



THANK YOU and well done to our Santa fun runners!

Once again, congratulations to all of the students (and staff!) who joined in with our first Santa Run in the final week of last term, raising in excess of £1,300 for our Charity of the Year, Lions at Large, bringing our fundraising total to date to £2,829 with donations still coming in every day!

Mrs Cant, Communications Manager said, "Our current total far surpasses our initial fundraising target of £750 and I'm so proud of all the students. They are coming up with brilliant, community-inspired events to raise money and there's still more to come. Thank you to everybody who has supported them so far.

To read the messages of support for the students, please visit our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/page/bournside-lionsatlarge



Diary dates

w/c 6th & 13th January

- Year 13 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 14th January

- DofE Expeditions Information Evening

Thursday 23rd January

- Sixth Form Open Evening (5.30 - 8.00pm)

Tuesday 4th February

- Year 9 PTC

Friday 7th - Monday 24th February

- Online options form open

House points

Attenborough Frank

Hawking



Owens

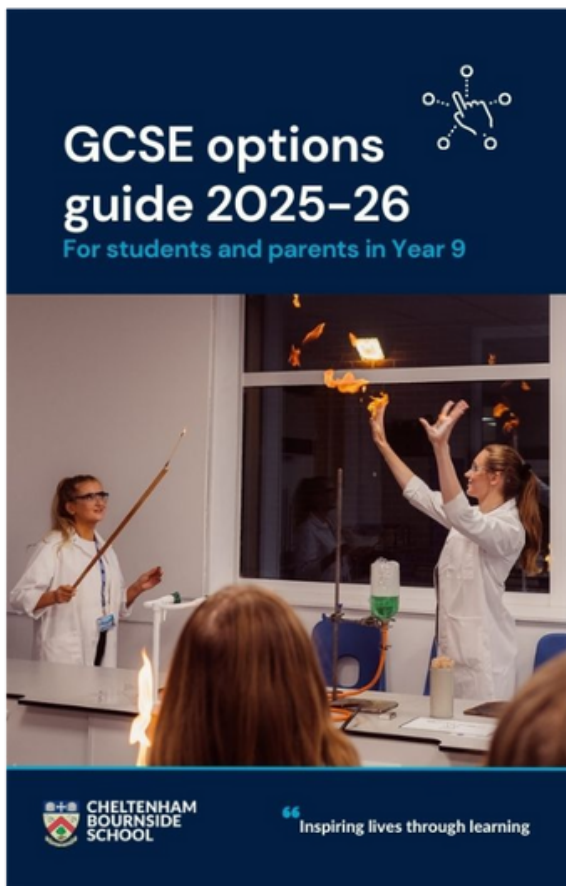
Parks

Rowling



School news and updates

GCSE options process launched for 2025 (Year 9)



Thank you to the parents and carers of students in Year 9 who joined us on Wednesday evening for our GCSE Options event. The Options area is now live on our website.

On the page you will find:

- Our GCSE Options brochure
- Key dates
- Presentations from the Options Event
- Information from the Careers team

If you have questions about Options choices, or the Options process itself, please contact Miss Hanley, Deputy Teacher (kjh@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk).

If you have any questions, you are welcome to get in contact with Miss Hanley, our Deputy Headteacher. Miss Hanley and Mrs Martin, our Careers Leader, will be available to book an appointment with at the Year 9 PTC on Tuesday 4th February. Further information regarding the PTC will follow.

www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/options

Inspire Lectures - Reminder of upcoming dates!



January 2025

Please see the Careers team or complete the sign up form to attend:



Friday 17th January

Archaeology: A career springboard. Angie Bolton, Curator of Archaeology Oxfordshire Museums Service

Wednesday 22nd January

Becoming an Author. Alice Jollu, Author, playwright and university lecturer

Thursday 30th January

My journey to becoming an entrepreneur. Zara Reed. Bournside student and business owner.

Tuesday 4th February

Job roles in Wildlife and Conservation. Jennie Denton, Learning Coordinator, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.



- Teacher of English
- Catering Assistant
- Cleaning Assistant (10 hours p/week)

To view our current job vacancies and to apply, please visit www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk



Careers guide to choosing GCSE options

What is the purpose of GCSEs?

GCSEs provide a standardised way to measure a student's knowledge, understanding and skills in specific subjects. They serve as a foundation for further education as the grades a student achieves at GCSE determines their eligibility to be able to study A-levels, T'levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships.

Top tips:

- ✓ Research sixth forms and colleges for their GCSE requirements in subjects of interest
- ✓ Note GCSE maths and English are needed for most entry-level jobs, apprenticeships, and college courses (a Grade 4 or above is required for entry to Bournside Sixth Form)
- ✓ Utilise our **Bournside Options Guide** and **Unifrog** to help your child choose.

Unifrog and GCSE option Choices

We encourage students to use Unifrog as part of their research into which GCSE options to take. Unifrog provides unbiased careers information and advice to help them make informed decisions about GCSE options. Unifrog can help them investigate different career possibilities and highlights which academic subjects would be useful for different careers.

Unifrog is an excellent online tool. Parents/carers can [access Unifrog too](#), using their own email address and the code **BOEfamily2024**. There are many guides available, including ["Helping your child make their Level 2 qualification choices."](#)

