



## Parent Bulletin – Whole School

8 October 2021

### House Points

Congratulations to Frank who are top of the leader board this week!

Frank	2842
Parks	2836
Hawking	2656
Rowling	2549
Owens	2545
Attenborough	2540

### Student News and Success

Rugby - Well done to all the boys who played this week. Brilliant work to get through to the final of the district championships! A big well done to Aiden Rose for being awarded 'Player of the tournament'.

### Introducing our Senior House Captains for 2021/2022



As part of our commitment to promoting student leadership, we are proud to announce the appointment of our new team of 12 Senior House Captains for the 2021/22 academic year. Read more: [here](#)

## Charity fundraiser

Our very own Fran in year 12 has recently featured in local media raising money for a very important cause. After suffering with an eating disorder, Fran has used her experience to raise money for Beat the Eating Disorder Charity. If you would like to pledge any support for Fran please click [here](#)

## Dates for your Diary

### Black History Month - October 2021:

The National Black History Month started today and will run across the country throughout October. At Bournside we will be taking the opportunity in tutor time and history lessons to share, celebrate and understand the impact that black heritage and culture has had on shaping the Britain and world we see today.

### Year 7 Disco – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 7 disco will go ahead. All year 7 students have been given a letter and consent form regarding the event, please find a copy [here](#). There are plans in the pipeline to arrange a year 8 event in the near future as they missed their last year due to the pandemic. More information will be made available in term 2.

## School Notices

### Student Target Grades

Targets have now been calculated for your child. These will be published as part of Report 1 during Term 2 and are being shared with students by their class teachers.

As with many other secondary schools, we use the Fischer Family Trust dataset to calculate aspirational targets for students based on national data. Using this dataset allows us to accurately monitor the progress of your child and provide extra support where necessary.

Year 7 and 12 targets will be calculated early in Term 2 when we receive:

- For Year 7 - CATs data (Year 7 parents/carers will receive a letter about this via email on Monday 11th October)
- For Year 12 - the FFT base data (which has not yet been released)

Year 11 and 13 targets remain unchanged from last year as they were set a target grade for the end of GCSE (Year 11) and the end of Sixth Form (Year 13) when they were in Years 10 and 12 respectively.

Some students will have already met or exceeded the latest end of year targets due to excellent progress in a subject. In these cases, we would like to reassure parents that students are still challenged to continue making progress and this is monitored by the relevant Head of Department as well as the Senior Leadership Team.

### Polite request from Food Preparation and Nutrition Teachers:

If your child is bringing in food for practical lessons, please can you ensure that they have a suitable sized container to carry their finished food home in, as we often get asked by students if we can loan them one. We are unable to provide containers to students. Thank you for your support with this. We hope you are enjoying their lovely food!

Mrs Leighton and Mrs Joice.

### Autumn in-class Science assessments will be coming up in the following weeks:

Y10 18th October  
Y9 1st November  
Y8 1st November  
Y7 8th November

These are approximate dates - class teachers will inform students of the exact lesson for the assessments nearer the time.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award applications open (Bronze, Silver and Gold)**

The deadline for handing in Duke of Edinburgh's Award applications has been extended to Monday 11th October for all levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold). If your child is still interested, application forms can be collected and dropped back to pupil reception.

Please see information on the website [here](#)

### **Free School Meal Entitlement**

Please be aware that if your child is eligible for free school meals, they are entitled to a Main Meal/Sandwich/Baguette and Pudding at **Lunch time only**. Any snacks or drinks will be charged to their School Gateway account.

## **COVID-19**

### **12-15 vaccination programme**

We will keep you informed the proposed timeslot however the school has not yet been informed when that is likely to be scheduled. Any school with a date in the next two weeks has been informed and GHC will be contacting all other schools with their vaccination dates shortly.

Please see information from the NHS attached [here](#)

### **Testing**

Cases of Covid-19 are slightly increasing so we ask that you please continue to carry out lateral flow tests at home **twice a week** and follow the NHS guidelines should a result for your son or daughter be positive.

### **Work for pupils who have tested positive**

Please can parents be aware that we will only set subject work for pupils who have **tested positive for COVID-19 through a PCR test** and are therefore isolating for 10 days. There are several reasons for this, not least that if your child is too unwell to attend school then they should be resting, and we will help them catch up on the work they have missed upon their return.

## **Club updates**

### **EAL Social Club - Thursdays, in the Library 3:15 - 4:00 with Mrs Haines (starting 7th Oct)**

Starting on 7th October and open to all students who speak additional languages outside of school, our EAL Social Club is a place to meet with other students from different year groups and at different stages of learning English. There will be activities and challenges to help you to improve your English and increase your confidence.

See Mrs Haines for more information.

### **Bournside Science Support Sessions – Tuesdays 15:15 – 16:15**

#### **GCSE Science – Year 11**

Biology in L4

Chemistry in L6

Physics in L9

## A level – Year 12 and Year13

Biology in L3  
Chemistry in L8  
Physics in L5

**Bournside Girls' Rugby U13s &U15s** – Please see updated poster in the parent bulletin area of the website [here](#)

## Updated extra-curricular timetable for Term 1

Including: Science, Mandarin, Art, Board games, Robotics, Rugby, Badminton, Girls' Rugby, Hockey, Chess, Choir, Folk Group, School Production and many more (there's over 50 to choose from!). Please just turn up or speak to the staff member listed for more information. [here](#)

## Bournside Production 2021-22

### Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

A reminder that rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Fridays after school (3.10pm-4.30pm).

## Sports Fixtures (w/c 11th October)

Please see the following list of next week's sport fixtures:

Tuesday	
Yr 7	ABC Rugby v Cleeve (home) KO 3:45
Yr 10	Rugby v Cleeve (away) Approx 5:15 return
Yr 10	Hockey v Balcarras (home) 4:00 start
YR 13	Netball Tournament at CLC 1:00 start 3:30 finish
Wednesday	
Yr 11	Rugby v Crypt (away) 3:00 start. Approx 5:15 return
Yr 9	District Rugby Tournament at Newlands 2:00 start
Thursday	
Yr 9	Hockey v Cotswold (home) 4:00 start

## Key Links

- [Careers newsletter](#)
- [What's for Lunch?](#)
- [School Calendar](#)