



Hello

We're really looking forward to meeting you at our Parent Information Evening this term (Monday 27th June) and welcoming your child during Transition Week (Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July). We will be writing to you at home ahead of this with your child's House allocation.

Thank you for completing the [Student Data Form](#) shared in edition 2. The deadline was Friday 27th May, so if you have not already, please complete the form as soon as possible.

Please note: You can find previous Transition communications online [here](#).

Our curriculum

Our [curriculum maps](#) show the learning journey followed by each student. Displayed proudly in every classroom and departmental area across the school, the maps help to bring the curriculum 'alive' for students and parents, and in turn help students to improve their learning! We hope you enjoy exploring what your child will be learning from September!

A significant part of every student's curriculum lies in both English and Mathematics and we take immense pride in the exceptional facilities we offer in these subjects, alongside our bright, modern, and popular library space that is open to students during break and lunchtime as well as after school.

You will be kept up to date with your child's progress throughout the year. We send reports three times a year, and you will be invited to meet teachers via our online Parent Teacher Conferences. There will also be a parent meeting, at school, in September where we will further explain how learning takes place at Bournside.

Opportunities outside of the classroom



We aim to provide the biggest, brightest and best co-curricular offer in the county and to honour the Bournside Opportunities Pledge. During Transition week, your child will be invited to attend our Clubs Fair, where they can explore all the opportunities available to them outside of the classroom. From our extensive sports, arts, and music offer, to chess, crochet, debate, languages, maths, robotics, science and more. We are confident every student will find a Club they enjoy.

The Bournside opportunities pledge

Our journey at Cheltenham Bournside School is about more than your time in the classroom. We pledge that all students will have the opportunity to:

1. Give back to the local community
2. Receive a round of applause
3. Experience the world of work
4. Uncover talent
5. Explore the natural world
6. Visit a University
7. Immerse themselves in culture
8. Meet a role model
9. Sleep under the stars
10. Make friends for life



10 top tips for a successful transition

Moving up to secondary school is a big change for your child, and for the whole family! Talking to your child about what to expect ahead of starting and helping them to get organised can really help. Here are 10 top tips to set everyone up for success.

 Sign up to MyChildatSchool and ClassCharts. Be aware of their subject and homework timetables.

 Allocate time for homework each night. Provide support, encouragement, and assistance.

 How are they travelling to school? Encourage them to test their route over the summer. If walking, can they comfortably carry their bags? If cycling, do they have a secure bike lock and helmet? If taking the bus, encourage them to get to the bus stop in plenty of time and wait in a mature safe manner.

 Establish a morning and evening routine that suits your household. Emptying bags and repacking each evening. Getting ready in good time and eating well each morning. Reassure them and support them in developing organisational skills.

 Layout their uniform. Is it clearly named, clean and ready? Please ensure each item is labelled with their full name and tutor group - it is not unusual for items to get lost, so this is essential!

 Talk about and encourage participation in clubs and activities. There is a fantastic co-curricular offer at Cheltenham Bournside School, and it can help to make friends and develop confidence and new skills outside of the classroom.

 Check their school bag and planners each evening – do they have their 'Magnificent 7' ready and know their timetable?

 Over time, encourage them to be more independent in all these areas and celebrate steps forward in this.

 If you or your child have any concerns, please do contact your child's tutor or Head of House. Our team are here to help.

 Remind your child to ask for help when unsure, to look out for others and to be kind and helpful. We are proud of our supportive school community, where we respect and care about each other and believe in equality and kindness.

Recent good news

Junior mathematical challenge success



Over 250,000 students across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge on Wednesday 27th April. The 60-minute multiple-choice challenge is designed to stimulate mathematical problem solving, encouraging students to use mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency.

To recognise the highest performers the top 50% of participants receive Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.

Over 50 Year 7 and 8 students from Cheltenham Bournside School took part in the challenge, achieving Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates.

Read more [here](#).



Empowering lives through learning

We are: Ambitious, Curious, Proud, Purposeful, Respectful and Supportive