



# Parent Bulletin – Whole School

19 November 2021

## House Points

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

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| <b>Parks</b>        | <b>6623</b> |
| <b>Frank</b>        | <b>6489</b> |
| <b>Hawking</b>      | <b>6155</b> |
| <b>Rowling</b>      | <b>5931</b> |
| <b>Attenborough</b> | <b>5886</b> |
| <b>Owens</b>        | <b>5754</b> |

## 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 11 information meeting - Tuesday 23rd November

Read below for further information

### Teacher Taster Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jmp@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk). More information [here](#).

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

Further details can be found in Mr Jefferies' letter [here](#)

*All students to wear PE kit on the day of the vaccinations on the day of the vaccination please.*

## **Year 7 – 11 Nasal Flu Vaccinations from 5<sup>th</sup> January**

The Immunisation Team have confirmed that Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be offered to Year 7-11 students. We have provisional dates of 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> January for Year 7-10 and a date for Year 11 is yet to be confirmed. Your child will be given a consent form; please complete as soon as possible and return it to school.

## **School Notices**

### **Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exam Timetable**

Please see Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable [here](#) and Year 13 Mock Exam Timetable [here](#). Individual, finalised timetables with rooming/seating arrangements will be published to students at least one week before the exams start.

Any subject clashes on the timetable will be resolved by the exams team and reflected on their final timetable.

If you have any questions, please email us: [exams@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:exams@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Parents of Year 11**

#### **How to support your child during Year 11 meeting - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:wjp@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk) and I will include the topics in the evening.

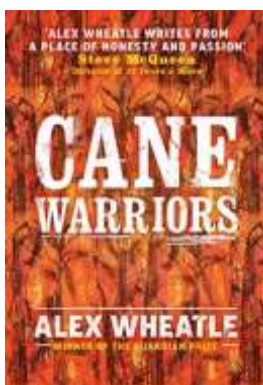
### **Message from the DT Department**

The DT department are asking for donations of food containers, ice cream tubs etc for students to take their food home in. If you do have any spare, please bring them to Main Reception. Many thanks in advance.

### **Year 7 Music Evening**

See article and pictures from our first music performance of the year [here](#)

## 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.

## Scholastic Book Fair – 25<sup>th</sup> November – 30<sup>th</sup> November



The Book Fair will be arriving in school next week, with hundreds of new books to browse and buy.

Parents are invited to join us between 3:30 and 5:30 on Thursday November 25th (entry via the Attenborough and Owens gate at the far right of the car park).

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](#)

Vouchers are great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out but please note that they 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 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

### 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

### EAL Club

Due to the Book Fair there will be no EAL Club with Mrs Haines on Thursday 25 November.

### 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).

## Sports Fixtures (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> November)

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

| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November   |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Yr 9                                | Rugby Cotswold (A) 3:30 pm Start             |
| U14                                 | Hockey 11 Aside Pates (H) 4:00 pm Start      |
| Yr 13                               | Senior Basketball Wycliffe (H) 3:30 pm Start |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November |  |
| Yr 7                                | Hockey Balcarras (A) 2:00 pm Start           |
| Yr10 & 11                           | Rugby Cotswold (H) 3:30 pm Start             |
| Senior                              | Netball STRS (H) 2:15 pm Start               |
| Senior                              | Hockey St Edwards 2:30 pm Start              |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November  |  |
| U15                                 | Hockey 11 Aside Pates (H) 4:00 pm Start      |
| Yr 7 & 8                            | Rugby Cotswold (A) 3:30 pm Start             |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November    |  |
| U13                                 | Hockey Tournament CLC (A) TBC                |

## Key Links

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