



Welcome back

Welcome back to the new school year. If you're joining us for the first time: welcome to Bournside. It's always a joy to extend a warm welcome to our students after the summer break – and (as you've probably noticed) this year has been warmer than usual! I'm not just talking about the lovely weather, however. There's a warmth around the school that is more than can be measured on a thermometer. There's a warm sense of pride at being part of such a successful school; there's a burning ambition to be part of that success; there's a fervent sense of purposefulness: a desire to get the very most out of what Bournside offers – both in and out of lessons.

The weather will turn cooler of course. But we won't let the temperature drop!
- Mr Jefferies, Headteacher

Please note: As the weather is expected to return to normal over the weekend, students will be expected to wear their blazers from Monday 11th September.

School updates and news

Extra-curricular timetable live for Term 1 & 2

At Bournside, we aim to provide the biggest, brightest and best extra-curricular club offer and this academic year is no exception. From our extensive sports, arts and music offer, to school clubs where homework can be completed, chess can be practiced and plants can be nurtured, we're confident that every student can find a club they enjoy.

Some clubs are already listed on [our website](#) with more to follow early next week. Most clubs commence next week, but please speak to the named member of staff for more information and keep an eye out for updates and messages related to your club in the Student Bulletin.

- Mr Kelly, Assistant Headteacher and Co-curricular Lead

Club highlight: Astronomy

"It's very exciting to think our first lesson is next week. Astronomy will run on Tuesdays after school from 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Telescopes aren't needed for our first session. Any questions, please email daj@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

- Mr James



Diary dates

Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 September

- Year 7 Forest of Dean Walks

Tuesday 12th September

- Year 13 information evening

Thursday 14th September

- Open Evening, 5.30pm - 8.00pm
(Please note early closure for all students at 1.10pm)

Thursday 14th September

- Year 7, 10 and 12 school photographs
(a reminder for full uniform/smart appearance).

Monday 18th September

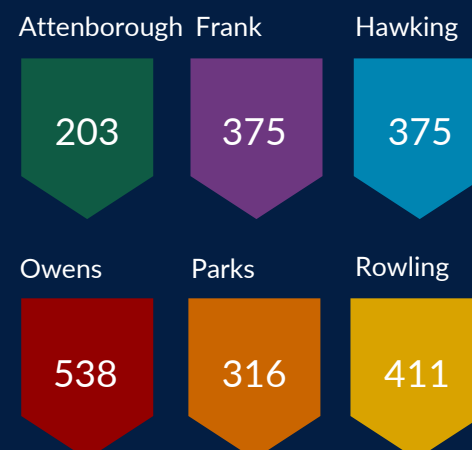
- Year 12 information evening

Thursday 28th September

- Year 7 PTC (with tutors)

House points

A positive start to the year with Owens taking an early lead. Well done everyone!



School updates and news

School Production Auditions - Next week!



Auditions for the 2023/24 school production 'The Addams Family' will be held next week in M1. Years 8-13 please log onto showbie code UDND8 for the audition pack (Year 7s haven't created their Showbie accounts yet and do not need to access).

- Years 10 - 13 - Tuesday 12th September at 3.20pm
- Years 8 -9 - Wednesday 13th September at 3.20pm
- Year 7 - Friday 15th September, 3.20pm- 4.00pm (no preparation required)

Library update



Welcome back everyone. The library will be open from 8.30am-4.00pm every day - we are looking forward seeing you all.

Please note: Due to cataloging and stocktaking this academic year we are unable to accept book donations.

Thank you as always for your help and cooperation. - **Mrs Rimen, Librarian**

Year 9 Shakespeare Production Romeo and Juliet

Welcome back amazing cast of Romeo & Juliet! We will be kicking off rehearsals again every Tuesday and Thursday starting next week. :) - **Ms Austin, Head of Dance**

Year 12 - Gold DofE Applications



Welcome to a new school year. Year 12s this year have an opportunity to complete their Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition in the French Alps which also includes activities such as White water rafting, high ropes and outdoor swimming. If you are interested in completing a Gold DofE Award, either home or abroad, please complete an application form which can be picked up at Sixth Form reception. Previous DofE experience is useful but not essential.

- **Mr Fenty-Musty**

GCSE and A Level success

We were delighted to celebrate a truly fantastic set of GCSE and A Level results in August. With so many stories and achievements to mark, you can read more about each set of results [on our website](#).

The school logo features a crest with a cross and a shield, with the text 'CHELTENHAM BOURNSIDE SCHOOL' to its right.

Cheltenham Bournside School
Open Evening
Thursday 14th September, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's welcome at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm
Parents and families are warmly invited to our upcoming open evening. Hear from our senior leadership team, teachers and students and find out about life at our school. You will be invited to explore our extensive facilities and departments, take part in interactive activities and discover our inspiring enrichment programme on a student-led tour. We look forward to welcoming you to Bournside.

Open morning tours run daily at 9.00am, from Monday 18th September.
Please contact us to book (open mornings only):
• admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk
• 01242 235555

A collage of various school activities including students in a classroom, a group of students in a hall, and a student holding a certificate.

Inspiring lives through learning

Two acoustic guitars, one orange and one natural wood, standing upright.

Call for guitar donations!
Do you have an old/unused guitar at home that you'd be willing to donate to the music department. We'd love to increase the number we have in school to offer a wider range of instruments to all students in their music lessons.
Thank you!
- **Ms Rheam**

A white signpost with the word 'CAREER' in black letters, pointing to the right, set against a green background with grass.

Click here to read this week's student careers newsletter