



Parent Bulletin – Whole School

22 October 2021

House Points

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

Parks	4013
Frank	3835
Hawking	3669
Attenborough	3536
Owens	3520
Rowling	3516

Dates for your Diary

Science Revision Guides

If you have purchased science revision guides, they will be available for collection from 4th November from the Science Department. Collection details will be posted on the student bulletin on the 3rd November.

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](#).

School Notices

Punctuality to School – Term 2

Please be reminded that **gates will be locking at 8:40am after the half-term**. 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](#).

Alex Chalk MP officially opens new Pitstop Sixth Form Cafe

Thank you to Alex Chalk MP who joined us to officially open our new Sixth Form Cafe, The Pitstop. Our fifties diner themed Pitstop serves barista style coffee, refreshments and snack food, and provides a vibrant social space for the exclusive use of our Sixth Form students to work and relax. Read more [here](#)



Bournside Community Book Club (Starting soon...!) - Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:00 in the Library - All students, families, and staff welcome

The Bournside Community Book Club is launching soon, in connection with [The Cheltenham Festival's Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils project](#)

Over the year, we will be introduced to up to five books and there will be the opportunity to join an author event at next year's Cheltenham Literature Festival.

For the more mature readers among us, I highly recommend reading 'Why You Should Read Children's Books, Even Though You Are So Old and Wise' by Katherine Rundell beforehand, and consider C.S Lewis' thought that "No book is really worth reading at the age of ten which is not equally – and often far more – worth reading at the age of fifty and beyond."

Our first book will be the fantastic new novel by Alex Wheatle, 'Cane Warriors.' For more information, please email mrc@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

Year 7 Music Evening – 9th November 7 pm

Please see letter with information [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.

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!

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

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.

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

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.

12-15 vaccination programme

We still have not received a proposed timeslot and will let you know as soon as a Covid vaccination programme is scheduled after half term. Please see information from the NHS attached [here](#).

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. Look [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 1st November)

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

Tuesday 2nd November	
Yr 9	Rugby v Pittville Home 3:20 KO
Wednesday 3rd November	
Yr 7	ABC Rugby V Cheltenham College Home 3:00 KO
Y 10	Rugby V Cleeve Away 3:00 KO

Key Links

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

Community Notices

Half-term activities

Please see newsletter [here](#) from a local organisation, Cheltenham Rocks, for events and places to visit locally over half term.