



End of term message

Message from the Headteacher



As the term draws to a rather warm close, I like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the school over the last year. After the upheaval of Covid, 2021-22 has been something of a “getting back to normal” year. This time last year, teachers were shuttling from room to room with students still in “bubbles”; clubs and trips were only just getting going again; no GCSE or A Level exams had taken place and mass testing at the

start of the term was beginning to feel routine. What a difference a year makes! Our co-curricular programme is really up and running: D of E expeditions at Bronze, Silver and Gold level have been successfully completed; a huge range of “world of work” activities have taken place; there have been STEM days for Year 7, Geography field trips, History days out... the list goes on! Our sports and performance clubs are very much back in action too: we’ve enjoyed the beautiful Sixth Form music event in Chapel Arts; the Christmas service and lively performances in our school concerts; a chilling production of DNA by our GCSE Drama students; and, of course, the fantastic production of Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat. Sports are back on the agenda: we’ve celebrated success in a huge range of sports and were particularly pleased that for the first time, we can offer girls the opportunity to join the Bournside Bruisers girls’ rugby team. Our Facebook site and Twitter feed are great places to find out about the exciting things that go on at Bournside every week.

It’s not all about clubs, trips and visits however! Returning to a normally structured school has allowed us to make great steps forward in the classroom. Year 7, for example, have enjoyed the opportunity to study four (yes, four!) different languages in the MFL department; new courses have been introduced at GCSE and A’level. Lessons are back being taught in their departmental areas and these have been rejuvenated with stimulating displays both in and around the classrooms. We’ve focused relentlessly on teaching and learning, combining the advice of national figures in the world of education with the expertise and experience of our excellent team of teachers.

Yes: it’s been a busy year! In truth, to say “back to normal” doesn’t really do the school justice. “Normal” suggests dull, average, mundane. Bournside is none of those things and, as I reach the end of my second year as the proud headteacher of this remarkable school, I’d like to pay tribute to the tenacity, creativity and enthusiasm of my colleagues...

2022/23 diary dates

Thursday 18th August

A Level results day

Thursday 25th August

GCSE results day

Wednesday 7th September

Term 1 starts (Year 7 & 12 only)

Thursday 8th September

Term 1 starts (All year groups)

Thursday 15th September

Main school open evening

House points

Congratulations to Parks House who have won the 2021/22 House Cup!

Parks

**2021/22 House
Cup Winners!**

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In my first year here, battling the challenges of Covid, I saw what resilience in the face of great adversity meant. Now, a year later, I have the privilege of looking back over a year which has demonstrated why Bournside has such a unique place in the hearts – and at the heart – of the community of Cheltenham: it's a school full of tradition and history, joy and laughter, hard work and determination, activity and opportunity. It's a school which really lives its values and embodies its Latin motto: Usque Ad Finem. To the utmost!

I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing and refreshing summer holiday.

Mr Jefferies

Headteacher

Student success

House Cup celebration



Congratulations to Parks House for winning the 2021/22 House Cup!

Mr Hiron, Head of Parks House, said "Congratulations to every single student in Parks House! What a fantastic achievement by a group of amazing young people! I am so

immensely proud of all the Parks students who have received House points throughout the academic year. This is a reflection of all of the ambitious, curious, proud, purposeful, supportive and respectful students that are part of Parks House. No other House has ever won the House competition in two consecutive academic years and all members of Parks House should be extremely proud of this accomplishment. I'm looking forward to it all starting again in September, when we will attempt a third consecutive win!"

Business Ambassadors



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by the Business Department as Business Ambassadors, in recognition of their outstanding effort and progress over the academic year.

Students have received a Business Ambassador badge and will represent the department in future school events.

Year 10 GCSE Business students:

Aiden, Aimee, Chloe, Clara, Dylan, Eloise, Emilia, Emily, Emma, Freddie, Freya, Harry, Harry, Jaydee, Jayden, Josh, Julia, Leo, Lily, Maher, Maisie, Mason, Matilda, Matteo, Millie, Millie, Munouua, Olivia, Riley, Rocco, Shafwan, Sophie, Sydney, Tahmid and Victoria.

Year 12 A Level Business students:

Alwyne, Amy, Hope, Josh, Josh, Louis, Michael, Niamh, Rhys and Riley.

Prefects



Year 10 and 12 House prefects were appointed at the end of term 5 and have already begun to play an important role within the school.

They will fully begin their roles in September, taking on responsibilities, including acting as pupil guides on open evenings, supporting school activities and upholding our school values.

Mr Taylor, Associate Assistant Headteacher, said "Our House prefect programme offers students the opportunity to improve their leadership and communication skills as well as building their confidence through public speaking and events organisation. Congratulations to all those appointed."

Top House point earners

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the most House points within the school this academic year.

Ilias, Year 7, Frank House
Emily, Year 10, Parks House
James, Year 7, Parks House
Tia, Year 7, Owens House
Jude, Year 7, Parks House
Imogen, Year 7, Hawking House
Yvonne, Year 7, Parks House
Anna, Year 9, Parks House
Liam, Year 7, Owens House
Lily, Year 7, Hawking House

Mr Stratford, Deputy Headteacher, said "We have seen the most House points ever awarded to our pupils this academic year! We are immensely proud of everyone's achievements this year and their commitment to their House. A special mention goes to the students above who were our top 10 House point earners this year. Thank you to all of the pupils who have taken part in House events and contributed to the successes of their House."

Student success continued ...

House Heroes



Congratulations to our House heroes from each of our six Houses. Over 120 students have achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold House Hero Awards this academic year, in recognition of their effort and outstanding attitude toward House events.

Mr Taylor, Associate Assistant Headteacher, said, "It was a pleasure to hand out these awards in recognition of consistent outstanding attitudes to learning which has resulted in academic success during report 3 of this academic year. All students involved have been presented with a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge and 5 House

Points, which will contribute towards their overall House tally at the start of the next academic year. Winners of the Gold award will be invited to receive their award at our school awards evening on the 22nd September."

School updates

Joining Year 12



Please find a summer message and joining instructions for Year 12 from Mr Warren here:

[Joining our Sixth Form - Cheltenham Bournside School](#)

History homework challenge: Creating Castles

Mrs Ryland's 7G and Mrs Ryland/Mrs Rawstorne's 7B classes were challenged for homework to work on a castle project. They were given four weeks to create a castle model or drawing and here are the impressive results! Well done on all of the effort you have put into these Year 7!

Winners were voted for by their class during a lesson in which students peer assessed their projects. Congratulations to Millie (7G), Daisy (7G), Cillian (7B) and Tia (7B)!



Summer concert

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer Concert last week. It was a brilliant event showcasing the musical talent of our pupils.

Have a great summer!