



Parent Bulletin – Whole School

7 May 2021

House Points

Congratulations to Parks who continue to be top of the leader board this week!

Parks	11,199
Attenborough	10,840
Owens	10,663
Rowling	10,499
Hawking	10,288
Frank	10,075

Year 10 DTP/MENACWY – Friday 14th May

Year 10 Girls & Boys are due to have their DTP/MENACWY vaccination on Friday 14th May. Consent forms have been given to students. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Please note: Students can wear school uniform on vaccination days.

Reminder - Year 8 Parent/Teacher Consultation 20th May 4-7 pm

Year 8 Parent/Teacher Consultation is due to take place on Thursday 20th May via Zoom. Appointments will go live on Wednesday 12th May and can be made via an online portal that can be found on our website [here](#)

Mobile technology policy

This week we started our 'engage' phase of our new mobile technology policy. During this phase, if a student is using their mobile device on school site without the permission and direct supervision of a member of staff their device has been confiscated and students have been allowed to collect their device at the end of the school day from student reception. We are thrilled to report nearly all of our school community have responded brilliantly to this and we have seen a noticeable decrease of mobile technology around the site, especially during social time; students are talking to each other more as opposed to staring at screens which is very pleasing to see. We thank all the parents/carers who are supporting the school with this new and remind you that this phase will continue until Friday 21st May.

From Monday 24th May, we will enter the final phase of the transition to our new policy. We are calling this our 'enforce' phase. From this point onwards any student using their mobile device not in line with the new policy will have their device confiscated and a parent/carer will be asked to collect it on their behalf at the end of the school or when they are willing and

able. We very much appreciate your support in this matter and ask that you continue discuss this with your child.

Year 11 Prom

It is very much our hope that we can host a year 11 Prom to mark the end of what has been an important and challenging year for all our year 11 students. Earlier in the year the possibility of hosting such an event was very much in doubt. However, we know how much this will mean to so many of our students (and you) and with the roadmap out of COVID restrictions progressing we certainly now intend to give our students the ending to the year they would have hoped for and deserved.

Tickets are likely to cost between £35-40 depending on the numbers of students who wish to attend, food menu and entertainment choices. We have a provisional booking for Thursday 1st July 2021, in the Gold Cup Suite at Cheltenham Racecourse to make it that extra bit special.

We are aware that this will be great news to many of you but are also aware that some of you still may be apprehensive about such an event. Therefore, to allow us to effectively plan we ask that you respond to short survey that was sent to you earlier this week indicating whether you intend to send your child to the event.

Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucestershire, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Gloucester and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.
[See poster in the parent bulletin area of the website.](#)

Year 11 and 13 final day of school

The final day that Year 11 and Year 13 will be required to attend school will be Friday 28th May, this is the final day of term 5. They will therefore not attend school in term 6.

Badminton Club

Badminton club takes place at 8am in Sports Hall 1.

Year 7 - Tuesdays

Year 8 - Wednesdays

Year 9 – Thursdays

Numbers are limited so students should sign up on the relevant sheet outside the PE Office.

Uniform, Equipment and PE kit - Term 5

We recognise the challenges that we have all faced throughout the latest period of lockdown and have made reasonable adjustments for those students who have grown out of uniform, who have been unable to get school shoes or who have misplaced key pieces of equipment. However, with a new term starting and shops scheduled to reopen on the 12th April, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child returns to school adhering to our school uniform and equipment expectations, which can be found here. In particular, we ask for your support with 3 areas:

1. School shoes: All students are expected to wear plain black or dark brown shoes with a low heel – platforms, boots, trainers, and ballet pumps without a hard-based soles are not permitted.
2. Learning equipment: we expect all students to arrive at school every day with the necessary equipment to allow them to have a successful day of learning. Compulsory items include:
 - Appropriate rucksack-style school bag (not a handbag)
 - A pencil case
 - Our magnificent 7 (can be purchased at school):
 - o 2 pens, 2 pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener
 - Reading book
 - Planner
 - Calculator
 - Drink bottle
 - Helmet if cycling to school

Please click on link to see information from one of our uniform suppliers Universal Uniform [http://www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/Bournside Summer Uniform Leaflet.pdf](http://www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/Bournside%20Summer%20Uniform%20Leaflet.pdf)

Careers Newsletter - See attached newsletter in the Careers area of the website [here](#)

Face masks

Students will be expected to always wear a facemask when indoors on our school site, unless they are exempt, in which case, they must wear their exemption lanyard clearly. This includes during lessons.

Student who have attended school for their lateral flow test have been given a Bournside branded facemask; they are expected to bring this or a similar mask with them to school every day. Face masks worn at school should be re-usable. Students who arrive at school without a facemask will be expected to purchase one for £2.

What's for Lunch?

Find out what's for lunch next week [here](#)

Please see the school calendar on our website for forthcoming events:

<https://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/calendar/>