



## Parent Bulletin – Whole School

1 April 2021

### House Points

Congratulations to Parks who continue to be top of the leaderboard this week!

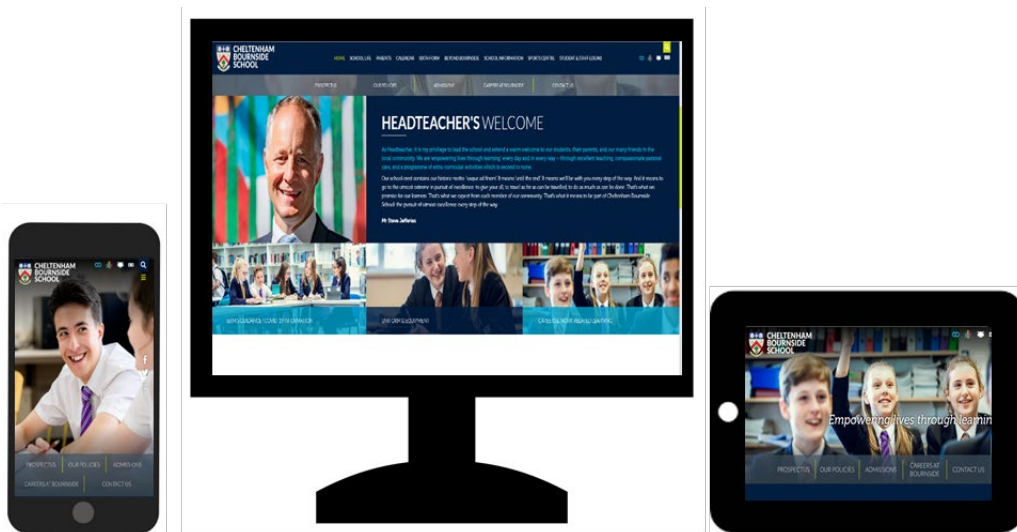
Parks	10,370
Attenborough	10,086
Owens	9863
Rowling	9781
Hawking	9593
Frank	9386

### Contact tracing over the Easter break

Please continue to test your child regularly for COVID-19 with the test kits provided by the school. If a lateral flow test proves positive, please notify the school up to and including Wednesday 7th April at [covidtesting@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:covidtesting@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk). This will enable us to notify close contacts who are required to self-isolate as quickly as possible.

### Check out our new website!

We are delighted to announce that we have been busy creating a new website to better meet the needs of our school community and...it is now live! We hope that its fresh design and layout will make it easier to find what you are looking for, but if you need any assistance, please get in touch. Head to: [www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk) to take a look!



## Uniform, Equipment and PE kit - Term 5

We recognise the challenges that we have all faced throughout the latest period of lockdown and have made reasonable adjustments for those students who have grown out of uniform, who have been unable to get school shoes or who have misplaced key pieces of equipment. However, with a new term starting and shops scheduled to reopen on the 12th April, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child returns to school adhering to our school uniform and equipment expectations, which can be found here. In particular, we ask for your support with 3 areas:

1. School shoes: All students are expected to wear plain black or dark brown shoes with a low heel – platforms, boots, trainers, and ballet pumps without a hard-based soles are not permitted.
2. Learning equipment: we expect all students to arrive at school every day with the necessary equipment to allow them to have a successful day of learning. Compulsory items include:
  - Appropriate rucksack-style school bag (not a handbag)
  - A pencil case
  - Our magnificent 7 (can be purchased at school):
    - o 2 pens, 2 pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener
  - Reading book
  - Planner
  - Calculator
  - Drink bottle
  - Helmet if cycling to school
- PE Kit: As you are aware, to reduce the congregation of students in the PE changing rooms we currently allow students to come to school in their PE kit on a day that they have a PE lesson. Increasingly, we have had students wearing leisure wear and tracksuits. This is not permitted. Students are expected to wear their Bournside PE kit, always with their blazer on. Below is a picture of our expectation of uniform on a PE day:



## **Mobile devices and student technology changes to school rules**

Technology has played an integral role in support our students whilst students have been going through a period of lockdown and remote learning. However, we have seen an increasing reliance on technology by our students in school. Unfortunately, this reliance is not always in a way that supports learning and students are using devices to access social media, record in school and generally distract them from the fundamental purpose of school: learning.

In response, the school is changing its approach to challenge appropriate use and reliance on mobile technology. Our current school policy is: devices should not be seen or heard in the school building, unless in a lesson under the direction of the teacher. The freedom allows student to use their devices at social times. This will now end.

Our new policy from term 5 will be: not seen or heard on the school site, unless in a lesson under the direction of the teacher. This new approach will come into effect from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. However, in order to support the students and school community we will go through the following 3 phases before we fully enforce our policy:

- **Explain Phase: 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
During this phase we will run a series of assemblies and tutor activities
- **Engage Phase: 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
We will engage with our students by following our confiscation policy, but allow them to collect their item at the end of the day.
- **Enforce Phase: 24<sup>th</sup> May onwards**  
We will engage with our students by following our confiscation policy, but parents/carers will be required to collect their child's device at the end of the day. Reception operates until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday and until 4pm on Fridays. Our policy will come into full force and will remain in place from the start of term 6 onwards.

## **Bournside's Got Talent and House Points**

As part of the end of term assembly that took place today we watched highlights of our 'Bournside's Got Talent' House competition that took place during the latest lockdown. It was wonderful to see how many students sent their videos in, despite them being at home. Congratulations to Owens House who won the competition thanks to the performance from Tsukushi. If you would like to watch some of the performances, please click [here](#).

**Careers Newsletter** - See attached newsletter in the Careers area of the website [here](#)

## **Years 11, 12 & 13 – Qualifications Grading 2021**

See attached information in the Parent Bulletin area of the website [here](#)

### **Catch up Immunisation dates:**

**Year 9** Girls & Boys HPV (2<sup>nd</sup> dose) – 22<sup>nd</sup> April – **The immunisation Team will already have consent forms from the first dose**

**Year 9** Girls & Boys DTP/MENACWY – 26<sup>th</sup> April – **Please return to Tutors as soon as possible.**

**Year 10** Girls & Boys DTP/MENACWY – 14<sup>th</sup> May - **Consent forms will be given to students on 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **Years 11 & 13 Business, Economics and Law revision sessions are outlined below**

**Year 11** Business Revision (with Mr Kelly and Miss Wolsey) - **Every Thursday** after school in the Maths block.

**Year 13** Business Revision (with Mr Kelly and Miss Wolsey) - **Every Wednesday** after school (3.30pm)

**Year 13** Law Revision - Mr Kelly - **Every Tuesday** after school (3.30pm in L5)

Miss Heppleston - **Every Thursday** after school (plus additional sessions for smaller groups of students during the week) - in L5

**Y13 Economics Revision** - Miss Hanley has a set timetable with the Year 13 students. Miss Hanley will let you know this in lessons

### **Face masks**

Students will be expected to always wear a facemask when indoors on our school site, unless they are exempt, in which case, they must wear their exemption lanyard clearly. This includes during lessons.

Students who have attended school for their lateral flow test have been given a Bournside branded facemask; they are expected to bring this or a similar mask with them to school every day. Face masks worn at school should be re-usable. Students who arrive at school without a facemask will be expected to purchase one for £2.

### **Year 7 School Lunch Money**

Please ensure that students have sufficient funds on their Dining Centre account. Although we do not refuse any student food, if there are insufficient funds this will cause their account to have a negative balance which, will need to be re-paid

### **Payment cards in the Dining Centre**

Due to Covid restrictions, the Dining Centres are no longer able to take payments for lunch using fingerprints. Our Catering team have issued students with a payment card free of charge. Most students have already been issued with one earlier in the year

Any cards are lost or forgotten, a new card will be issued at the cost of 50p. This process will remain until fingerprints can be used again for payments.

Please ensure that all cards are named so they can be returned if they are lost within the school site.

**Coming to our Dining Centre on Monday 19th April 2021!**



**Visitor Parking Spaces**

If you require a parking space for a meeting in school, please let us know and we can reserve a parking space for you.

**Calendar**

**Please see the school calendar on our website for forthcoming events:**

<https://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/calendar/>