



Sports Awards 2023



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Cheltenham Bournside School
Sports Awards 2023
Monday 23 October, Main School Hall

Welcome address

Presentation of Sports Awards:

Rugby Players of the Year
Football Players of the Year
Netball Players of the Year
Hockey Players of the Year
Tennis Players of the Year
Rounders Players of the Year
Cricket Players of the Year
Athlete of the Year
Swimmer of the Year
Sportsmen of the Year
Sportswomen of the Year

Closing address



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Rugby player of the year



Year 7 Boys: **Charlie J**

Charlie is a formidable athlete with raw pace and power. He can create his own space and time allowing him to beat opponents with quick feet and the eye for a gap. Charlie's work rate around the pitch is fantastic and he has developed his all-round skills and understanding for the game. Charlie is a vital link between the forwards and the backs, securing ball in attack and shutting down opposition play when we defend. I know he will continue to make huge strides in his rugby career as he enters year 8. - **Mr Taylor**

Year 8 Boys: **Jack J**

Jack has made a significant impact on the rugby team and stands to have a brilliant future in the sport. His strength and determination are second to none whilst having the footwork to get him out of tight spaces. It is a good feeling as a coach when you can ask someone to turn it up a notch when things are looking a bit tight. We look forward to seeing how this young player progresses and improves during his time at Bournside. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 9 Boys: **Sam W**

Sam has been pivotal in the success of the team this year. Sam finds both space and passes under pressure continuously. His ability to maintain a positive attitude in every situation, was, on multiple occasions, a key influence that led to a win. He is polite, respectful on and off the pitch, and an all-round gentleman. We are excited to see him progress through the years and watch his game develop even further. - **Mr Whitehurst**

Year 10 Boys: **Finn J**

This young man has been a key player in the Year 10 Rugby team. His ability to carry the ball in attack and also make important tackles has been integral to the team's success. He is often first to break tackles and turns the ball over frequently. A great deal of this success has been down to the positive attitude he has demonstrated towards the sport. - **Mr Hiron**



Rugby player of the year



Under 14 Girls: **Alona Y**

This person is naturally talented in all sports. Rugby is no exception. Her core skills are brilliant, with impressive evasive movement, spatial awareness and rapid raw speed, as well as the ability to cover long distances with seeming ease. Her 'rugby brain' continues to develop and her game experience of knowing when to carry and when to pass is growing. She also has great confidence in her tackles as well as leading the team with a positive and encouraging attitude. - **Miss Goddard**



Football player of the year



Year 7 Boys: **Flynn H**

This young man has proven to be a very impressive athlete across many sports. However, it is football where he has really made his mark. His speed and skill has made him a formidable opponent to come up against displaying great accuracy when taking shots and incredible composure on the ball.

- **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 8 Boys: **Tobi A**

This student has been a linchpin of the team this season and he is crucial to the way the team set out to play. He is always an outlet, strong and comfortable in possession, he often occupies both centre halves on his own, dropping deeper when required. He is exceptional at holding the ball up to bring others into play and is part of a very strong U13 Bournside Team. His work rate and desire to win are clear for all to see. - **Mr Crowford**

Year 9 Boys: **Ollie B**

The year 9 footballer of the year has consistently shown intelligence on the pitch. Always willing to receive the ball in tight areas, confident in his ability to navigate trouble. Throughout the season, he has played virtually all positions on the pitch - excelling each time. Despite battling injury, he finished the season with 5 goals and provided all three assists in the season's county cup final triumph. - **Mr Burrows**

Year 10 Boys: **Charlie B**

The Year 10 footballer of the year has been a real asset to the team this season. His speed and skill has tormented opposing defenders. Despite the team not progressing to the knockout stages, this young man has been a key outlet when attacking and has linked seamlessly with the midfield.

- **Mr Hirons**



Football player of the year



Year 7 Girls: **Dililah B**

The winner of the year 7 footballer of the year has been the most notable player in a squad full of talent. Her ability to control the game, read situations and use her skill to outwit opponents is fantastic. She is a vital member of the team, who links up well with the other players around her. She has had a great season with the most memorable being winning the year 7 District Football tournament to which this person scored some unbelievable goals. - **Miss Goddard**

Year 8 Girls: **Charlotte J**

This person has been a key part of the football team this year and has shown great team spirit whether this be in practice or matches. She is a consistent and reliable player who you could trust to cover most positions on the pitch. This player has excellent composure in the middle of the field and whilst not the biggest player on the pitch, never shies away from a challenge. - **Miss Goddard**

Year 9 Girls: **Molly P**

The winner of this year's award is someone who has a natural ability in any sport which she puts her hand to. She has shown some excellent grit and determination this year whilst representing Bournside. She is always willing to get stuck into a challenge and is often successful due to her strength. Her technical and tactical awareness is improving game on game which will enable her to progress in all sports. - **Miss Goddard**



Netball player of the year



Year 7 Girls: **Emily B**

The winner of the year 7 netball player of the year has displayed excellent netball throughout the season. She is a very committed player, both inside school and outside, working hard in both training and matches. She is a very flexible player, playing in a lot of positions over the season. This, alongside her ability to read the game and react quickly, has been an asset to the team this year. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 8 Girls: **Lucy H**

The Year 8 netball player of the year has demonstrated great skill, teamwork and tactical awareness both in training and competitive matches this season. She is able to move the ball efficiently through the centre court, adapt quickly to the changing pace of the game and make regular interceptions, despite playing in an attacking position. She has been a credit to the team and shown great sportsmanship at all netball fixtures. - **Mrs Stickland**

Year 9 Girls: **Nancy K**

This player has demonstrated excellent tactical awareness this season. She shows great consistency in her skills, particularly when shooting, helping her team score many well-deserved points. She has a lovely calm composure when on the ball and works hard when not on it to get into a position to receive the ball. She is very committed to this sport both inside and outside of school. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 10 Girls: **Caitlin E**

The year 10 netball player of the season has shown great versatility on the court, excelling particularly in attacking positions. When shooting, this player is very calm and well composed. On court, she demonstrates clear leadership ability, working hard and keeping up moral. The individual is a committed netball player, demonstrated through her training with Nova, and playing for Old Chelts. - **Miss Rogers**



Hockey player of the year



Year 7 Girls: **Ellie H**

Ellie has worked hard and progressed a lot over the course of the season. Prior to year 7 she had limited experience on the hockey pitch, but showed grit and determination from day one, developing lots of new skills which she was able to utilise along with her pace in games to successfully outwit opponents. She links up excellently with other team members and has a great positive attitude, which makes her a crucial part of the team.

- **Miss Rogers**

Year 8 Girls: **Scarlett D**

Scarlett has demonstrated exceptional talent throughout this year. Her confidence on the ball has enabled her to take on many players 1 on 1, successfully beating them, leading to scoring many across the season. She also shows great strength when defending, working hard to track back and make clean tackles, repossessing the ball and distributing it well to other members of the team. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 9 Girls: **Amber D**

Amber has been a crucial player in the year 9 squad this year. She has played multiple positions over the season, often stepping into goalkeeper kit when needed. This has assisted keeping her team in the game, with her quick reactions helping her make multiple saves and clearing the ball from the D to help get it back up the pitch. When outfield, she is confident on the ball, making solid tackles to dispossess the opposition. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 10 Girls: **Olivia P**

Olivia has been a pivotal player in a talented squad. Her ability to successfully read and intercept passes made by the opposition has been key to her success whilst playing Sweeper. Her strength on the ball is excellent, which has helped keep the ball away from areas of danger and distribute back up the pitch. - **Miss Rogers**



Tennis player of the year



Year 8 Boys: **Jake M**

This young man has shown considerable skill in his first year of Bournside Tennis and has represented his school extremely well. He has stepped to play against players older than himself in league and taken many significant victories. The tenacity he shown when he is on the tennis court is second to none and this will make him a very challenging player to beat in the future.

- **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 10 Boys: **Ben V-D**

The winner of the year 10 Tennis player of the year has shown a calm and focused dedication to representing his school. This has made the matches competitive and enjoyable drawing more in to come and play alongside him. He has shown great composure when in difficult spots and managed to find a way out on multiple occasions.

- **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 8 Girls: **Zara R**

This player plays with power and an increasing accuracy to her forehand and backhand groundstrokes. She has started to use a variety of shots to outwit her opponents. She attends all sessions with enthusiasm and is supported by, and supportive of, her many tennis friends. This has been great to see and will allow her to carry on making progress in not only Tennis but the other sports we offer. It has been fantastic seeing her Tennis develop throughout out her time at Bournside.

- **Miss Goddard**



Rounders player of the year



Year 7 Girls: **Sav B**

The year 7 rounders player of the year has shown consistency across the season, particularly in fielding. She has shown great awareness of the game, making great decisions on where to get the ball to, and making some excellent quick reaction catches. Finally, she has shown some very accurate bowling skills throughout the season, making her a key member of the squad. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 8 Girls: **Scarlett D**

A dedicated member of the team who always puts 100% into everything she does. Her positivity spreads amongst the team and her upbeat attitude is to be desired by many. She is very switched on as a player and is very tactically aware of gameplay situations. This has led to many victories. Her fast-paced bowling is consistent and one which teams struggle to deal with. A natural leader who shows a great competitive edge to everything she does as well as having brilliant team spirit both on and off the pitch. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 9 Girls: **Alona Y**

The Year 9 rounders player of the year has been committed, skilful and consistent this season. She has shown great batting skills, gaining multiple rounders for her team and making a difference to the overall score of each game. She has also fielded the ball efficiently, in addition to stumping and catching the opposing players out. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 10 Girls: **Isabelle C**

The Year 10 rounders player of the year has shown great skill, determination and tactical play throughout the season. She is highly consistent in her batting skills, hitting the ball deep and scoring multiple rounders for her team. She has also demonstrated excellent fielding skills, catching and recovering the ball quickly and throwing it impressive distances to support her team in stumping other players out. - **Miss Rogers**



Cricket player of the year



Year 7 Boys: **Sam S**

Sam has been a real asset to the Bournside School U12 A Cricket team. His pleasant persona often hides his fierce bowling ability, and he has been more than a handful for most batsmen who he has played against. His playing experience outside of school at Hatherley and Reddings Cricket Club has given him a firm grasp of the sport. His excellent knowledge of the game and ever-increasing confidence has allowed him to impart key tactics to his fellow teammates, some of whom are completely new to the sport. Sam's batting has also been impressive, especially against bowlers of county level.

- **Mr Taylor**

Year 8 Boys: **Tate G**

This young man has excelled with both bat and ball this season. He has adopted an aggressive approach to the 10 over format with great success. He has a strike rate of well over 100 and hit a match winning 38 not out vs Chosen Hill. The extra bounce he generates with his height, bowling just short of a length makes it difficult for opposing batsmen to score freely.

- **Mr Crawford**

Year 9 Boys: **Luke A**

This pupil has demonstrated excellent knowledge and confidence captaining the Year 9 cricket team last year. He showed exceptional ability with the ball by tormenting opposing batsmen with his bowling. He has also shown real maturity with his batting, by making good decisions based on the merit of each bowl. This led to him being one of the top scorers for the team.

- **Mr Hiron**





Athlete of the year

Year 7 Boys: **Charlie J**

Charlie has stepped seamlessly into the athletics team demonstrating his talents at both track and field. In the discus, something Charlie only started recently, he finished ... at the District Schools Competition and then went onto win the 800m. This young player is a true talent and will do very well as he continues with Athletics. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 8 Boys: **Jack J**

This young man has already proven himself to very talented in a number of sports and this is no different in athletics. He could probably represent the school in nearly every discipline of athletics from 100m to 800m and long to shot. His 800m has been something to rave about this year and is challenging many students a year older than himself. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 9 Boys: **Fred P**

Whether it be discus or javelin this athlete is able to produce impressive performances at every meet. After dominating his age group at the district rounds he continued his display onto the next level time and time again. Not only does he represent school well he also takes his events very seriously outside of school and completes extremely well for Harriers. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 10 Boys: **Ollie B**

Although we do not compete in this student's main multi-event sport at school he has used his multitude of skills to perform individual activities well. The 100m hurdles and the 400m hurdles are of note having taken them to the biggest stage after qualifying at the county meet. His efforts outside of school have been astronomical finishing in the top 5 in the country at the pentathlon in the summer. - **Mr Winterbottom**



Athlete of the year



Year 7 Girls: **Antima C**

The year 7 girls' athlete of the year has shown all round talent across both track and field events. She excelled at discus, regardless of limited experience, finishing in the top 5 at the district athletics meet. She also competed excellently in the 100m sprint, again with a top 5 finish, and finally, was part of the 4x100m relay, making it to the final. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 8 Girls: **Lexi W**

This person has shown yet more success in athletics this year. She has represented the school at the district Athletics producing some outstanding performances. Well done on an outstanding year filled with remarkable feats and memorable victories. - **Miss Goddard**

Year 9 Girls: **Izzy C**

The person who receives this award is constantly striving to become a better athlete. She has already had a great season with her club but also whilst representing Bournside at the District and County Championships. Winning both the 100m and 200m heats and coming a respectable 2nd in the finals of each. Well done Izzy. - **Miss Goddard**





Swimmer of the year

Year 7 Boys: **Jake V**

This swimmer not only performed really well in his own age group but stepped up into the more senior teams in the district gala. His ability to complete the dive phase of his stroke is great and always gets him on the front foot. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 8 Boys: **Jack J**

This powerful and multifaceted swimmer has demonstrated his outstanding ability in the pool at both meets this year. He is always willing to step up and perform all strokes and then step into the year above when required. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 9 Boys: **Toby B**

This quiet but hard-working individual has really shone in the pool. We have been very impressed with his work ethic in training and competitive edge has been admirable. - **Mr Winterbottom**

Year 10 Boys: **Finn J**

This performer's strength and speed in the pool has managed to not only win him individual medals in a variety of events but also challenge for relay medals as well. - **Mr Winterbottom**



Swimmer of the year



Year 7 Girls: **Isabel M**

The winner of the year 7 girls' swimmer of the year award goes to someone who has shown excellent commitment to her training throughout the year. She showed great technique throughout the 25m butterfly and 25m front crawl, accumulating points for the year 7 swim team. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 9 Girls: **Isla V**

This girl has shown exceptional commitment to swimming over the year. At the district swim gala, she achieved a first place in 50m front crawl, and a third place for the 50m butterfly, demonstrating excellent technique. - **Miss Rogers**

Year 10 Girls: **Matilda H**

This swimmer has shown excellent technique throughout the past year, competing in the district swimming gala in both front crawl and breaststroke, helping to accumulate points for both the year 10/11 swim team, and the school swim team as a whole. She has been very committed to her training and competes regularly in galas outside of school. - **Miss Rogers**



Sportsman of the Year



Year 7 Sportsman of the Year

Jake V

Jake has been the figurehead for most school sports this year and has represented the school in all of them! He has played a pivotal role in the rugby and cricket teams and has been a destructive force in both, with some fantastic attacking footwork and accurate bowling skills. He led the year 7 rugby team to some superb results, beating Pates Grammar School, Balcarras and Tommies and represented the school football team in friendlies and at the Cheltenham district championships. His athletics improved throughout the summer with an exceptional showing at the year 7 district cross-country championships, district athletics at the Prince of Wales stadium and at our school sports day. He rarely misses a training session, which proves beyond doubt that practise can improve performance. I am sure Jake will continue to excel in all his sports as he continues his sporting journey with us at Bournside School. - **Mr Taylor**

Year 8 Sportsman of the Year

Jack J

It has been clear since this student joined the school that he will be pivotal in sports at Bournside. Starting the season with one of his strongest sports he has shown speed and strength whilst tackling and breaking through tackles and has recently been selected to join Gloucester's DPP set up. He is equally adept in the water using his power off the blocks to great effect and being able to dominate his field. His ability to swim any stroke leaves us in a great place when completing the medley relay and combine this with impressive individual performances he scores extremely highly for school and outside of school. His strong athletic ability means that when summer comes around he is capable of representing the school in a multitude of events, most notably 800m. The variety and level of sports that Jack plays both in and out of school means he is the year 8 sports person of the year. - **Mr Winterbottom**



Sportsman of the Year



Year 9 Sportsman of the Year

Sam W

The Year 9 Sportsman of the year has been an integral part to all Bournside's high-performing Year 9 teams this year. An ever-present since breaking into the school's county-winning football team, he has made the GK position his own with powerful distribution and complete bravery when facing 1-on-1 situations. Additionally, providing outstanding figures with the cricket bat – being forced to retire unbeaten in consecutive games. He finished the season with the highest run total in addition to excellent glove work as WK. Finally, and perhaps most passionately – he is involved in the Y9 rugby leadership impressing both offensively and defensively. Outside of school he has impressed on the rugby pitch for a strong Chosen Hill side and the Gloucester DPP. This drive has seen him become Y10 vice-captain, in our current unbeaten season. The Year 9 sports person of the year is Sam.

- Mr Burrows

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year

Finn J

The Year 10 Sportsman of the Year has achieved so much both in and out of school. His 'can do' attitude and polite disposition can often mask his absolute pursuit of sporting success. In school, this young man not only captained the rugby team but also represented Bournside School at every sport available to him, including Rugby, Football, Cricket, Athletics, Tennis, Handball, Cross Country and Swimming. As you can imagine, his sporting prowess also led him to being successful outside of school. He represented the Gloucester Rugby Developing Player Pathway team and the Old Pats Rugby team. He has also represented the Cheltenham Schools District Rugby team. His aquatic athletic ability was plain to see when he became a key player in the Gloucestershire County Swimming team and the County Water Polo team. This is a performer that we are proud to have at Bournside School, and one to watch for the future! The Year 10 Sportsman of the Year goes to Finn. - Mr Hiron



Sportswoman of the Year



Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year

Martha P

This student has shown outstanding commitment to extra-curricular sport over the past year, demonstrating excellent teamwork skills. Her positive and motivated attitude has helped her excel at a wide range of sports, and lead sports teams throughout the year. This person can always be relied upon when representing the school, and we look forward to seeing her sports develop throughout her time at Bournside. The year 7 sportswoman of the year goes to Martha.

Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year

Scarlett D

The winner of this award is someone who represents Bournside on such a large sporting scale. The commitment she has shown to all sports teams has been brilliant followed up by endless talent in all aspects. This person delivers teamwork, resilience and determination in spades and continues to get better week on week. I am looking forward to seeing this person's sporting journey throughout their time at Bournside. It gives me great pleasure to award sportswoman of the year to Scarlett. - **Miss Goddard**



Sportswoman of the Year



Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year

Isla Vercesi

The student who has won this award has shown a huge commitment to school sport throughout her time at Bournside. She always has a sunny, happy disposition and can be relied upon to motivate her teammates and lead from the front. It gives us great pleasure to announce Isla as sportswoman of the year.

- Mrs

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Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year

Matilda Hopper

This student has demonstrated excellent commitment to extra-curricular sport at Bournside. She excels at all sports, specifically swimming, hockey and athletics. Her highly motivated and positive attitude helps her to strive for success in everything she does. Therefore, the year 10 sports person of the year goes to Matilda.



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