



## Welcome

### Welcome to Attenborough House

My name is **Mr Bashford**, and I am Head of **Attenborough House**. My role, along with Assistant Head of House, **Mrs Dunmore-Poole**, 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 **Attenborough House** where I am sure you will thrive over the next 7 years.



### What does being in Attenborough House mean?

**Attenborough 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.

**Attenborough House**, represented by the colour green, is a smaller community within the larger school based in K Block (Languages). House Captains act as student mentors, and our vertical tutor group system allows you to forge strong relationships 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

**Attenborough House**, named after the legendary naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough, embodies the spirit of curiosity, exploration, and environmental stewardship.

Just as Sir David has dedicated his life to unveiling the wonders of the natural world to millions, **Attenborough House** inspires its students to embark on their own educational journeys.

With a commitment to sustainability, **Attenborough House** fosters a sense of responsibility towards our planet. Through their academic study and extracurricular activities, students in **Attenborough House** respect nature and show passion for making a positive impact in the world, following in the footsteps of the extraordinary man whose name they proudly bear."



## Our House icon

As a new member of **Attenborough 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 Sir David Attenborough, a famous broadcaster and natural historian. He is our inspiration for being kind and working hard so that we make the most of our time in school.

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

## Transition Week

We will meet for the first time during **Transition Week** (Monday 1st July - Friday 5th 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. More details are available on our [Transition 2024 page](#).

## 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 **Attenborough House** tie on your first day, which I am sure you will wear with pride.

**Mr Bashford**

**Head of Attenborough House**



**"It's surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth."**

**David Attenborough**



**Inspiring lives through learning**

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