

# Welcome

**Dr Dorian Lewis** 

Headmaster

#### Who are we?

- We are a selective grammar school of around 1200 students aged 11-18
- Bournemouth School only admits boys into Years
   7-11 (there are boys and girls in the sixth form)
- We were founded in 1901 and are very proud of our heritage and traditional values
- Students joining us must pass our entrance tests
- We have 180 students in a year group
- We give priority to able students from the local area
- Academic standards are very high





### High Academic Standards

#### **GCSE**

- ✓ In 2022, 60% of all entries were graded 9-7 (A\*/A)
- ✓ Progress 8 score was 0.37 (0.2)
- ✓ Attainment 8 score was 72.3 (52.7)
- √ 96% of the cohort achieved strong passes (grade 5 and above) in English and mathematics (51%)
- ✓ 71% of students were entered for the EBacc (41%)
- ✓ EBacc average points score was 6.73 (4.67)

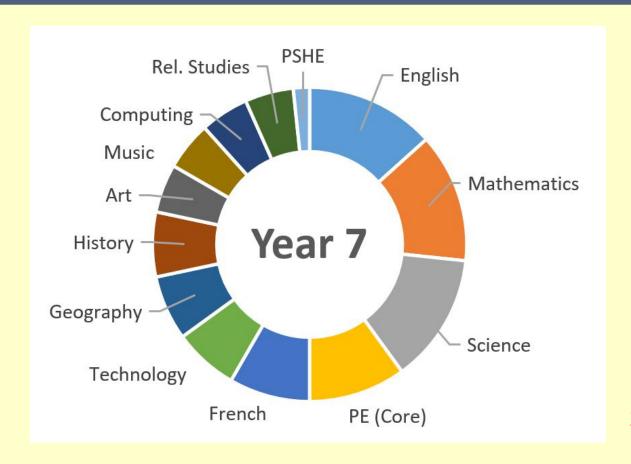
Figures for BCP are shown in brackets

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#### ...and at A level in 2022...

- √ 86% of entries were graded A\*-C
- √ 49% of entries were graded A\*/A
- √ 36% of students attained AAB or higher in 2 or more facilitating subjects
- ✓ Progress score of +0.21
- ✓ Average grade B+ (B)
- ✓ Average points score 42.1 (39.3)
- ✓ 5 students left the school to study at Oxbridge and a further 8 to join medical schools

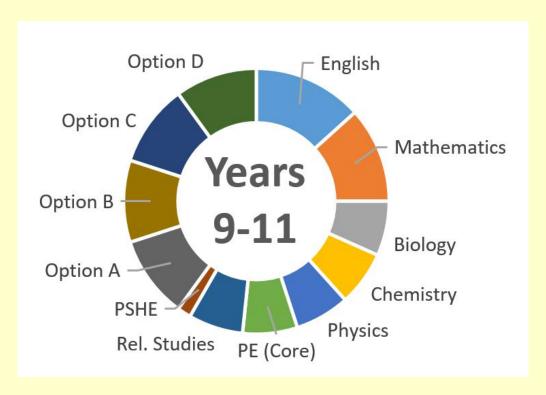
### The Year 7 Curriculum



September 2023 Model

In Year 8 students study either Spanish or German in addition to the subjects studied in Year 7

#### The GCSE Curriculum



Our GCSE courses begin in Year 9, with students able to choose 4 options (including a language and either history or geography) in addition to their core programme.

Students typically follow 11 GCSE courses.

### GCSE Subjects

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- English Language
- English Literature
- Food Preparation & Nutrition

- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Religious Studies
- Spanish

Courses in red are studied by all students

#### Pastoral Structure

- The current 180 boys in each year group are placed into one of six houses (Darwin, Elgar, Moore, Newton, Scott, and Turner)
- House prefects, tutor and Head of Year support students
- House Leaders co-ordinate inter-house competitions and charity events
- Individual Learning Needs
   Department with dedicated facilities

### Beyond Lessons

- Numerous clubs (academic, cultural and sporting)
- Trips and visits
- Scouts
- Combined Cadet Force
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Many leadership opportunities

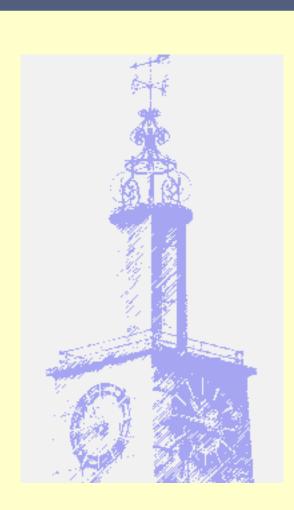
## **High Expectations**

Traditional values

Demonstrable pride in the school

High academic standards

Students treated with dignity and respect



## Changes from September 2023

To improve student progress and outcomes, we are introducing the following evidence-based strategies:

- students will not talk in lessons other than at the direction of the teacher
- knowledge organisers will be introduced and will be the mainstay of students' homework
- the introduction of "Do Now" tasks and activities
- mobile devices ('phones and smart watches) will be prohibited items for Years 7-11

### No talking in lessons

- A classroom must be orderly for learning to take place, and distractions must be minimised
- Students must be able to listen to the instructions given by the teacher and complete their work, free from the distraction of others in the class talking
- Lessons will be far from silent
- The teacher will scaffold and facilitate purposeful talk and discussion, and check students' understanding using questioning.

## No disruption and...



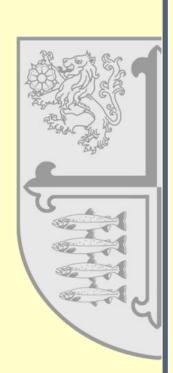


### The Students' Perspectives

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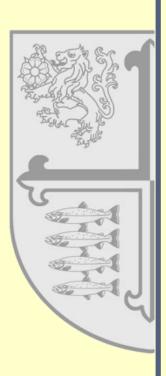
**School Captain** 

- At Bournemouth School there are <u>180</u> places available in Year 7
- All applicants must register their wish to sit the tests with the school by
   Friday 8 September (midday) 2023
- Late applications accepted only in the most extenuating of circumstances (evidence will be required)
- Your child will sit the tests on Saturday 23 September 2023



- Three tests:
  - Mathematics (multiple choice 50 min)
  - English (multiple choice 45 min)
  - Verbal reasoning (multiple choice 50 min)

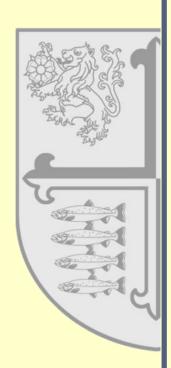
- Students take the tests in a normal classroom
- Do not send your child to sit the test if he is unwell
- Advise us of any special circumstances



- The papers are prepared by GL Assessment
- Students complete pre-printed answer sheets
- Scores achieved in these papers are standardised against national criteria by age
- We advise familiarising the student with the style of test papers
- Very strict criteria for special access arrangements (evidence required – details on our website)



- Results of the tests will be e-mailed to parents on Friday 13 October
- The results letter will give the scores achieved and will say whether or not the applicant is "eligible"
- Being "eligible" does not guarantee that your son will be offered a place as we are usually oversubscribed
- You will then need to decide whether or not to apply



- Registering for the entrance tests does not replace applying for admission
- You must complete the "Preference Form" by 31 October
- Place school in genuine priority order
- Send to LA (not the school)
- Once we are told who has applied, we rank the applicants in accordance with our admissions policy

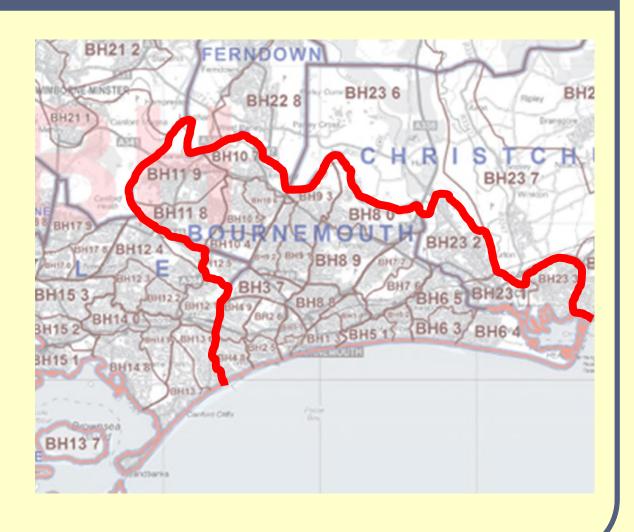


### How we rank those "eligible"

- Looked after children or previously looked after children in order of total score
- Applicants eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant in order of total score
- Remaining applicants from the School's "priority area" in order of total score
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- The LA allocate the available places on the basis of this ranking and parental preference (March 2024)

#### Bournemouth School - The "Priority Area"

BH1	ВН9
BH2	BH10
BH3	BH11
BH4	BH12 5
BH5	BH23 1
BH6	BH23 2
BH7	BH23 3
BH8	



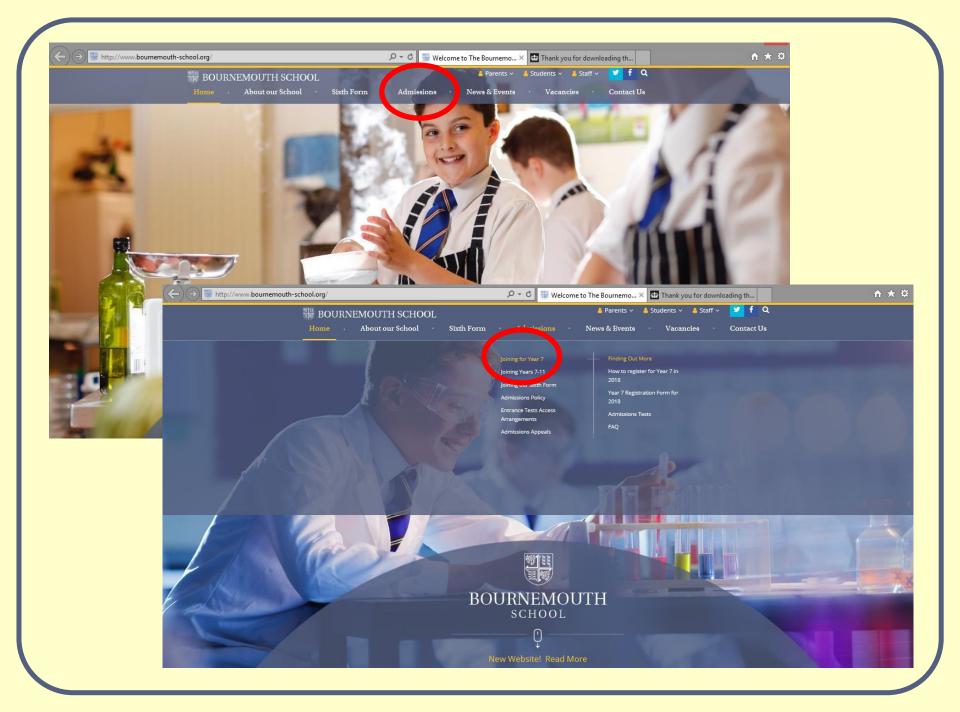
#### 2023 Entry Statistics (before appeals)

- 862 boys sat the 11+ test for BS/PGS last year (493 sat at BS)
- 379 applications for BS received (for 180 places)
- 270 applications from "eligible" boys
- 180 boys were allocated a place (before appeals) of whom:
  - 10 were eligible for the pupil premium grant
  - A further 166 live in the priority area

### The Right Choice?

- It is not in every child's best interests to attend Bournemouth School (ethos/expectations)
- Simply attending the School does not guarantee success
- Consider carefully the transport implications
- The Admissions Policy aims to match the most appropriate 180 applicants to the places available





### **Key Dates**

- Register for testing by Friday 8 September (midday)
   2023
- Tests on Saturday 23 September 2023
- Notification of your child's entrance test outcome e-mailed on Friday 13 October 2023
- Preference Form to be returned by 31 October 2023
- Notification of allocation Friday 1 March 2024



# Don't forget

Friday 8 September (midday)

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