

Term 6 - Friday 14th July, 2023

Parent Bulletin

Updates for the parents/guardians of students at Cheltenham Bournside School



A note from Mr Jefferies:

"In the midst of the excitement of activities week, we were saddened to hear about the events in Tewkesbury school on Monday. Thankfully, the teacher involved has returned home and is not seriously injured. Nevertheless, this frightening incident has understandably raised some concerns about safety in schools. I'd like to reassure everyone, therefore, concerning safety at Bournside. Several years ago, the school made a considerable investment in security fencing; anyone attempting to enter the school would need to overcome security fencing, padlocked gates or doors with secure magnetic locks. Nevertheless, there remains a risk that these measures could be overcome or (as was the case in Tewkesbury) originate from within the school. Because of this we remind staff and students of our lockdown procedures at the beginning of each year with a video played in tutor time. We intend to carry out a practice drill of these procedures in the new academic year. Experience shows that it is best to do this in second term (i.e. November or December) as the drill itself can be distressing to students and carrying out the drill later in the autumn allows our new year 7 students to feel well settled in the school before the drill takes place.

I look forward to writing to you next week in a much more positive manner when we can share some memories of activities week and of the successful year we've enjoyed."

- Mr Jefferies



We've had an absolutely fantastic week of trips and in-school activities. A huge thank you to all of our students for representing the school so positively and to all of the staff leading and supporting the trips.

The header image above shows five of the ten (!) amazing wall murals painted this week by Fine Art A-Level students under the expert guidance of Andy from the <u>Cheltenham Paint Festival</u>. Lots more from AW2023 will be shared next week.

Diary dates

Tuesday 18th July

Sports Day

Wednesday 19th July

• Summer Concert

Friday 21st July

• Term 6 ends at 1.15pm. Happy holidays!

Thursday 17th August

• A Level Results Day (9am)

Thursday 24th August

 GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form enrolment (9am)

2023/24 Academic Year Term dates are available online

Monday 4th/Tuesday 5th September

• Inset days (students do not attend school)

Wednesday 6th September

Term 1 starts for Year 7 and Year 12 only

Thursday 7th September

• Term 1 starts (all year groups)

Thursday 14th September

 Early school closure for Open Evening (1:10pm)

Friday 27th October

Inset day (students do not attend school)

w/c 30th October

• Half term

School updates and news

A note from Monkhouse: Purchasing uniform

We're now reaching a busy time and our store appointments are filling up fast. Therefore, we strongly recommend parents make sure to book their store appointment at the soonest opportunity.

As well as our popular store appointments, parents who shop between now and the end of July can make use of:

- Early bird offers and deals including 40% off shirts & blouses
- · Free extended returns
- Entry to our £50 voucher prize draw
- Better stock levels and availability

www.monkhouse.com/school/bournside-school-and-sixth-form-centre



GCSE and A Level Results Day Information

Year 11 GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form enrolment - Thursday 24th August

Your examination results will be available for collection from 9am from the Lower Dining Centre. Sixth Form enrolment will also begin at 9am

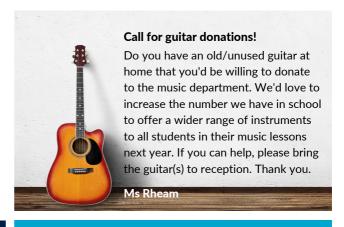
School staff will be available to discuss your results and next steps.

Year 13 A Level Results day - Thursday 17th August

Please collect your exam results from the Lower Dining Centre between 9am and 11am.

School staff will be available to discuss your results and next steps.

Enter via Hawking and Rowling Gates. Please bring photo ID with you. If you are not able to attend please email exams@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk from your school email account to request that either we email your results to you or you may name someone to collect them on your behalf. They should bring photo ID.



Useful links: Sport fixtures Term dates School calendar Extra-curricular timetable

Careers at Bournside:

- Academic Tutor Maths
- <u>Teaching Assistant Graduate Programme</u>