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Dear Year 6,

Welcome to Cheltenham Bournside School

As secondary school approaches, I wanted to introduce myself to you and provide you with some essential information about this coming September when you take those first steps into secondary school life.

My name is Mr Crowford, and I am Head of Frank House. My role, along with your tutor, is to support you during your time at school. I am delighted to welcome you into Frank House where I am sure you will thrive over the next 5 years. I will work very closely with your tutor who will see you twice a day for registration and tutor time to help you and support with your progress.

Primary school

You are likely to be experiencing a range of emotions at the moment. Most students are sad to leave primary school, especially if they have been there for several years. You will continue to hold fond memories of your time at primary school and the friends and teachers who have supported you, and they will all be keen for you to be successful in the next stage of your education. Bournside School will soon feel as familiar to you.

Year 7

Joining Year 7 is an exciting time! You will meet new friends, new teachers and learn new subjects that you have not studied before. You will be encouraged to take part in a range of extracurricular activities, hopefully earning lots of house points! It will be an opportunity to develop your existing skills and talents such as playing a musical instrument, or taking part in a sport you have already been training in. It will also be a chance for you to challenge yourself and try something brand new!

Secondary school

School life will be different: Science will be taught in a laboratory, Design Technology will be taught in a kitchen or a workshop, and you may have some Drama lessons in our Drama Studio. This means you will move around the school site during the school day to experience different types of classrooms. If you haven't already, I encourage you to watch the virtual tour on our website to help familiarise yourself with our school. This can be found on our school website:

<https://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/joining-us-from-year-6/>

It is likely that you are feeling a bit nervous about starting secondary school. The COVID-19 pandemic has meant lots of changes have been put in place which have affected your last year of primary school. When you start school in September, we will make sure that you have:

- a tour of the school so you know your way around
- an introduction to our Senior Leadership Team, me as your Head of House, and your tutor
- information about where to go if you need any support during your time at Bournside
- an opportunity to ask questions about school life and how the school operates.

Empowering lives through learning



Frank House 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. This year, Frank students decided on 3 key traits we should demonstrate both in and out of school: the DNA of our House. We are Determined, Noble and Adaptable.

Frank students 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 and take on roles in our school production, drama events and music concerts. Many Frank students also represent our House through their sporting abilities. There will be many opportunities for you to earn house points when you start in Year 7.

Essential skills

Whilst you await the arrival of September, 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, whether it be playing an instrument, singing, drawing or designing and creating!

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

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J.C.' or similar initials.

Mr Crowford,
Head of **Frank** House