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# Sixth Form Prospectus 23/24



**CHELTENHAM  
BOURNSIDE  
SCHOOL**



**"With you every step of the way."**

Choosing where to continue your education is a big decision. As Headteacher, it is my privilege to lead our school and I hope these pages will give you an idea of what it is like to be part of our sixth form community.

At Bournside, we empower lives through learning every day - through excellent teaching, compassionate pastoral care, and a programme of extra-curricular activities which is second to none.

Sixth Form is the time to develop the passion that you have for your subjects, to develop independence and life skills that will support you in your next steps. It is a time to work collaboratively with friends, to make new ones, and to enjoy the many opportunities available to you, both within and beyond the classroom.

Our school crest contains our historic motto: 'Usque ad finem'. It means 'until the end'. It means we'll be with you every step of the way. We look forward to meeting you.

**Steve Jefferies**  
Headteacher

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## Latest news

Student success, school performances, exam results and more. View all of the latest news and information from Bournside Sixth Form at [www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form](http://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form)



## "Proud to lead our Sixth Form community."

It is a great pleasure to introduce our sixth form to you and to give a brief insight into the life and work of our students. I am proud to lead our sixth form community, and I am extremely proud of our students and the way they develop, both personally and academically, as we support and challenge them to grow and succeed during their time with us.

Here, students are treated as young adults. Individuals are given greater responsibility for their learning, alongside a school structure where our dedicated team provides outstanding individualised support, guidance and stability. We strive to provide an enjoyable, dynamic sixth form experience, to enable students to develop into well-rounded, responsible, upstanding members of society whilst studying in an ambitious, caring and vibrant community.

Our aim is to fully support you to reach your potential and future goals, through the development of key life skills, and the experience and knowledge gained through your chosen subjects and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

You will be encouraged to take part in a diverse mix of enrichment opportunities encompassing, for example, **Young Enterprise, Early Applicant Scheme, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards**, sports and community volunteering schemes. All of these opportunities are designed to broaden your experience and to prepare you for life beyond sixth form.

Our recent Ofsted inspection confirmed that we are a happy and successful community and one where the academic and personal ability of every student is identified, nurtured and developed. Students who are new to the school need not worry as they will be fully supported to settle in and make progress quickly.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Cheltenham Bournside Sixth Form. It is a fantastic place to learn.

**Kevin Warren**  
Head of Sixth Form





## We are ambitious

# Why choose Cheltenham Bournside Sixth Form?

Choosing the right sixth form is an important step in preparing for future success. By choosing us, you can be confident you will be supported and challenged to excel, both personally and academically, within a strong community environment. 2022/23 is our 50th Anniversary Year; that's a landmark we are very proud of.

## Wide course choice

With 38 A level, BTEC and vocational courses to choose from, we offer the widest range of options available locally. From Mandarin to Media Studies, Psychology to Photography and brand new courses in Applied Science, Criminology and German, studying with us means you can pick the best combination of courses to suit your interests and future aspirations.

## New pathways

We invest a significant amount of time in ensuring that each student is well suited to their subjects, and to enable this, we offer three clear pathways, including A levels, BTECs or a mixture of the two, designed to help you select subjects with a clear route to your university, further study or career goals.



### 1 Studying 3 or 4 A levels

Entry criteria is at least a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language or Literature and at least a grade 5 in your three/four chosen subjects at A level.

### 2 Studying 3 BTEC courses

Entry criteria is at least a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language or Literature and at least a grade 4 in three related GCSEs.

### 3 Studying a combination of A levels and BTECs

Entry criteria is at least a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language or Literature and a bespoke offer of grade 4s and grade 5s depending on examination results.





**We are curious**

## Course list (2023/24 entry)

We are proud to offer the widest range of sixth form courses available locally. For full course details\* and entry requirements, please see our Course Guide leaflet, or visit [www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form](http://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form)



- Applied Science BTEC - NEW!**
- Art 3D Design**
- Art Graphics**
- Art Photography**
- Fine Art**
- Biology**
- Business**
- Vocational Business**
- Chemistry**
- Computer Science**
- Criminology - NEW!**
- Design and Technology**
  - **Product Design**
  - **Fashion and Textiles**
- Drama and Theatre Studies**
- Economics**
- English Language and Literature**
- English Literature**
- Film Studies**
- French**

- Geography**
- German - NEW!**
- Government and Politics**
- Health and Social Care BTEC**
- History**
- Information Technology BTEC**
- Mandarin - NEW!**
- Mathematics**
- Further Mathematics**
- Media Studies**
- Music**
- Music Technology - NEW!**
- Physical Education**
- Physics**
- Psychology**
- Religious Studies**  
*(Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics)*
- Sociology**
- Spanish**
- Sport BTEC**

*\*All courses subject to minimum applicant requirements.*



**We are proud**

## Excellent teaching and facilities

### Expert teachers

Our teachers are experts in their fields, providing high-quality teaching and support to give you the academic focus you need to succeed.

### Dedicated space

We develop and invest in outstanding facilities and resources to enable our students to be the best they can be. Sixth form students enjoy their own space and benefits within the school, including private study areas, a large sixth form common room, and a brand-new cafe.

Private study areas provide focused working environments whilst the Pitstop Cafe provides a vibrant social space for students to work and socialise outside of the classroom, much like the professional spaces students will find at university or in the workplace in the future.

### Specialist facilities

Sixth form students of course benefit from the excellent resources and facilities across the whole school too. Our scale and space means that students benefit from specialist facilities across all A level and vocational options. This includes our modern well-used library, our new state-of-the-art Alan Turing Maths Hub and our large drama studio and music rooms.

To complement our rich sports provision, we have updated our fantastic AstroTurf and created a brand new gym facility, in addition to our tennis and badminton courts, athletics track, sports field and three sports halls.





**We are purposeful**

## Support and wellbeing



### Nurturing support

We recognise that students thrive when they feel nurtured and supported as well as academically challenged. The two years of sixth form can be a demanding time for students and we are always on hand to provide support.



Dedicated leads for both academic and pastoral support within the sixth form are here to help. We pride ourselves on supporting you to develop mature lines of communication with your tutors and teachers, working together to overcome any challenges you may face during your studies.



### Academic challenge

You will be clear on your academic progress and goals. You will receive three reports per year and undertake mock exams at the end of Year 12 and in Year 13 to ensure you are prepared for your final exams. Parents and guardians will be invited in to discuss your progress each year too, alongside receiving a regular Sixth Form Parent Bulletin and invitations to a host of drama performances, music concerts, and sporting events.



### Our school dog, Lottie

Lottie, our school welfare dog, plays an important and popular role in our pastoral team. On-site every day, Lottie reminds us to be present in the moment and to prioritise our mental health and well-being. Lottie recently featured as the main character in an award-winning Young Enterprise project too!





## We are respectful

# Personal development and growth



## Enrichment opportunities

Whether your passion lies in sport, art, drama, music, or the academic side of life, beyond the classroom we offer an unrivaled range of opportunities to broaden your experience, have fun, and to develop personal leadership skills. You have the opportunity to take part in a diverse mix of enrichment opportunities alongside your studies as part of your timetable, encompassing the Early Applicant Scheme, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, Young Enterprise, the Arts Award, Cyber challenges, and charity and community volunteering.



As our most senior students, you are given a higher level of responsibility and greater flexibility to study in a way that suits you. As a student in Year 12 or 13, this sense of autonomy empowers you to develop your skills of organisation, communication, and research.



## Mentoring and leadership

Opportunities for mentoring and leadership can be found throughout the school. We are proud of our long-standing positive reputation for sport and run a thriving Athlete Development Programme (ADP) which offers a full calendar of sports fixtures where sixth form students both play for and help to manage, the top teams in the school.



Our senior students set a positive example across the school on a daily basis, demonstrating leadership and commitment to learning through our active and rewarding House System which is at the heart of our school. 12 senior house captains are appointed each year, and every student, from Year 7 through to 13, belongs to one of our six houses, bringing together students of all ages to use their perseverance, skills and talent to earn house points.





**We are supportive**



## Staying on track

Throughout your studies, our experienced team will keep you on track with preparations for mock examinations, personal statements, university, apprenticeship and job applications and much more.



## Careers advice and guidance

Our careers team has excellent connections with businesses across Gloucestershire and beyond. We're also proud to have an engaged network of Bournside alumni, who regularly return to share their experiences and tips with students; in the classroom, at events, and through our popular [Inspire Lecture Series](#).



You will have the opportunity to attend UCAS conventions, university open days, and to gain interview experience to help you with your next steps. The sixth form calendar includes a Careers Fair in the autumn, an annual destinations day and Activities Week.

Whatever future path is right for you, we will help you to navigate there.





**Naifa Juma**  
**Barnwood Park alumni**

After my GCSEs, I wasn't sure about which sixth form I wanted to start my A Level journey at. I knew leaving my friends behind at Barnwood was going to be hard, but I wanted to choose somewhere unique that allowed me to start afresh. When I first came to Bournside, I was a bit hesitant on the distance and not knowing anyone who was applying, however, I decided to go beyond my comfort zone and with that, everything fell into place! The staff here welcomed me with open arms and I have been offered me so many opportunities and support way beyond what I had imagined. I enjoy every second!

## What our sixth form students say...

**Elizabeth Shingler**  
**Pittville School alumni**



When I attended Bournside's open evening, there was a sense of inclusivity that I had not felt at any other school. The taster day helped to settle my nerves because everyone was so welcoming. I felt the sixth form has a good layout, offering a distinct separation from the lower school. The retro diner also stood out as a place to meet new people and hang out with friends, which was really important to me as an external student.

**Erik Suksmith**  
**Bournside school alumni**



The wide range of subjects available at Bournside Sixth Form enabled me to choose the subjects I was really interested in. I really enjoy the lessons delivered by my science teachers - they are excellent preparation for the scientific degree I would like to study - and I like the degree of independence and self-responsibility that being in the sixth form gives me.

**Grace Elliott**  
**Winchcombe school alumni**



Originally I was in two minds about whether to join the Cotswold School or Bournside, but I much preferred Bournside after attending the open evening. The school gave off such a positive vibe that I knew I would love it. The teachers are so welcoming. They have provided me with fantastic support that has helped me to settle in.

**Toby Williams**  
**Bournside school alumni**



My brother had a very positive experience at Bournside sixth form and I already knew many of the teachers and enjoyed their lessons. That, along with the extensive choice of subjects, persuaded me to stay here for sixth form. Initially, I wasn't able to confidently narrow down my subject choices, but one easy conversation with the Head of Sixth Form helped me. I sat in Geography lessons for a week to help me decide, and I chose Core Maths as an additional weekly enrichment option. I aspire to study Environmental Science at university and one day reduce humanity's carbon emissions.

**Emma Fenton**  
**Bournside school alumni**



Since year 7 I have established a trust and a bond with my teachers and I thought I would achieve my aspirations in a place I felt comfortable. I'm not 100% sure what I'd like to do in the future, but I am interested in teaching, journalism and environmental conservation. I hope to go to university and having supportive teachers who push me and help me every step of the way will definitely help me to reach my goals.



## Results and destinations

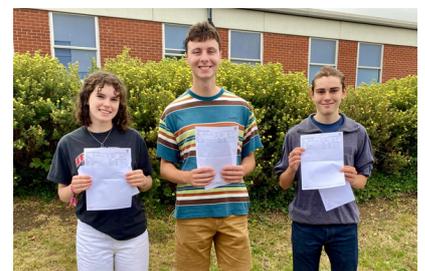
Bournside students go on to secure places across a range of leading universities, degree-level apprenticeships, higher education courses and employment options. Over 90% of students secure places on their first-choice university or higher education course.

### Record-breaking results

In 2022 our students achieved record-breaking results. An amazing 11% of A levels were A\*s, 17% of students gained three or more A levels at grade A and A\*, and 45% gained three or more A levels at grade B and above. The average grade gained was a B. Please visit our website for a full breakdown of results.

Destinations include Aberystwyth, Bath, Bristol, Birmingham, Brighton, Exeter, Derby, Gloucestershire, Hull, Keele, Kingston, Leicester, Leeds, London, Loughborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, Sheffield, Southampton, Swansea, UWE, Worcester and York.

Students have gone on to study a broad range of subjects, including Astrophysics and Space Science, Business Management, Biotechnology and Microbiology, Criminology, Chemistry, Economics, English, Film Production, Geography, Illustration, International Relations and Politics, Law, Medicine, Medieval Studies, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Pharmaceutical Science, Physics, Primary and Early Years Education, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Sport Rehabilitation and Zoology.



**Student case studies**

You'll find case studies from **2021** and **2022** on our website and more of our student destinations and subjects of further study on the back cover.

# University Destinations 2022



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