



The Bournside Opportunities Pledge

Your 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

Welcome

Next steps and key dates

Hello, Year 6 families! Welcome to our second Transition Bulletin.

We're delighted to have met with so many of our rising Year 6s over the past three weeks. I've already answered lots of great questions (see FAQs on page 3) and it has been fantastic to get to know you all ahead of our exciting Transition Week at the beginning of July.

The next key step in joining Bournside is to complete the [Student Enrolment Form](#) as soon as possible. We'd also like you to read the [Home School Agreement](#) with your child before completing the online form.

If you have any questions, please email transition@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

- Sally Groves, Assistant Headteacher/Transition Lead



A co-curricular programme to inspire!

At Bournside, we aim to offer to biggest, brightest and best [co-curricular offer](#) to inspire young minds and to honour the Bournside Opportunities Pledge.

From our extensive sport, arts and music offer, to chess, debate, eco club, languages, maths, robotics, science and more, we are confident that every student will find a club they enjoy.

We ask that every Year 7 pupil signs up to at least one club. They will find out more at the Clubs Fair during Activities Week!





Key Transition Dates

Please keep these key [diary dates](#) somewhere safe to help you plan for a successful transition!

Please note: The Parent Information Evening is split into two groups. You will find out which House your child has been allocated the week commencing 17th June. Please then check the timings of your session.

Friday 24th May	Deadline to complete Student Enrolment Form and Home School Agreement
Throughout April/May	In school Year 6 visits from Mrs Groves (and often Lottie!)
w/c 17th June	House Allocations
Monday 24th June	Parent Information Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attenborough, Frank and Hawking families (5.45pm - 6.30pm) • Owens, Parks and Rowling families (7.00 - 7.45pm)
Monday 1st July - Friday 5th June	Transition Week (students wear their primary school uniform)
Wednesday September	First day at Cheltenham Bournside School (Year 7 & 12 only)

Uniform 2024-25

Boys uniform Academic year 2024-25

Compulsory uniform

- Bournside blazer
- Bournside navy trousers
- White shirt
- House tie
- Plain dark socks
- Plain black or dark brown shoes

Optional

- Plain v-neck jumper

Please see our Uniform Policy for full detail.

Girls uniform Academic year 2024-25

Compulsory uniform

- Bournside blazer
- Bournside navy pleated skirt or trousers
- White shirt
- House tie
- Plain dark socks or plain black/natural tights
- Plain black or dark brown shoes

Optional

- Plain v-neck jumper

Please see our Uniform Policy for full detail.

You will find our uniform policy and visual guidance on our website. We expect the highest standards from our students and this includes their personal presentation and preparation for the school day. Our uniform supplier is [Monkhouse Schoolwear, 252 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3HF](#) (opposite Wilkinsons).

Please note: You do not need to purchase a school tie. Your child will be presented with their House tie on the first day of school in September!



Questions are important!

All questions are important and can help all new students navigate everyday aspects of secondary school life and feel more comfortable as they step up to Bournside. Please feel free to ask about any other concerns you may have.

Q1. Can you wear shorts at Bournside?

Q4. Will I be in the same house as my sibling?

Q7. What time does school start and end?

Q2. What should I do if I get lost or need help?

Q5. What are the rules about using mobile phones?

Q8. How do I keep on top of my homework?

Q3. What clubs are available and can I join more than one club?

Q6. What language will I study in Year 7?

Q9. What dates do I need to be aware of?

A1. No, you cannot wear shorts at Bournside. Please see the full uniform guidance on our website. We're pleased to have recently negotiated price reductions with our uniform supplier, Monkhouse. We also run a second-hand uniform shop in school. Please email admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk with your wishlist.

A2. If you get lost, ask a teacher or a student to help and they will be happy to! You will be given a map during Transition Week and you will get to explore the school site over the 5 days too.

A3. SO MANY CLUBS! You can absolutely join more than one. Year 7 is a great time to try new things and make new friends.

A4. Yes, if your sibling is still studying at Bournside you will usually be placed in the same house.

A5. We discourage the use of mobile phones and they should not be seen or heard during the school day. If you do bring a phone to school, please make sure it is turned off and kept in your bag before coming through the school gates.

A6. You will study four Modern Foreign Languages in Year 7! French, German, Mandarin and Spanish. You can then choose which language you will continue with in Year 8.

A7. School starts at 8.40am and ends at 3.20pm. You can view the [School Day](#) on our website.

A8. Homework is set via [ClassCharts](#). We will help you to plan and there is Homework Club every day after school too

A9. Key transition dates are listed in this Bulletin and on the [Transition page](#) of the website!



Inspiring lives through learning

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