

#### Edition 2 - April 2025

### Transition Bulletin

News and updates for students joining Cheltenham Bournside School



## Welcome

#### The start of your Bournside journey!

Hello, Year 6 families!

We hope you've enjoyed a lovely break over the Easter holidays and that our rising Year 6s are looking forward to their final full term at primary school.

Now that you have accepted your place at Bournside via Gloucestershire County Council, your journey with us has officially begun! Thank you if you have already completed our online Student Enrolment Form via your Bournside School Applicaa account. If you are yet to do this, please login to your Applicaa account and complete by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

As well as delivering excellent teaching and learning in the classroom, outside of the classroom Bournside aims to offer to biggest, brightest and best co-curricular offer to inspire young minds and to honour the **Bournside Opportunities Pledge** (see right-hand column).

From our extensive sports, arts and music offer, to chess, debate, eco club, languages, maths, robotics, science, and more, we are confident that every student will find a club they enjoy.



We encourage every Year 7 pupil to sign up to at least one club. It's a great way to meet new people, to settle in and to make the most of the opportunities available to them here. They will find out more at the Clubs Fair during Activities Week!

- Mrs Lees, Assistant Headteacher and Transition Lead

# The Bournside Opportunities Pledge

Your journey at Cheltenham Bournside School is about more than your time in the classroom. We pledge that all students will have the opportunity to:

- Give back to the local community
- 2. Receive a round of applause
- 3. Experience the world of work
- 4. Uncover talent
- 5. Explore the natural world
- 6. Visit a University
- 7. Immerse themselves in culture
- 8. Meet a role model
- 9. Sleep under the stars
- 10. Make friends for life



Useful links: 2025 Transition - School calendar - Extra-curricular timetable



#### **Uniform and equipment**

You will find our <u>uniform policy and visual guidance</u> on our website. We expect the highest standards from our students and this includes the personal presentation and preparation for the school day. Our uniform supplier is <u>Monkhouse Schoolwear</u>, 252 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3HF (opposite the Brewery).

Please note: You do not need to purchase a school tie! Your child will be presented with their House tie on the first day of school in September. House allocations will be communicated the week commencing  $16^{\rm th}$  June, ahead of the Parent Information Evening on Monday  $23^{\rm rd}$  June and Transition Week on Monday  $31^{\rm st}$  June.

If you have any questions, please email transition@bournside.com



#### **FAQs**

All questions are important and can help our new students feel more comfortable as they prepare to step up to Bournside.

You'll find lots of frequently asked questions on the <u>Transition page</u> <u>of our website</u>, which we are adding to all of the time!





One thing we are asked about a lot is the use of mobile phones at secondary school - specifically smartphones.

Cheltenham Bournside School is working with local primary schools and parents to encourage the delayed use of smartphones. We have created "Smartphone Free at KS1, 2 and 3" to help us achieve our goal.

You will find the first three "Smartphone Free at KS1, 2 and 3" letters on our website and if you'd like to pledge your support - which we'd really welcome - please sign the <a href="Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact">Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact</a> online (selecting Cheltenham Bournside School).

WWW.BOURNSIDE.COM/SCHOOL-INFORMATION/SMARTPHONE-FREE-AT-KS1-2-AND-3/

