



Parent Bulletin – Whole School

15 October 2021

House Points

Congratulations to Parks who are top of the leader board this week!

Parks	3502
Frank	3346
Hawking	3208
Rowling	3083
Owens	3083
Attenborough	3066

Student News and Success

Introducing our Senior House Captains for 2021/2022



As part of our commitment to promoting student leadership, we are proud to announce the appointment of our new team of 12 Senior House Captains for the 2021/22 academic year. Read more: [here](#)

Charity fundraiser

Our very own Fran in Year 12 has recently featured in local media raising money for a very important cause. After suffering with an eating disorder, Fran has used her experience to raise money for Beat the Eating Disorder Charity. If you would like to pledge any support for Fran please click [here](#)

The Bournside Prayer Group

The school has been asked to raise awareness for the Bournside Prayer Group who are meeting to pray for the Bournside Community on Monday 18 October at 7.30pm via Zoom.. Please email prayforbournside@hotmail.com with any prayer requests or to get involved.

Dates for your Diary

Year 7 Music Evening – 9th November 7 pm

Please see letter with information [here](#)

Black History Month - October 2021:

The National Black History Month will run across the country throughout October. At Bournside we will be taking the opportunity in tutor time and history lessons to share, celebrate and understand the impact that black heritage and culture has had on shaping the Britain and world we see today.

Year 7 Disco – Thursday 21st October

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 7 disco will go ahead. All Year 7 students have been given a letter and consent form regarding the event, please find a copy [here](#). There are plans in the pipeline to arrange a Year 8 event in the near future as they missed their disco last year due to the pandemic. More information will be made available in Term 2.

School Notices

House events week

There are 5 exciting opportunities to earn points for your house throughout the final week of term. Students should see your tutor, Head of House or use the link [here](#) for more details.

Punctuality to School – Term 2

Next term, in an effort to improve punctuality to lessons **gates will be locking at 8:40am**. The school gates will lock and anyone late, without good reason, after this time will be issued with a punctuality detention. Many thanks in advance for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives to school by 8:40am

Golden Anniversary Garden Plans

We're excited to reveal early plans for a new green garden space to mark the 50th anniversary of the school site on Warden Hill Road. The plans will transform the concrete space that many students and parents, past and present, will remember as the Quad. Read more [here](#)

Cheltenham Bournside School is going cashless - it's time to update your School Gateway Account.

From Monday 1st November, students will need to pay for food and refreshments using their School Gateway account. We will no longer accept cash in the Dining Centre. If you are already using School Gateway to top up your account, that's great. Nothing will change.

If you need to register and get started with your online account, please visit [here](#).

Year 7 and 10 Photographs – Message from Tempest Photography

The school photographers Tempest have advised that the cut off for free postage is the 20th October. After this date, you will still be able to order photographs but it will cost £5 for postage.

Student Target Grades

Targets have now been calculated for your child. These will be published as part of Report 1 during Term 2 and are being shared with students by their class teachers.

As with many other secondary schools, we use the Fischer Family Trust dataset to calculate aspirational targets for students based on national data. Using this dataset allows us to accurately monitor the progress of your child and provide extra support where necessary.

Year 7 and 12 targets will be calculated early in Term 2 when we receive:

- For Year 7 - CATs data (Year 7 parents/carers will receive a letter about this via email on Monday 11th October)
- For Year 12 - the FFT base data (which has not yet been released)

Year 11 and 13 targets remain unchanged from last year as they were set a target grade for the end of GCSE (Year 11) and the end of Sixth Form (Year 13) when they were in Years 10 and 12 respectively.

Some students will have already met or exceeded the latest end of year targets due to excellent progress in a subject. In these cases, we would like to reassure parents that students are still challenged to continue making progress and this is monitored by the relevant Head of Department as well as the Senior Leadership Team.

Polite request from Food Preparation and Nutrition Teachers:

If your child is bringing in food for practical lessons, please can you ensure that they have a suitable sized container to carry their finished food home in, as we often get asked by students if we can loan them one. We are unable to provide containers to students. Thank you for your support with this. We hope you are enjoying their lovely food!

Autumn in-class Science assessments will be coming up in the following weeks:

Y10	18th October
Y9	1st November
Y8	1st November
Y7	8th November

These are approximate dates - class teachers will inform students of the exact lesson for the assessments nearer the time.

Free School Meal Entitlement

Please be aware that if your child is eligible for free school meals, they are entitled to a Main Meal/Sandwich/Baguette and Pudding at **lunch time only**. Any snacks or drinks will be charged to their School Gateway account.

COVID-19

Current guidance regarding LFD and PCR tests

Lateral Flow test kits have been distributed to students today.

There has been some reported uncertainty about possible false results however the school has received advice from the local health authorities and the DfE to maintain existing protocols. We ask that students continue to test regularly using LFDs as one means of identifying Covid-19 infection and helping reduce transmission in our communities. If you are showing symptoms of Covid-19 (loss of taste or smell, high temperature, new persistent

cough) then you should isolate and get a PCR test. If a student tests positive via LFD, they must isolate and go for a confirmatory PCR test. PCR result, they will be offered remote. Students should re-commence twice-weekly LFD testing when they return to school. Cases of Covid-19 are slightly increasing so we ask that you please continue to carry out lateral flow tests at home **twice a week** and follow the NHS guidelines should a result for your son or daughter be positive.

12-15 vaccination programme

We will keep you informed regarding the proposed timeslot; however the school has not yet been informed when that is likely to be scheduled. We understand that GHC will be contacting the school with a vaccination date after half term. Please see information from the NHS attached [here](#).

Work for pupils who have tested positive

Please can parents be aware that we will only set subject work for pupils who have **tested positive for COVID-19 through a PCR test** and are therefore isolating for 10 days. There are several reasons for this, not least that if your child is too unwell to attend school then they should be resting, and we will help them catch up on the work they have missed upon their return.

Club updates

Years 7, 8 and 9 Football Trials

Reminder there will be girls football trials on Thursday 3.15-4.15 for year 7, 8 & 9. If your child has any questions, they can go Miss Goddard in the PE office.

EAL Social Club - Thursdays, in the Library 3:15 - 4:00 with Mrs Haines (starting 7th Oct)

Starting on 7th October and open to all students who speak additional languages outside of school, our EAL Social Club is a place to meet with other students from different year groups and at different stages of learning English. There will be activities and challenges to help you to improve your English and increase your confidence.

See Mrs Haines for more information.

Bournside Science Support Sessions – Tuesdays 15:15 – 16:15

GCSE Science – Year 11

Biology in L4
Chemistry in L6
Physics in L9

A level – Year 12 and Year13

Biology in L3
Chemistry in L8
Physics in L5

Bournside Girls' Rugby U13s &U15s – Please see updated poster in the parent bulletin area of the website [here](#).

Updated extra-curricular timetable for Term 1

Including: Science, Mandarin, Art, Board games, Robotics, Rugby, Badminton, Girls' Rugby, Hockey, Chess, Choir, Folk Group, School Production and many more (there's over 50 to choose from!). Please just turn up or speak to the staff member listed for more information. Look [here](#).

Bournside Production 2021-22

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

A reminder that rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Fridays after school (3.10pm-4.30pm).

Sports Fixtures (w/c 18th October)

Please see the following list of next week's sport fixtures:

Tuesday 19 th October	
Yr 8	A & B Netball v Pittville (away approx. 5:15 return)
Yr 10/11	Hockey V Balcarras (home 4pm start)
Yr 11	Football v Bradon Forest (home 3pm start)
Wednesday 20 th October	
U15	District Rugby at Tigers – times TBC
U18	Rugby v Pates (away) 2:00 start
Thursday 21 st October	
Year 9	A & B Hockey v Balcarras (away 5:30 return)

Key Links

- [Careers newsletter](#)
- [What's for Lunch?](#)
- [School Calendar](#)