



Welcome

Once again, our five day Transition Week at the beginning of July was an amazing experience for all of us at Cheltenham Bournside School. Thank you for all of your support as parents and carers; it was fantastic to welcome so many of you in for the Parent Information Evening, coffee mornings, the Dr Dominique Thompson Inspire Lecture and to the music concert finale!

During the week, our new starters had the opportunity to experience year group assemblies, taster lessons, social time around the school and team-building activities. They also heard talks on managing wellbeing, mental health and how the brain of a teenager works and develops through the teenage years. We also had a full sports afternoon. We were thrilled by the enthusiasm, effort and energy that the Year 6 pupils arrived with and put into all the activities they experienced.

Students explored our vast extra-curricular clubs and activities offer at Thursday's student-led Clubs Fair. Our ambition is that all Cheltenham Bournside School students will participate in at least one club.

The week ended on such a high, when we rehearsed and performed a concert in a day. The students sang beautifully, and my personal highlight was watching the Class of 2028 signing their song "When I Grow Up". Please find a round-up of photographs and key information on officially starting with us in September on the following pages.

I would like to wish you all a lovely summer, and on behalf of the whole team at Cheltenham Bournside School, we look forward to welcoming you to our school community in September.

Mrs Groves
Assistant Headteacher and Transition Lead

Feedback: We'd really appreciate you [completing this feedback form](#) to share your experience of transition, from initial communication through to parent/carers events and Transition Week itself.



School values

We are:

Ambitious

We aim for the very best in all we do

Curious

We have enquiring minds and are not afraid of challenge

Proud

We celebrate everyone's effort and achievement

Purposeful

We persevere to achieve our goals and aspirations

Respectful

We care about each other and believe in equality and kindness

Supportive

We make a positive difference to each other's lives



Summer homework:

1. Learn to tie a tie!
2. Label ALL of your belongings
3. Check uniform guidance

Start of term checklist



First day at school - Wednesday 6th September

New Year 7s start on Wednesday 6th September. They will be the only students in school, along with Year 12 in Sixth Form. Students are asked to arrive at 8.30am through their House gate. They will be directed to the Anniversary Garden where they will be met by their Head of House. They will receive their timetable. The school day will finish at 3.15pm.



Uniform and timetables

Please arrive in full uniform (except for their tie which will be presented in a formal assembly on their first day). Uniform guidance is available to view [on our website](#). All students will be gifted a pencil case with key items to supplement anything you may have already purchased.



Key apps - MCAS

You will receive an email containing a link to create a password for our Parent Portal app, [MCAS \(MyChildatSchool\)](#) early next week. MCAS allows you to credit your child's dining account and make payments online for school trips, tickets and items. Online guides are available [here](#).*



Key apps - ClassCharts

You will also receive an invitation to download [ClassCharts](#) at the beginning of September. [ClassCharts](#) provides you with information about your child's achievements and behaviour incidents. You will also be able to view your child's timetable via [ClassCharts](#).



Note key dates

- Y7 Forest of Dean trips: Mon 11th Sept - Weds 13th Sept
- Y7 photographs: Thurs 14th Sept
- Y7 Tutor Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) (online): Thur 28th July
- Y7 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) (online): Thur 4th July

[You can view the school calendar/term dates on our website](#)



***Important note: Your child will not be able to purchase food at school if their MCAS account has not been topped up online. Please either top up the account online or provide a packed lunch.**

Mobile phones can be brought into school but must remain in bags switched off at all times.



The School Day 2023-24

	Y7-9	Y10-13	
08:45	P0 8:45 - 8:55		
08:55	Movement		
	P1 9:00 - 9:55		
	Movement		09:55
10:15	Break 10:15 - 11:10	P2a 10:00 - 10:55	
	P2b	Break	10:55
11:10	Movement		
	P3 11:15 - 12:10		
12:10	Movement		12:15
12:50	Lunch 12:15 - 12:50	P4a 12:15 - 13:10	
	P4b 12:55 - 13:45	Lunch 13:10 - 13:45	13:05
13:45	Movement		
	P5 13:50 - 14:45		
14:45	Movement		
15:15	Tutorial 14:50 - 15:15		

Entrance gates:

Astro turf gate



Hawking and Parks

Dining centre gate



Franks and Rowling

G Block gate



Attenborough and Owens

Clubs Fair and Music Concert



House Group Photographs

