



## Welcome

### Welcome to Frank House

My name is Mr Crowford, and I am Head of **Frank House**. My role, along with Miss Ayre, Assistant Head of House, and your tutor, is to support you during your time at school. I am delighted to welcome you into Frank where I am sure you will thrive over the next 7 years. You will see your tutor twice each day and we will all work closely together to support your academic and personal progress.



### What does being in Frank House mean?

**Frank House** will become your extended family at school, a support network that will be with you throughout your time at Bournside. Our house system fosters a sense of belonging, camaraderie, and healthy competition within the school community.

You will have opportunities to earn points for your house through various activities, such as sports competitions, academic achievements, and for wider contributions to the community. These friendly competitions not only promote teamwork and school spirit but also allow you to showcase your talents and contribute to the collective success of your house.

**Frank House**, represented by the colour purple, is a smaller community within the larger school. House Captains act as student mentors, and our vertical house system allows you to forge strong relationships with students across different year groups. It also means that you can benefit from the support and guidance of older students as you navigate your first year at Bournside.

### Our house

**Frank House**, named after the inspirational Anne Frank, symbolizes resilience, hope, and the power of words.

Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl whose diary captured the indomitable human spirit during one of history's darkest times, serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of compassion and understanding.

As members of **Frank House**, students embrace Anne's unwavering optimism and her belief in the inherent goodness of humanity.

Through their actions and words, students in **Frank House** strive to make a difference in their school and beyond.

## Our House icon

As a new member of **Frank House**, you will be part of an exceptional group of students who aim to do the best they possibly can at school. Our House icon is Anne Frank, a German-born diarist who documented her brave life in hiding during World War II. Anne Frank is our inspiration for making every day count so that we make the most of our time in school. Frank students have previously chosen three key traits we should demonstrate both in and outside of school: the **DNA** of our House. We are **Determined, Noble** and **Adaptable**.

Students in Frank House display these traits in different ways. Lots of our students gain House Hero status for attaining very high standards in lessons. We have students who strive to be actors or performers, taking on roles in our school production, drama events and music concerts. Many Frank students also represent our House through their sporting abilities. You can start to earn Frank House points as soon as you join us.

## Transition Week

We will meet for the first time during Transition Week (Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July), where you will spend five days getting to know us and the school site, meeting your tutor group, taster lessons, a Clubs Fair, a sports afternoon and a 'Concert in a Day'. There will also be plenty of opportunities to ask any questions about school life and how the school operates. The full programme will be posted on our [Transition webpage](#) soon.

## Essential skills

Whilst you await the arrival of September this summer, do keep up some essential skills so that you can start the school year with confidence. Reading is an important part of the learning process and we will be really interested to hear about the books you have been enjoying. It is also a good idea to take part in some sport or exercise so that you are ready for PE when you start. Keep up your passion too, whether it be playing an instrument, singing, drawing, computer programming, chess or designing and creating!

I look forward to welcoming you officially in September and presenting you with your **Frank House** tie which I am sure you will wear with pride.

**Mr Crowford**  
Head of Frank House



"How wonderful it is that nobody  
need wait a single moment before  
starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank



**Empowering lives through learning**

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