

WELCOME TO BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL



Mrs K Ateaque
Headteacher (September 2026)

“Pupils flourish at this exceptional school”
(Ofsted, 2024)



WHO ARE WE?

- We are a selective grammar school of over 1300 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 disadvantaged students and those from the local area
- Academic standards are very high









HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS

GCSE

- ✓ In 2024, Progress 8 score was 0.72
- ✓ In 2025 our Attainment 8 score was 74.1 (50.8)
- ✓ 96% of the cohort achieved strong passes (grade 5 and above) in English and mathematics (56.7)
- ✓ 91% of students were entered for the EBacc (44.1%)
- ✓ EBacc average points score was 7.16 (4.54)

Figures for BCP are shown in brackets

A level results are similarly impressive

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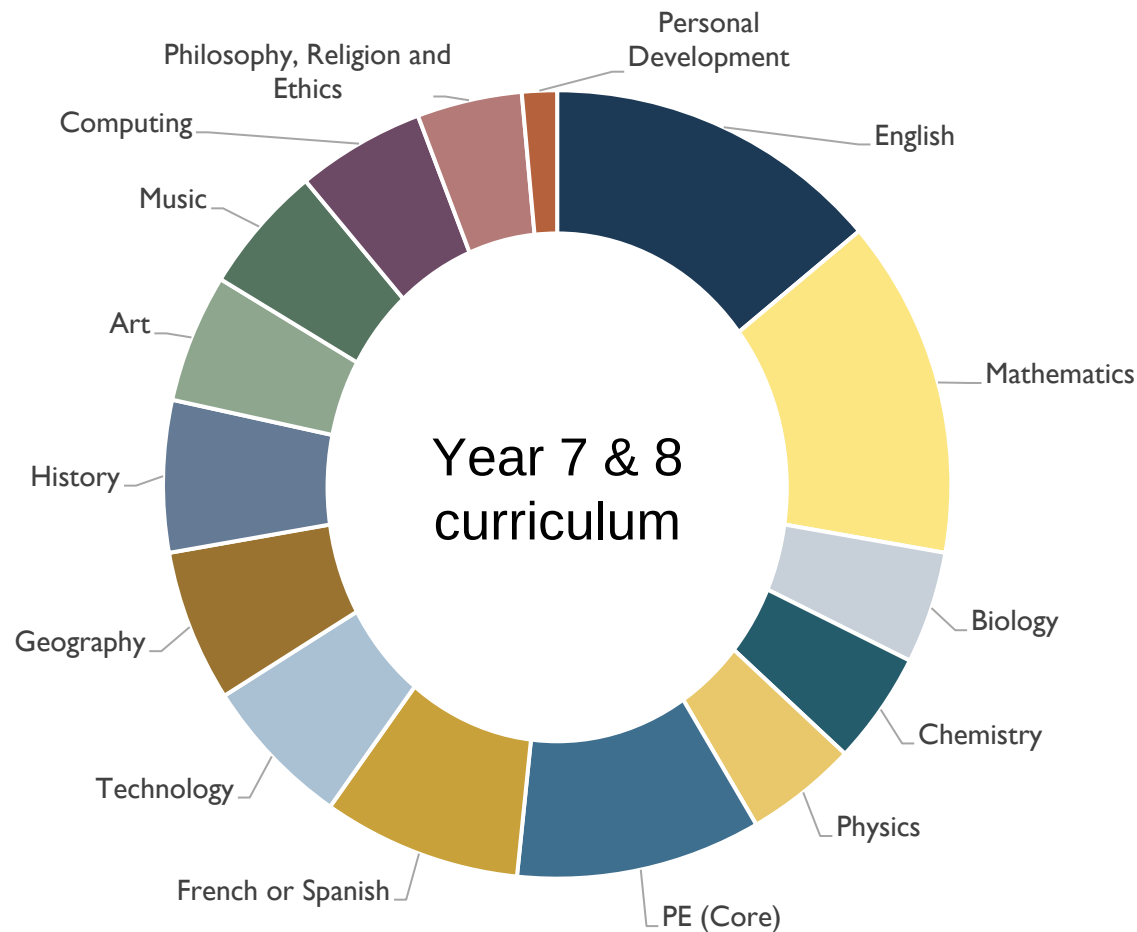


OFSTED 2024

“pupils receive an excellent quality of education and, as a result, achieve highly”



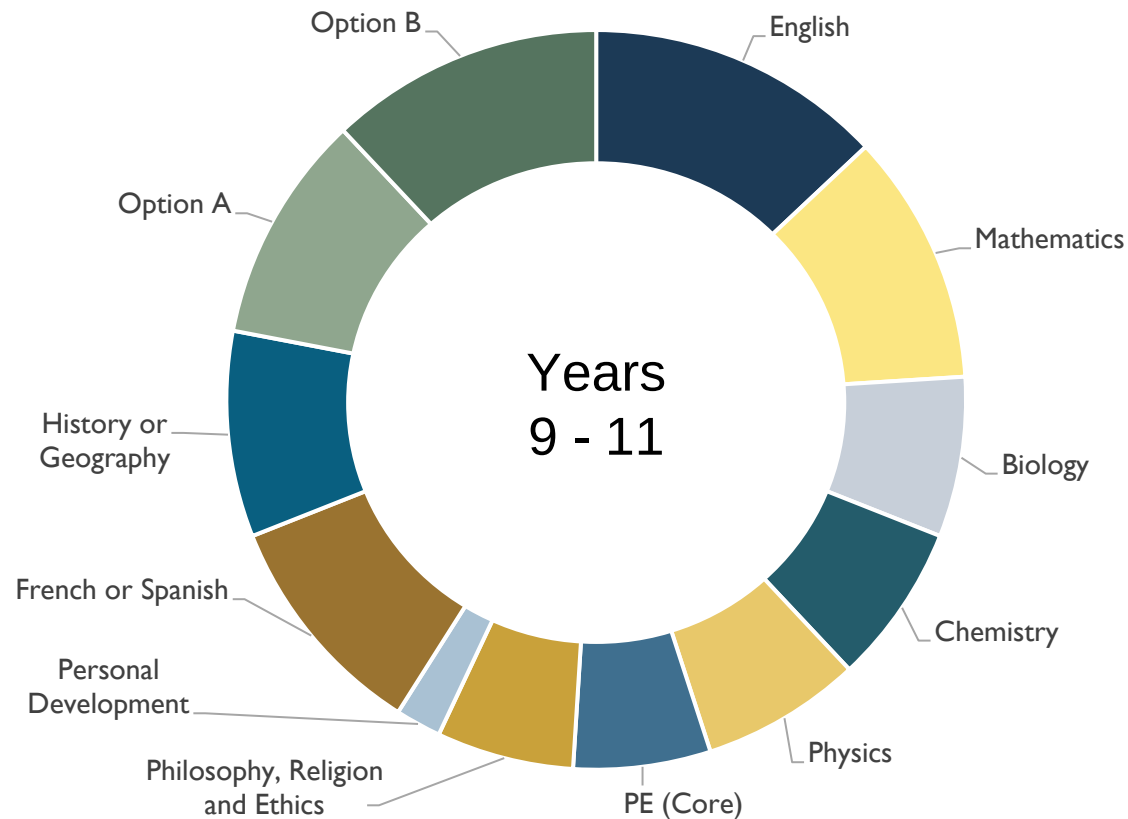
THE YEAR 7 CURRICULUM



September
2026 Model



THE GCSE CURRICULUM



Our GCSE courses begin in Year 9, with students able to choose 3 options (including either history or geography) in addition to their core programme.

Students typically follow **11** GCSE courses.



OFSTED 2024

“Pupils learn an ambitious curriculum”

“Pupils receive timely and useful careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) and benefit from an effective personal, social and health education curriculum”

STUDENT SUPPORT

- The current 180 boys in each year group are placed into one of six houses (Darwin, Elgar, Moore, Newton, Scott, and Turner)
- House prefects, tutors, year co-ordinators, learning support assistants and directors of learning support students
- Inter-house competitions and charity events are co-ordinated throughout the year
- Students' individual learning needs are well supported



BEYOND LESSONS

- Numerous clubs
(academic, cultural and sporting)
- Trips and visits
- Scouts
- Combined Cadet Force
- Many leadership opportunities



HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- **Traditional values**
(hard work, discipline, smart appearance, respect)
- Demonstrable **pride** in the school
- High academic **standards**
- Students treated with dignity and **respect**



OFSTED 2024

“Pupils conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. They are polite and considerate of others. They behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well”

ACHIEVING THE BEST FROM STUDENTS

We use the following evidence-based strategies:

- students do not talk in lessons other than at the direction of the teacher
- knowledge organisers are the mainstay of students' homework
- mobile devices ('phones and smart watches) will be prohibited items for Years 7-11 from September 2026



OFSTED 2024

“The school consistently upholds its high expectations of pupils’ behaviour, both in and outside of the classroom. Therefore, pupils’ learning proceeds undisturbed”

NON-NEGOTIABLES

- Bullying
- Discrimination
- **Distracting** others' learning
- Defiance
- Drugs (including vapes)
- Lack of respect



WHO IS BEST PLACED TO DETERMINE OUR PROVISION?

Outstanding outcomes for all through exemplary teaching and learning.



OFSTED 2024

“Leaders and governors share a clear and ambitious vision for all pupils”



THE STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES

SCHOOL CAPTAIN: BENJY WALSH
YEAR 7: ABDULAH AND SOLOMON



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- At Bournemouth School there are **180** places available in Year 7
- All applicants must register their wish to sit the tests with the school by **Friday 4 September (midday) 2026**
- Late applications accepted only in the most extenuating of circumstances (evidence will be required)
- Your child will sit the tests on **Saturday 26 September 2026**



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS – SEPTEMBER 2026

- **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 ADMISSIONS PROCESS – SEPTEMBER 2026

- 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)



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- Results of the tests will be emailed to parents on **Friday 16 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



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- Registering for the entrance tests does not replace applying for admission
- You must complete the “*Preference Form*” by **Saturday 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



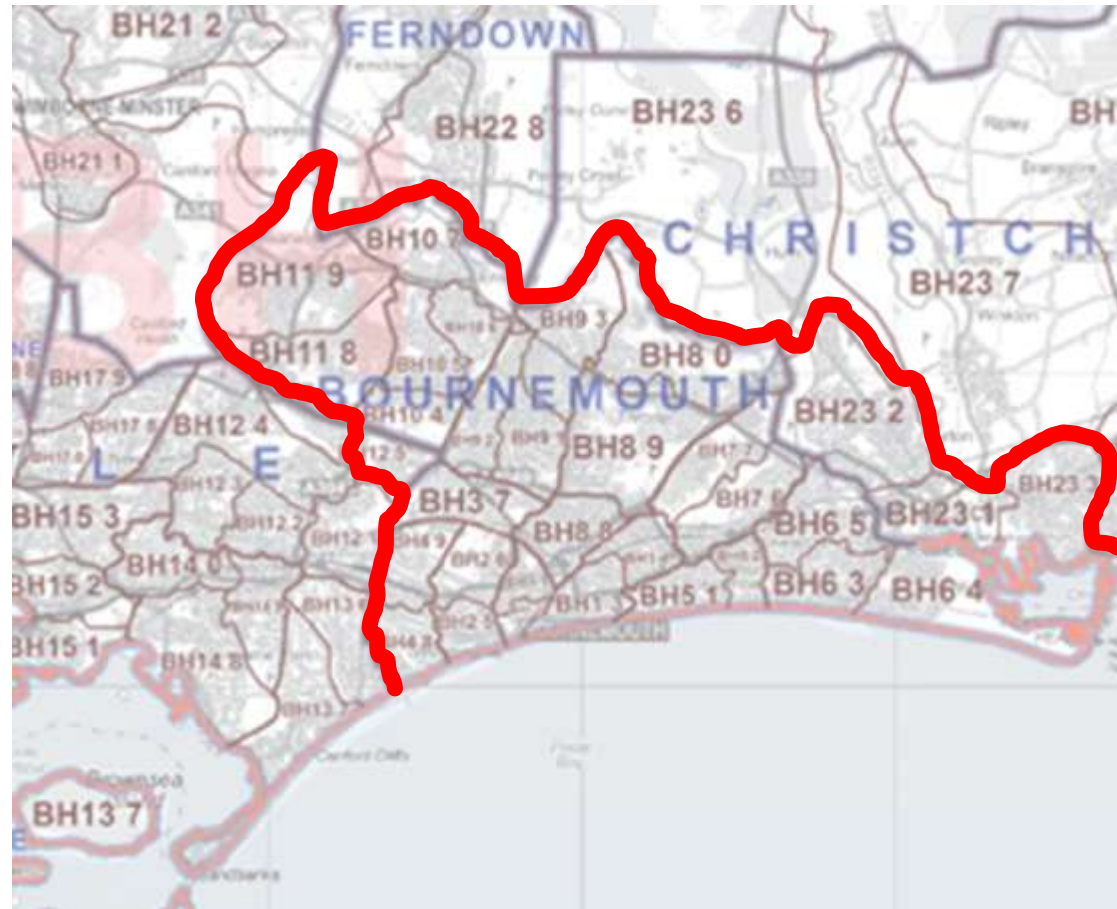
HOW WE RANK THOSE “ELIGIBLE”

- 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
- Remaining applicants in order of total score
- The LA allocate the available places on the basis of this ranking and parental preference (March 2027)



BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL - THE “PRIORITY AREA”

BH1	BH9
BH2	BH10
BH3	BH11
BH4	BH12 5
BH5	BH23 1
BH6	BH23 2
BH7	BH23 3
BH8	



184 STUDENTS IN YEAR 7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

- 453 boys sat the 11+ test at our school
- 219 students were deemed “eligible”
- 388 applications for BS received (for 180 places)
- 316 applications from “eligible” boys (some had sat at PGS)
- 180 boys were allocated a place of whom:
 - 8 were eligible for the pupil premium grant
 - 3 students lived outside the priority area
- 4 further applicants were allocated a place after the appeals process



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





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WELCOME TO BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL

Welcome to Bournemouth School, a thriving and ambitious community with a proud history spanning more than 125 years. As we look ahead, we do so with excitement and confidence as the School enters a new chapter in its development.

Since 2009, Dr Lewis has led Bournemouth School with distinction, overseeing a period of significant growth, achievement and improvement. During his seventeen years of dedicated service, the school has continued to strengthen its reputation for academic excellence, outstanding pastoral care and the success of its students.

In September 2026, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Katie Ateaque as Bournemouth School's ninth Headteacher. Having worked closely alongside Dr Lewis for many years, Mrs Ateaque has played a key role in shaping the school's achievements and development. Her deep understanding of our community, combined with her clear vision for the future, will ensure that Bournemouth School continues to build on its many strengths.

To provide continuity and support during this transition, Dr Lewis will work alongside Mrs Ateaque and the senior leadership team throughout the Autumn Term before retiring at the end of December 2026. This carefully planned



Welcome Back for New
Year 7 Students

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England Squash Channel Islands
Junior Championship
6 July 2026



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ADMISSIONS

I am interested in...



Joining Year 7



Joining Years
7-11 mid-year



Joining the
Sixth Form

KEY DATES

- Register for testing by **Friday 4 September (midday) 2026**
- Tests on **Saturday 26 September 2026**
- Notification of your child's entrance test result emailed on **Friday 16 October 2026**
- Preference Form to be returned by **Saturday 31 October 2026**
- Notification of allocation **Monday 1 March 2027**



DON'T FORGET

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER (MIDDAY)

WWW.BOURNEMOUTH-SCHOOL.ORG

