



Parent Bulletin – Whole School

12 November 2021

House Points

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

Parks	5709
Frank	5456
Hawking	5310
Rowling	5088
Attenborough	5039
Owens	4953

Student Success

I apologise. A poem about Climate Change.

Olivia in Year 10 (Rowling) wowed librarian, Mrs Magovern and her Head of House, Mr Taylor, with her poem on Climate Change this week. See our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) page to read her beautifully poignant poem in full.

Dates for your Diary

Year 13 Parent/Teacher Consultation 17th November 4-7

These will take place via our online video call system – see here for guidance: [Video Call](#)

More information on appointments is on the letter you can read [here](#)

The parent/teacher consultation booking system will open on 9th November at 12 pm.

Children in Need & Anti-bullying week – 19th November

On Friday 19th November we will be hosting a non-school uniform day for Children in Need and the National Anti-bullying week. Students in years 7-11 may come to school in casual clothes and the Sixth Form have the option to come in fancy dress.

Throughout the week, we will also be hosting multiple events to raise awareness of Anti-bullying with the theme being [‘one kind word’](#) and we will be encouraging and reminding pupils about the importance of being kind. As this event coincides with Children in Need Day on Friday 19th, we would like to encourage the theme of ‘wacky socks’ for the non-school uniform event. A minimum donation of £1 will be collected in aid of Children in Need at the school gates and during tutor time.

Year 11 information meeting - Tuesday 23rd November

Read below for further information

Teacher Taster Day – 23rd November 8:30 – 3:00

If you are interested in exploring teaching as a career, we are holding a Taster Day on 23 November 2021. Come along and 'have a go'. You will work as part of a team, observe lessons, learn how to plan for a lesson and then teach your lesson to our students, all supported by our teaching staff. All welcome. To reserve your place, please email jmp@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk. More information [here](#).

Covid-19 vaccinations for students aged 12-15 - Friday 10th December

Further details can be found below in the update on Covid-19.

School Notices

PARENTS OF YEAR 11

How to support your child during Year 11 meeting - Tuesday 23rd November

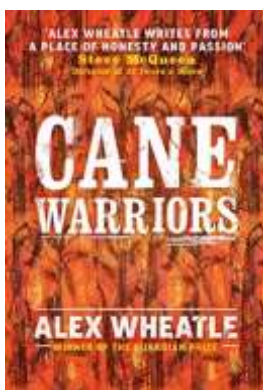
We are holding an information event where we will cover the ways in which you can best support your child during the remainder of Year 11 on Tuesday 23rd November at 18:00 in the Main School Hall.

We will include advice on:

1. Key dates to be aware of e.g. mocks exams, Year 11 prom date
2. Revision advice
3. Revision support systems we use
4. Health and well-being tips
5. Bournside Sixth form
6. Provisional plans for leavers events and end of year celebrations
7. Chance to ask any questions

If you have any questions or queries you would like us to cover, then please email me in advance wjp@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk and I will include the topics in the evening.

Bournside Community Book Club



Our first book, 'Cane Warriors' by Alex Wheatle has been selected and our first meeting will take place on Thursday 25th November, 3.15 - 4.15pm in the School Library. All students, staff and families are welcome. See promotional poster [here](#) or speak to Mr Cratchley for full details.

Sixth Form sport relaunched with new kit sponsor

Our Sixth Form sports teams have unveiled new kit this season with a new community sponsor, Thomas Legal, to mark the welcome return of competitive sport and to highlight our renewed focus on sport.

Ollie Winterbottom, Head of Physical Education said; "It is brilliant to be working with a local business who shares the school's passion for both sport and supporting the community. This marks an exciting period of opportunity for sport at Cheltenham Bournside School. We are proud to have a long-standing positive reputation for sport here and offer a full programme of school fixtures. We are now also able to support ambitious students across all year groups to take their sport to the highest levels with our specialist Athlete Development Programme (ADP)."

Read the story in full [here](#)



Scholastic Book Fair – 25th November



The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new books to browse and buy. Parents will be invited to join us on the afternoon of Thursday November 25th (timings tbc).

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Gift Vouchers/ payment information is available [here](#) . They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Please note vouchers cannot be refunded/or change given.

Students will be able to browse and purchase books in school 25th-30th November.

We earn FREE BOOKS for every book sold at the Fair so this is a great opportunity to stock up our library with brand new resources.

The Literacy Team

School apps on the website

For your awareness, there is a useful link on the [school website](#) to applications via the school's SharePoint site including Showbie, ClassCharts, Student Bulletin and many more.

See picture below to illustrate.



Punctuality to School – Term 2

Please be reminded that **gates will be locked at 8:40am**. If your son or daughter arrives after this time and is issued with a punctuality detention, then advice will be sent to you via **ClassCharts**. If you have not signed up to ClassCharts please click [here](#) for their website. Many thanks in advance for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives to school by 8:40am

Cheltenham Bournside School is going cashless - it's time to update your School Gateway Account.

From Monday 1st November, students will need to pay for food and refreshments using their School Gateway account. We will no longer accept cash in the Dining Centre. If you are already using School Gateway to top up your account, that's great. Nothing will change.

If you need to register and get started with your online account, please visit [here](#).

Golden Anniversary Garden Plans

We're excited to reveal early plans for a new green garden space to mark the 50th anniversary of the school site on Warden Hill Road. The plans will transform the concrete space that many students and parents, past and present, will remember as the Quad.

Read more [here](#)

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.

COVID-19

12-15 vaccination programme update

The Immunisation Service have confirmed that Covid-19 vaccinations will be offered to students aged 12-15 on **Friday 10th December**. Please note children in year 7 under the age of 12 will not be eligible for the vaccine.

A week ahead of this date, parents and carers will be asked to complete a consent form online which is coordinated by the NHS team. Only students who have the necessary consent will be vaccinated so if you wish to opt out of the programme, do not fill in the form please. There should be no need to contact the school regarding consent although we are happy to follow up queries if you have concerns.

Please be reminded that children in this age group are eligible for vaccinations at drop-in sessions too.

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

False negative PCR results

Following the resolution of the UKHSA investigation into errors made at testing sites, schools have been advised to continue to rely on PCR testing:

- As soon as anyone becomes symptomatic, they should isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test to see if they have COVID-19. If the result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel well.
- Regular LFD testing of asymptomatic staff and secondary age students should continue. If someone tests positive on LFD, they should isolate and take a PCR test to confirm whether they are positive. If the result is negative, they can return to school.

- All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months, are fully vaccinated, have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons they do not need to self-isolate.
- If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test. “

Current guidance regarding Lateral Flow Testing

We ask that students continue to test regularly at home **twice a week** using LFDs as one means of identifying Covid-19 infection and helping reduce transmission in our communities.

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

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

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. Look [here](#).

Bournside Production 2021-22

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Fridays after school (3.10pm-4.30pm).

Key Links

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