

# Term 4 - Friday 7th March, 2025

# **Parent Bulletin**

Updates for the parents/guardians of students at Cheltenham Bournside School



For World Book Day on Thursday, students may have been suprised to find Little Miss Sunshine teaching French, or the Trunchbull teaching maths! Teams around the school dressed up to celebrate their love of reading.

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# **Diary dates**

# **Tues 11th March**

• Macbeth, Roses Theatre - Y11

## Thurs 13th and Fri 14th March

 Year 11 mock interviews/Sixth Form application discussions

#### **Thurs 20th March**

• Year 11 PTC

## w/c Mon 24th March

 KS3 Star Reading Assessment Fortnight

#### Thurs 27th and Fri 28th March

• National Theatre Connections



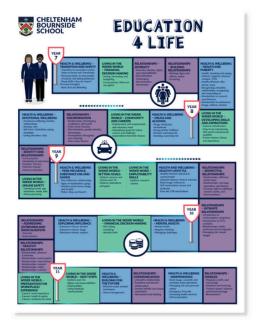
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# School news and updates

#### **E4L Parent Consultation**



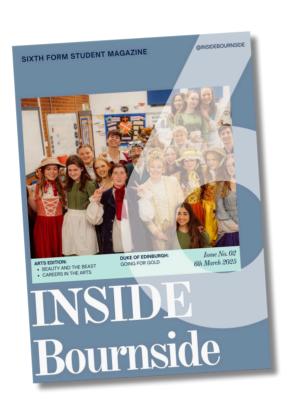
As part of your child's education at Cheltenham Bournside School we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive **Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE)** education programme known as **E4L or Education for Life** here at Bournside. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, strategies and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

I am writing to let you know that your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons in year 7 – 11 will include teaching about: healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; developing self-esteem and confidence. Year 10 will also be looking how to

assess the dangers of alcohol and drugs. Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world. We also have external guest speakers who regularly come in to school to speak to classes and carry our work shops, these guest speakers include members of the police, fire and health services as well as local business people offering careers advice and guidance.

- Mrs Rudge-Wills, Assistant Head of Sixth Form - Pastoral and Head of E4L

# InsideBournside Student Magazine | March 2025 | The Arts Edition



Hey everyone!

Welcome to the <u>second edition of InsideBournside</u> - our sixth-form student magazine. Thank you so much for your kind feedback on our first edition. We are grateful for every one of you!

This month's theme is 'The Arts', which is something very close to my heart! From our wonderful sixth-form artwork, to an exclusive article from singer-songwriter (and ex-student) DAIS!, we hope that you can feel inspired ready this month's issue. Outside of The Arts, we also have interviews with the football and netball captains and a spotlight on DofE too!

Thank you for reading this months issue and we hope that you enjoy!

Georgie Johnson, Year 12 Editor-in-Chief

# School news and updates

# Girs in Tech Event 2025- UWE Bristol



Year 9 and 10 girls from Bournside had an incredible experience at the Tech Event held at UWE Bristol this week! They took part in a variety of hands-on activities led by industry giants like Adobe, BT, and Microsoft Esports. From cryptography challenges to coding defences against cyberattacks and phishing emails, the students gained valuable insights into the world of cybersecurity.

The event featured inspiring female speakers from the university, sharing their journeys in the tech industry and the exciting opportunities available. Students also learned about exclusive scholarship opportunities for girls pursuing STEM subjects, opening doors to careers in cybersecurity and beyond.

A highlight of the day was exploring the university campus, getting a feel for study spaces, and chatting with university students. Everything they've learned in Cyber Security, Networking, and Programming at school came to life through practical activities. The sessions were incredibly informative, covering career paths from IT support to data centre operations, giving our students a real glimpse into the tech world.

It was a fantastic day full of inspiration, learning, and hands-on experience!

- Ms Kumar, Assistant Head of Computing

# **Active Travel Ambassador securing funding (with a bonus!)**



Our active travel ambassadors presented at Shire Hall in Gloucester this week. Due to a combination of reasons, Ruth in Year 9 presented to the experts and another school - the High School Leckhampton - on her own. Ruth was amazing, and not only got us the £200 funding, but also convinced the panel that our project was so good that she was awarded an additional £50.

We are immensely proud of the whole team's work. They will now go on to carry out their plan of having a week to engage students in their love of walking and cycling later in the year. Well done!

- Mrs Christie, Assistant Head of Geography

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"The trip to New York was such an amazing opportunity packed with many unforgettable moments.

We began off our adventure in Times Square, where all the billboards make it seem like it's daytime permanently!! For dinner, we enjoyed a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe, surrounded by music and loads of music stars memorabilia. We followed this up by watching the Aladdin on Broadway, which was such an amazing play.

The next morning, we took a 4-hour guided tour, hitting many incredible places like Central Park, Manhattan Bridge, Wall Street and Ground Zero. Next up was catching a thrilling basketball game at Madison Square Garden, where the excitement of the crowd was exhilarating. After the game, we ate at Ellen's Stardust Diner, where the talented singing waiters entertained us with Broadway hits.



The next day, we took an interesting tour of Madison Square Garden, learning about its history and iconic events. We also toured Radio City Music Hall, marvellng at its stunning 1920s design. As the day ended, we headed to the Top of the Rock for a breathtaking sunset view of the city skyline. Dinner at John's Pizzeria was the perfect way to end our day, enjoying classic New York pizza. We also toured the United Nations, gaining insight into global diplomacy, and spent time walking around the MoMA, admiring incredible works of modern art, even seeing Starry Night by Van Gogh!!

This trip to New York was such an immersive cultural experience, and we are both so grateful to have been able to go on it!"

- Charlotte Taylor and Erin Osbaldstone, Year 12

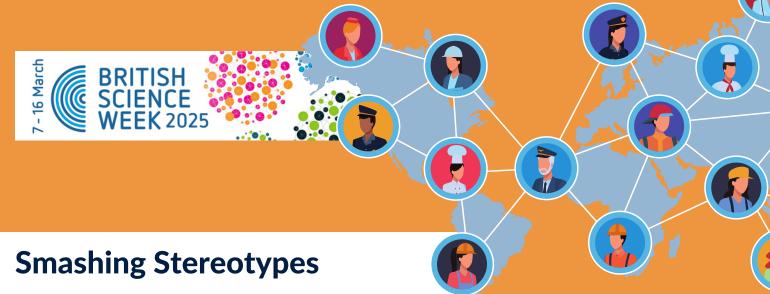
# Would you like your child to join next year's trip? Information evening, 17th March



Due to the success of the recent New York, we are launching the February 2026 trip straight away. Open to students currently in Year 10, 11 and 12, the trip includes:

- Top of the Rock
- UN Tour
- Times Square
- Statue of Liberty
- A Broadway Show
- A basketball or NFL ice hockey game
- Madison Square Garden
- Ground Zero 911 Memorial
- Radio City
- Ellen's Stardust Diner

There will be a trip information evening on Monday 17th March at 6.00pm. Please come along to find out more!



Celebrating the diverse people and careers in science and engineering!



What do you imagine when you're asked what a scientist looks like? Are you picturing lab coats, goggles and conical flasks? How about the person? Are they a white man with grey hair who resembles Albert Einstein?! If yes, you aren't alone, but it's something British Science Week - and Bournside! - wants to change.

'Smashing Stereotypes' is a collection of over 40 stories from inidivudals and teams that challenge long-standing stereotypes, with the aim of encouraging more young people, from all backgrounds, to see themselves as scientists.

<u>Check out the website to view profiles of chefs, product designers and fitness professionals - and they are all scientists!</u>



There are currently 29 science-themed work experiences on Spring-pod - why not check them out!

Virtual Experience Search | Springpod



As part of Science week and in celebration of International Women's Day, Unifrog are hosting a STEM event on the 11th March.



#### Shaping the future: inspiring women in STEM For students

Join us for this special webinar celebrating the International Women's Day 2025 theme of accelerate action and empowerment! Hear from three inspiring women who are working in STEM fields from KPMG, Dyson and the Hill Group. Find out more about their roles, what a typical day looks like, and what advice they'd give you to begin your own inspiring career.

> Tuesday 11 March @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins - sign up 🕻









# Securing our Future: Parent and Student Event



DATE

Tuesday 25 March 2025

TIME

16:30 - 18:30

#### **VENUE**

Advanced Digital Academy at Gloucestershire College, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham, GL51 7SJ

Golden Valley invites parents and students from Year 9 to Year 11 to discover the exciting opportunities within the Cyber sector.

Showcasing the amazing opportunities Golden Valley will bring to Gloucestershire, whilst providing the opportunity to network with some key industry-leading employers from the region.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE** 

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT

- Explore the opportunities in cyber and tech for students available in the region
- Hear all the latest news and updates from the Golden Valley team
- Hear firsthand experiences from parents whose children have successfully completed a cyber degree apprenticeship with a global cyber business
- Network with industry-leading businesses and discover potential roles where your children can make a significant impact

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