



Welcome back!

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year and our first full week is now complete. Welcome back to you all and a very warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us in Year 7 and Year 12.

Thank you to all of the students who helped us to host a fantastic Open Evening last night. Every year I am amazed by how inspiring our school is at Open Evening and how we raise the bar even higher each time.

The evening really does emphasise what an amazing place Bournside is. It was busy, vibrant and everything we know it is. Feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, and you all played an important part in the evening's success.

- Mr Waters, Deputy Headteacher

Returning Library Books - Please have a look at home



Now we have returned after the school holiday and parents and students may have discovered Bournside library books that may be overdue and we ask that they please return them. There will be NO negative consequences only the positive benefit of the books being restored for use by the school community.

Thank you for your help and see you in the library soon.
- Mrs Rimmen. Librarian

Diary dates

Monday 23rd September

- School photos (Year 7, 10, 12)

Thursday 26th September

- Year 7 and Year 12 PTC (Tutors)

22nd/23rd/24th October

- Year 7 Walks - Cheltenham

Friday 25th October

- Inset Day. Students do not attend.

w/c Monday 28th October

- Half term

House points

Attenborough Frank



2867

Hawking



2581



2686

Owens



2580

Parks



2708

Rowling



2449

School news and updates

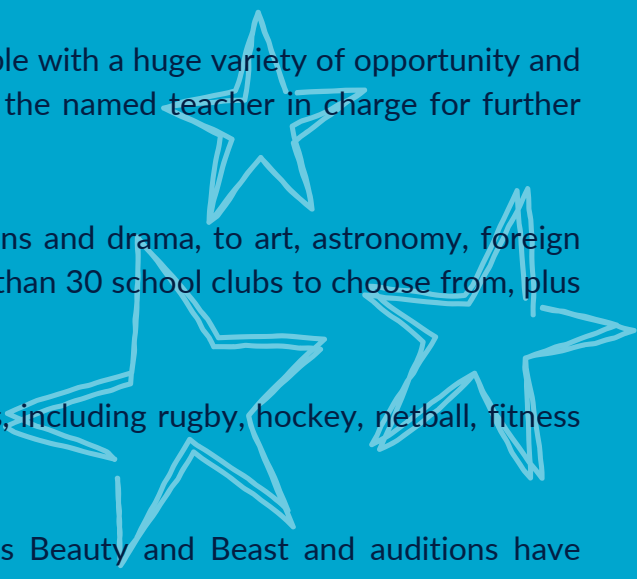
Clubs, clubs, clubs!

We are pleased to launch the new Extra-Curricular Timetable with a huge variety of opportunity and choice for all of our students. Simply turn up or speak to the named teacher in charge for further information. Have fun! - **Mr L Kelly, Assistant Headteacher**

School Clubs: From debating, walking, chess, young tycoons and drama, to art, astronomy, foreign language films, maths and creative writing, there are more than 30 school clubs to choose from, plus homework club in the library after school daily.

Sports Clubs: A new season of sporting club opportunities, including rugby, hockey, netball, fitness and badminton. See the full schedule for details.

Music and Drama Clubs: This year's school production is Beauty and Beast and auditions have already taken place this week! Music clubs have started too, so if you play an instrument or like to sing, take a look at what available.



GCSE Options - Year 10

As Year 10 start their options, we always allow a short period for them to change an option if they start a subject and realise that they wish to switch. The deadline is: **Friday 20.9.24.**

- To make a request please can the parent email options@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.
- Mrs Duggan, our Senior Curriculum and Data Officer, will look to see if the change is possible - i.e. does it fit the timetable, is there a space in the group, etc.
- If it is possible, she will process the change and then inform the student and teachers of the change. If it is not possible, she will ask the student to come and see her to discuss alternatives.
- Mrs Duggan will then confirm the change with the parent or explain why the change was not possible.

If you have any questions, please email either **Mrs Duggan** or **Miss Hanley, Deputy Headteacher**.

School Photos

Monday 23rd September: Year 7,10 and 12 plus catch-ups. Please be reminded that Tempest will be in school on Monday 23rd to take individual photos of students in years 7, 12 and 10. - **Mrs Johnson**

Reporting an absence from school

Please use **MCAS (MyChildatSchool)** to report all absences from school.

- Select + in the top right hand corner and tap Cheltenham Bournside School to start your message
- To send the message, select the blue icon >
- Your message will now be displayed in the message thread.

If reporting an absence by phone, please call 01242 235555 and select Option 1. This will enable you to leave a voicemail for attendance which will be picked up promptly. - **Attendance Team**

Celebrations and good news

New four-legged member is joining the culture team!

We're thrilled to announce that the Culture Team is getting a new addition on Monday, 30th September – a second school therapy dog! This little one is none other than one of Lottie's adorable Black Labrador puppies, born in July. While most of the pups will head to their forever homes soon, we're keeping one to continue Lottie's amazing legacy of supporting our students' wellbeing.

Over the next 18 months, they will be trained alongside Lottie to become a certified therapy dog. Lottie's journey has already shown how much these dogs can do—from easing anxiety and boosting reading confidence to offering comfort when it's needed most. We're also excited to share that two of Lottie's other puppies will soon start their own journeys as therapy dogs in schools and that one of those schools is Warden Hill Primary School!

We can't wait to welcome the newest member of our team. Thank you for being part of our amazing school community!

- Mrs Lees, Assistant Headteacher and DSL



Alumni student Daisy featured on BBC Music Introducing

Alumni student Daisy Williams, has released her debut single this week under the name DAIS!.

The track was recorded at the studio at Bournside and it has already been picked up by [BBC Music Introducing - The West](#) (Track 8, 50 minutes in). Priding itself on showcasing the best new music from around the UK, since its launch in 2007 the Introducing platform has helped launch the careers of George Ezra, Jack Garratt, Florence and the Machine, Ed Sheeran, Ellie Goulding, Becky Hill, and James Bay.



Following DAIS!'s debut on the station, Radio DJ [James Threlfall](#) said, "Absolutely loving that. That's a tune called 'on your terms' from DAIS!, a singer-songwriter based between Cheltenham and Leeds. For that one she says she's blended her love of jazz, pop, rock, and even a little slice of musical theatre is in the mix there too. That is her BBC Introducing debut as well, so congrats DAIS!."

Mr Cutress, Head of Music at Bournside, said: "We've always been so proud of Daisy at Bournside and it's very little surprise to be hearing of her successes after leaving. Daisy is a brilliant songwriter and performer and it was a pleasure to have her record 'on your terms' in the studio here at Bournside last term. I'm so pleased that 'on your terms' turned out the way that it did and it's even sweeter to see it played on the BBC. I know this is only the start for her and I can't wait to see what Daisy does next."

Careers and work-related learning



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24/25 unifrog events calendar

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