> in a special concert. There were some incredible performances during the evening and our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of performing in such a prestigious venue!

## Transition Day 2024

We were very pleased to welcome our new Y7 cohort to school on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to get their first taste of Bournville life. The day included time with their form tutor as well as some taster lessons with a chance to get familiar with the environment and meet new friends. During the evening we were very pleased to welcome parents too. Enjoy your summer Y7 and we will see you on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for your second induction day.





## Art- Summer 2

In the Art, during the Summer term students have been working hard on several different project. KS3 art club has continued take place on a Wednesday and five of our KS3 artists bravely entered artwork into the Royal Academy Young Artists' Show. Well done to TJ, Poppy, Alice, Aleeah and Ellie for entering.



## Summer 2- Excellent Work

Year 7 students have been exploring patterns from around the world and they have created sgraffito pieces inspired by artist Yellena James.

Year 8 students have been exploring mark making and drawing with sticks and ink in the style of Vincent van Gogh as well as demonstrating their drawing skills in their BASE assessments.



Year 9 students have been exploring the artwork of Kehinde Wiley and Delita Martin and they have created pieces exploring identity, portraits and patterns.



Year 10 students have been creating their own responses to the work of an artist. I think Kyrah's jellyfish inspired by artist Iain MacArthur is incredible!





**Attendance** - We believe attendance is a whole-school responsibility and all work diligently to achieve excellent attendance. We would like to congratulate and thank the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly too.

In line with our core purpose to develop students with the knowledge, attitudes, skills and habits (KASH) to succeed in life, we monitor attendance patterns with vigilance.

Absence disrupts the education of the individual student and the whole class.

Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly?

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- miss out on opportunities

Attendance to school is vital for your child's success and it is a fact that non-attendance to school can seriously disadvantage children in their adult life.

We are recognising those with excellent attendance through a range of rewards from hot chocolates to certificates, to chocolate treats and badges. A reminder too, for every lesson a student is in they receive a positive point. Congratulations to all those students who earned their place on the rewards trip partly as a result of excellent attendance.

Education is a gift and it is essential that students attend every day – making every moment of this gift count!

## Attendance

Students who have excellent attendance are more successful in school.

**95%**

ATTENDANCE

= **10** missed days

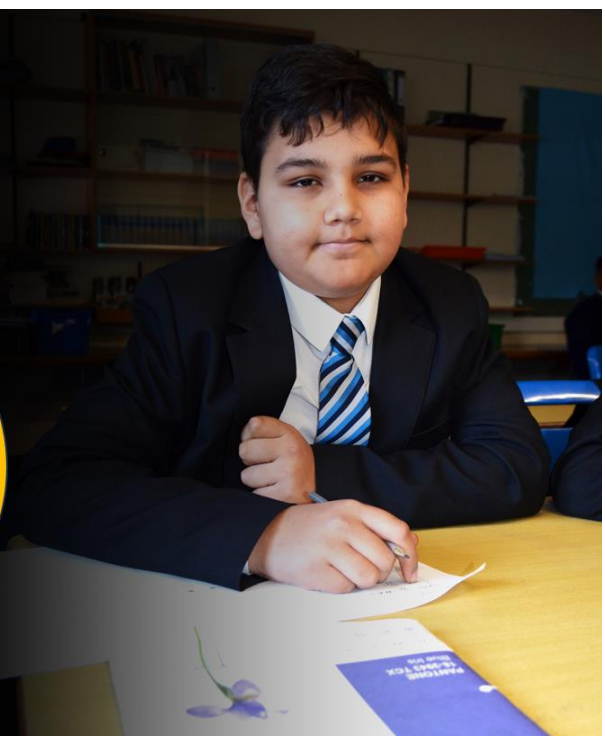
= **50** missed lessons

**70%**

ATTENDANCE

= **58** missed days

= **290** missed lessons

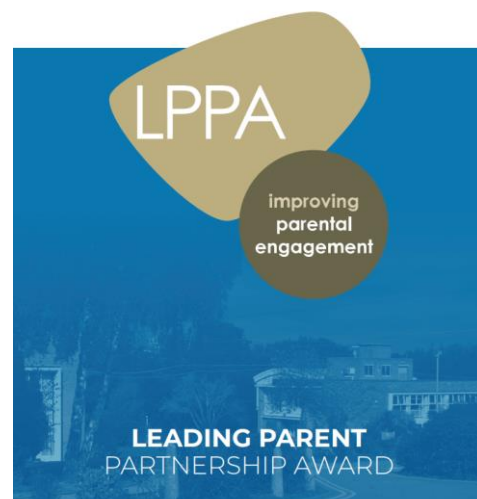




## Leading Parent Partnership Award



We are really proud to inform you that we have recently achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). This is a national award which recognises our commitment and collaboration with parents. The Bournville School Parent Forum and Parent working party are a key part of this work as well as our regular communication with parents in a variety of ways. This year we have seen increased opportunities welcoming parents into school such as our Christmas Fayre and Wellbeing event. The assessor was incredibly impressed with the work that is happening in school and this will continue into next academic year where we already have lots more planned!



## Mock Election

To teach our students about democracy, we were pleased to hold in-school elections enabling students to experience the democratic process first-hand. All students, from secondary and primary had the opportunity to vote and express their political party preference. Results were released on the national voting day and showed the overwhelming majority in school voted for 'The Green Party', differing from the UK vote where the Labour party were elected. An excellent experience for all involved!



## Careers Education:

We are proud of the recognition we got from Ofsted for our careers work. We continue to ensure our students are supported and encouraged to think about their future, particularly at key transition points. All of our Y11 students have been supported to secure offers from post-16 providers. Whereas our Y10 students have enjoyed a taster at South and City college and we were pleased most went out on work experience placements. We had some excellent feedback from their placements indicating how professional and useful they were. Well done Y10!

**Unifrog** - A reminder that all students have access to Unifrog, an online careers platform with invaluable information on everything to do with careers, it includes up to date local information. [Unifrog – The universal destinations platform.](#)

You will also find useful information about our school provision on the school website:

[Careers Education – Bournville School](#)

