

December 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Please enjoy reading our final 'In the Know' of the year! December was a busy month at Bournville, and we are pleased to share some of the highlights with you. As we come to the end of this academic term, we leave with a great sense of pride for all that staff and students have achieved. There is much to celebrate, at the same time we remain ambitious and following a welcome Christmas break, we look forward to taking the exciting next steps, as we continually strive for bigger and better. We must thank all in our school community, staff, students and parents for your support over the past term. We wish you a restful and happy Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Wednesday 8th January** at the normal time of 08.30am.



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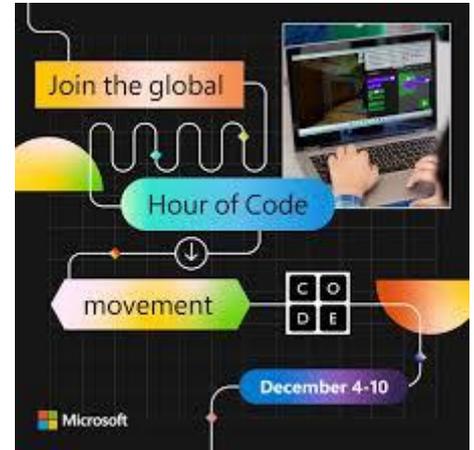
We are regularly posting on social media, celebrating school achievements and keeping you aware of what is happening in school. Please follow us on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram @BournvilleSch. Our website is also a useful source of information: [Bournville School – Part of Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust](https://www.bournville.org).

Key Dates

- 08.01.25 – Students back at school
- 21.01.25 – Onatti Theatre Trip
- 21.01.25 – NHS Birmingham Hospital Visit
- 21.01.25 – Hansel and Gretel matinee
- 22.01.25 – Hansel and Gretel evening
- 23.01.25 – Y11 Progress Evening
- 11.02.25 – Y11 History theatre trip
- 13.02.25 – Y9 Options Evening

Hour of Code at Bournville

This week, our KS3 and KS4 pupils participated in the global *Hour of Code* initiative, joining millions around the world in unlocking the creative potential of computer science. By registering our school for this event, we've taken a step towards empowering students to bring their passions to life through coding. The *Hour of Code* officially takes place during Computer Science Education Week (December 9–15), but remember, it's never too late to introduce your child to the world of programming! Encourage your children not just to play games on their devices, but to learn how to create and program those games. Coding is more than just a skill – it nurtures logical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and creativity, all of which are invaluable in today's world. Use this link if you wish to access activities to help your child code: [Learn today, build a brighter tomorrow. | Code.org](https://www.code.org)



As we approach the festive season, let's remember the importance of balance. While Christmas is the perfect time to relax with family and enjoy the holiday spirit, it's also an excellent opportunity for students to review what they've learned. Resources and materials are available on Teams to help them stay sharp and prepared for the new term. We CARE for our pupils and wish to see them excel in their academic journey here with us at Bournville.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season! 🎄 ✨ Mrs N Mirza

Y11 Mock Interview Day



In preparation for college interviews and upcoming job interviews, students wrote their CVs and had a formal interview from an external visitor to give them fantastic practice. Visitors who conducted the interviews were from local businesses or colleges and were thoroughly impressed with our students, how seriously they took the interview and how professionally they answered questions. Students really valued the experience as it gives them confidence for real interviews.



Student Receptionists

We value all the work our student leaders do from the school council to prefects. In recent weeks we have seen our Y8 and Y9 students shine as student receptionists. This is an opportunity for them to get one day of work experience working alongside our support staff and doing a range of jobs from putting Christmas trees up to creating learning resources. Very quickly they have become invaluable and in turn thoroughly enjoy themselves, often asking to do it on more than one occasion. They finish the day with a certificate in recognition of their hard work and support for the school community.

Christmas Card competition

Some incredible entries for our Christmas card competition and more entries than we've ever had before which is really something to celebrate. Congratulations go to Honey for producing our winning entry which you see in the middle below. Fantastic work! Miss L. Walton



A Christmas Carol



On Wednesday the 4th of December we took 46 Year 10 pupils to see a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' at the Birmingham Rep Theatre. Students behaved excellently and really enjoyed the show - despite a few scares!

Book Buzz

Father Christmas has also been busy to provide Year 7 pupils with a book for Christmas as part of the Book Buzz scheme run by the BookTrust Charity. Pupils were able to choose from 12 titles, and have received their books this week ready for some Christmas reading.



Christmas Fayre

Bournville students are set to get their Christmas wish fulfilled this year, after a fantastic festive fayre raised funds for new equipment. Parents, staff and pupils got into the Christmas spirit– when it was held in the main hall on Tuesday, December 3.

An annual Christmas tradition at Bournville which was revived in 2023, the colourful event was attended by primary and secondary students from across the academy.

The School Council – which provides a voice for students – had voted for some of the money raised by the fayre to be used to buy sports equipment for pupils to use during social time.

And with games and activities, seasonal refreshments, goodies on sale and the ever-popular Santa's Grotto, the Fayre managed to raise £700 for the cause. There was even a competitive element between the academy's houses. Congratulations to winners, Cadbury! For the full story visit [UK School News](#)

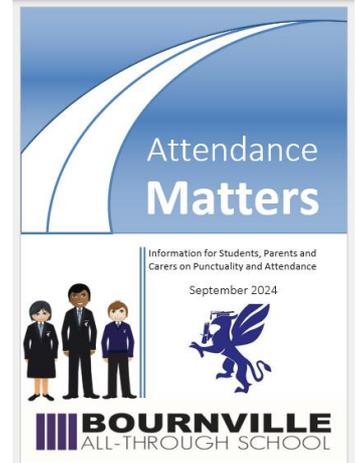


Attendance

At Bournville, excellent attendance is one of our top priorities. We are keen to encourage all pupils to take full advantage of every teaching and learning opportunity available to them, and for that to happen it is important they are attending school daily and that they are punctual.

To find out more about our attendance and punctuality work, please read our 'Attendance Matters' booklet which can be found on our school website OR click the link below:

[Attendance-Matters-Booklet-24-25-PDF-003.pdf](#)



These past few weeks we have been very pleased to offer a variety of incentives and rewards to those with excellent attendance:

- * Freddo chocolates for those students who have 100% attendance each week
- * 100% and 95% attendance certificates presented in the end of term celebration assembly
- * Meals for champions – for most improved attendance
- * **An iPad to be won each half term.** Congratulations Lilly Harrison, our Y7 winner for this half term!
- * Celebrating success through school displays and events

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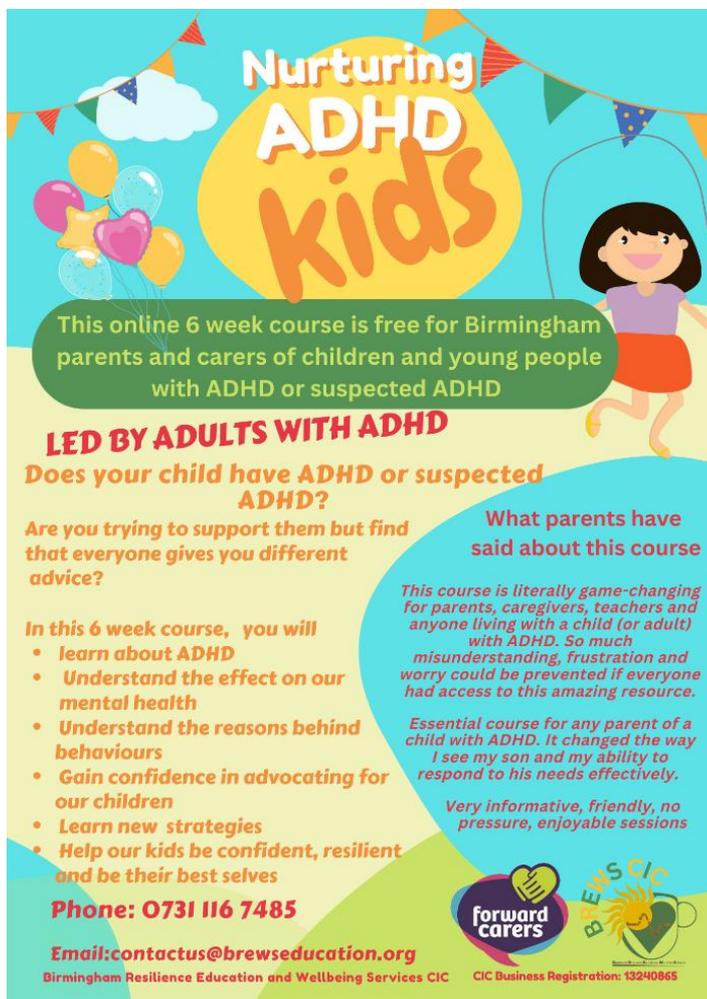
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Year 9 Options

We appreciate that the options process is a little bit daunting for all students, but even more so for those students who have additional needs. Therefore, Miss Dhinsa – Vice Principal and Mr Archbold – SENDCO are organising an **'online meeting'** for our students with additional needs and their parents. This meeting will be an online meeting in January and will be invite only – invites will be sent out after the Christmas Break so keep an eye on your email inbox.

Child with ADHD?

Brews Education are offering parent and children's courses for young people with ADHD. Please see the poster and sign-up details below.



Nurturing ADHD Kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Phone: 0731 116 7485

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org
Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

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Register now for January

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Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Join our friendly six week course to learn how to understand and support them

You can join the day time session or the evening one.

It is online so you join from your own home.

You can register using the QR codes or email

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Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am starting Tuesday 7th January

Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm starting Thursday 9th January

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Need to speak to the SEND Team?

We just want to remind you about the 'new' SENDCo Drop-in sessions. The next drop-in session will be **Wednesday 12th January between 8:30 and 11am**. During these times The SENDCO – Mr Archbold will be available to discuss any concerns you have regarding your child and SEND during these times. If you would like to see Mr Archbold, please arrange a time with Miss Kesziova our SEND Administrator (d.kesziova@bournville.fmat.co.uk).



The rest of the drop-in sessions are below for your reference:

Wednesday 12th February between 1:30 and 3pm
Wednesday 19th March between 8:30 and 11am
Wednesday 9th April between 1:30 and 3pm
Wednesday 21st May between 8:30 and 11am
Wednesday 18th June between 1:30 and 3pm

Have you signed up to Family Hubs?

If you haven't already, please sign up to the Family Hubs 'one way' WhatsApp as this is a great way to keep up with information regarding the local community. To join the group scan the appropriate QR below.

Northfield Family Hub



Join our Family Voices WhatsApp Information Communication Channel

Information Sharing will also enable you to receive city-wide updates and information.

Administrators can grant access for key stakeholders to post updates.



Selly Oak Family Hub



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