



# CHELTENHAM BOURNSIDE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankfully, this second week has proved very much more settled than the last. The speed at which everyone has settled into the rhythm of this new way of working has been impressive.

We don't want to overwhelm you with information but with the situation changing week by week we'll continue to provide you with regular updates by way of this weekly letter. There's lots of other information being made available to specific year groups and from different subject areas, of course, so we've included a list of where to look for information. We're also constantly amending our website to make information as easy to find as we can. As always, if we can do anything to help, please get in touch.

## Who to contact

- Issues relating to IT: contact [itservices@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:itservices@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk) and 01242 235555;
- Questions and queries relating to general teaching and learning issues: contact your child's tutor;
- Other queries relating to behaviour, welfare and wellbeing: contact your child's tutor;
- Teaching and learning issues relating to specific school subjects: contact your child's subject teacher
- The central point of contact for general issues that can't be sorted by the tutor or the subject teacher is Mr W Penny ([wjp@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:wjp@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk)) for teaching and learning issues and Mr M Stratford ([ms@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ms@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk)) for any pastoral issues.
- Click [here](#) for staff contact details

## Clarification of where to find resources and information

- All of the resources for your child's learning will be made available on Showbie; these include Zoom codes for the lessons and lesson resources. Showbie is also where students will upload work for the teacher's consideration;
- We very much welcome parents' involvement in their child's learning. If you would like to access resources in order to help your child you will need to use his or her login details.
- Classcharts – information about your child's timetable and behaviour; this has separate levels of access for pupils and parents, each of whom have separate login details.
- Messages sent via Schoolcomms will appear as an email in your inbox (for example, this is how you received this letter).
- Letters sent home can be accessed from [here](#) on our school website.

## Being prepared for remote learning

Please can we ask parents / carers to ensure that your child / children are fully prepared for their lessons each day. This preparation includes having, ready to use:

- Pens – variety of colours for excellent note taking
- Pencils

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- Ruler
- Maths equipment, including calculator
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Exercise book / sketch book / note taking paper etc.

We would also like to encourage students to have switched on their camera as this improves the online learning experience of the class and makes things easier for the teacher. However, this is not a requirement: just a request! Finally, the students must have their name as their Zoom name as they enter the lesson – if they do not have their name, they won't be allowed access to the lesson. All Zoom links will be found in their class Showbie area – if any student is having an issue with this then please email your class teacher and they will be able to rectify the issue.

We are relaunching the popular 'Enriching Home Learning' site that we created during the initial lockdown last March. This site is accessible on the students' home Frog page. Here they will find a variety of activities to support their mental health and well-being, allow access to fun competitions and generally provide them enrichment opportunities to support their home learning. We will also update this site weekly with an assembly, student notices and advertise any House events that they can access from home.

### **Year 11 Resource Collection – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

An email has been sent to parents / carers of Year 11 students, as well as to the student's school email account explaining that they may be invited to come into school on Monday to pick up resources from the Drama Studio that are needed for them to continue learning from home effectively. If your child has resources to be collected, they will have been contacted via their school email and / or class Showbie account by their subject teacher informing them that there are resources to be collected.

Please ask your child to come to school to collect their resources from the Drama Studio as follows:  
 Surnames **A - H**: 9.00am - 9.30am  
 Surnames **I - P**: 9.30am - 10.00am  
 Surnames **Q - Z**: 10:00am - 10:30am

It is our view that the student's journey to school is an essential one if we are to deliver a high-quality learning experience to these exam group students.

### **Assessment and exams**

We have not yet received any additional information about how GCSE and A'level grades will be awarded this year. The Secretary of State for Education and Ofqual have committed to opening a consultation on these issues within the next few days and we will, of course, contribute to this.

However, to repeat what I said in last week's letter: because GCSE and A'level results will largely be determined by teacher assessment, failing to engage in remote learning or failing to submit work requested will impact upon the final grade awarded.

### **Your feedback**

As students have now completed 10 days of remote learning during lockdown 3, we would love to receive your feedback to help us improve the quality of our remote provision. As such, please could you complete this [Remote Learning Survey](#) by Tuesday 19 January. It should only take a few minutes to answer.

We have sent a separate survey to students via their school email address. We would be grateful

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if you can encourage your son or daughter to complete this.

If you have any questions about the surveys, please speak to Mrs Hemsley, Assistant Headteacher, [lh@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lh@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the school and of your child's learning. We've received many warm, encouraging and reassuring messages; it is difficult to overstate the positive impact these have when I share them with my colleagues!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Jefferies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Steve Jefferies  
Headteacher