



## Welcome

### Welcome to Owens

My name is Miss Kelly, and I am Head of **Owens House**. My role, along with Assistant Head of House, Miss Mitchell, and your tutor who you will see twice each day, is to support your academic and personal progress during your time at school. I am delighted to welcome you into **Owens House** where I am sure you will thrive over the next 7 years.



### What does being in Owens House mean?

**Owens 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 positive 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.

**Owens House**, represented by the colour red, 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 of Bournside.

### Our house

**Owens House**, named after the legendary athlete Jesse Owens, perhaps the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history, stands as a symbol of determination, courage, and achievement within our school.

Just like the iconic Jesse Owens, who defied all odds and racial barriers to become a record-breaking track and field star, the students of **Owens House** embody the spirit of excellence and resilience.

With unwavering perseverance and a commitment to excellence, **Owens House** represents the enduring legacy of Jesse Owens, inspiring generations of students to reach for their dreams and leave their mark on the world.

## Our House icon

As a new member of **Owens 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 Jesse Owens, one of the most famous sports stars of all time, and he is our inspiration for determination, dedication, and discipline so that we make the most of our time in school.

Students in **Owens 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 Owens students also represent our House through their sporting abilities. You can start to earn Owens House points as soon as you join us.

## Transition Week

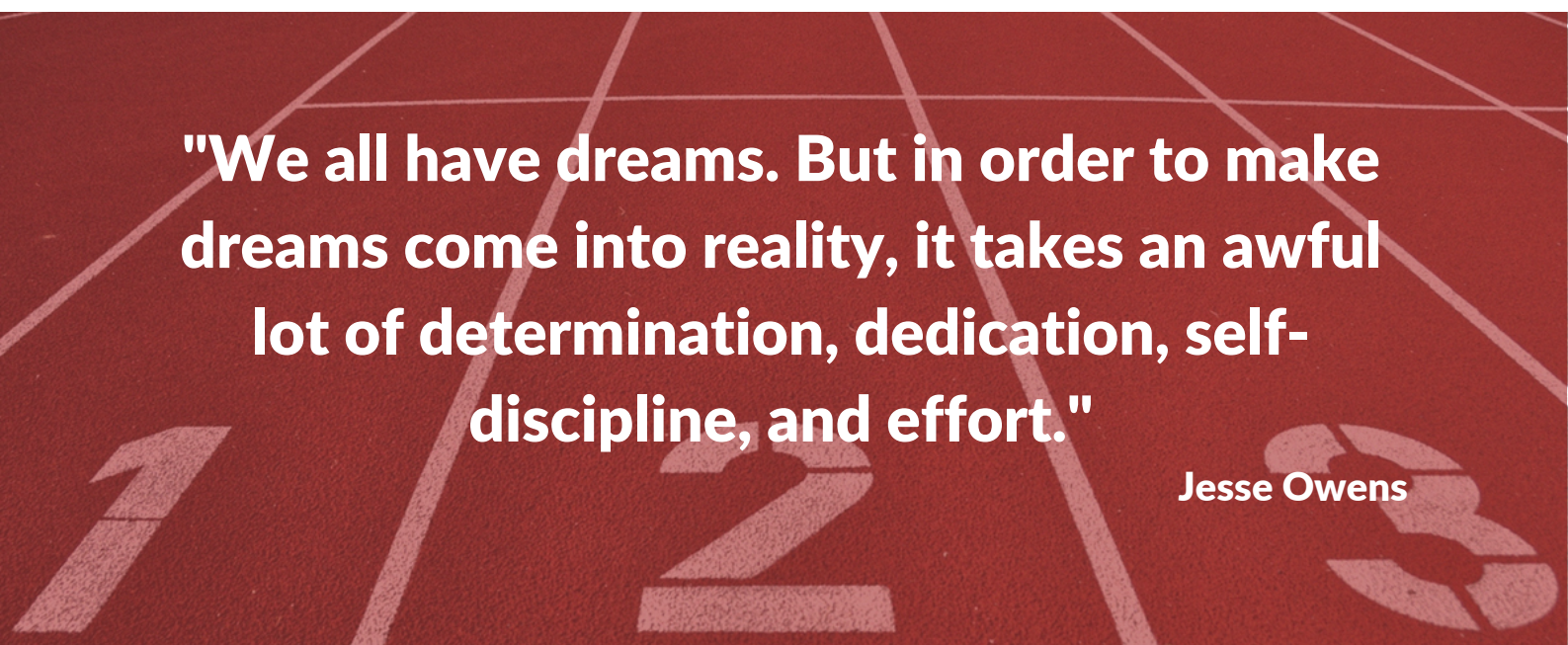
We will meet for the first time during Transition Week (Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July), where you will spend five days getting to know us and the school site, meeting your tutor group, taster lessons, a Clubs Fair, a sports afternoon and a 'Concert in a Day'. There will also be plenty of opportunities 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 **Owens House** tie which I am sure you will wear with pride.

**Miss Kelly**  
**Head of Owens House**



**"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort."**

**Jesse Owens**



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