



School news and updates

Performing with the professionals at Cheltenham Jazz Fest

"The music department took our talented Jazz Band students to play alongside the greats at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival on Sunday.

The Jazz Band played a fantastic set, including Superstition and Crazy Little Thing Called Love on the Free Stage to a packed-out tent. It was a massive success. Thank you to Mr Cutress, Miss Rheam and Mr Cliff for giving our students another wonderful opportunity to perform."

- Mr Waters, Deputy Headteacher



Lunchtime Recital at the Pump Rooms

Music students also performed in an excellent lunchtime recital last week.

"It was a real pleasure to perform as part of the Lunchtime Recital Series run by the Cheltenham Music Festival Society. Having the privilege to play in a wonderful venue like the Pump Rooms is not something we take for granted and the students really lived up to the setting. There were a number of breathtaking solos, topped and tailed with our excellent Senior Singers who sang beautifully."

- Mr Cutress, Head of Music

Diary dates

Friday 10th May

- District Athletics Championships

Wednesday 15th May

- Inspire Lecture: Juliet Russell, Journey into Television

w/c Monday 27th May

- Half Term

Monday 3rd June

- Term 6 begins (Week 1)

Tuesday 4th June

- Cheltenham Science Festival (Y8)

Thursday 6th June

- Year 10 PTC

House points

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points this week!

Attenborough Frank

Hawking

37782

38078

38868

Owens

Parks

Rowling

37972

38400

37581

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Inspire Lecture - Journey into Television - Wednesday 15th May



Our next Inspire Lecture takes place next Wednesday, 15th May at 3.15pm.

Juliet Russell from the University of Gloucestershire joins us to talk about her career Journey into Television. Juliet has worked in the TV industry for over 15 years, covering a variety of formats including news, current affairs and factual television production. The programmes she worked on include - Bear Grylls 'Man V Wild' and 'On Thin Ice' with James Cracknell and Ben Fogle.

All welcome. Please see Mrs Hemsley to sign up!

Good luck to Ollie and Cas tomorrow!



Year 10 students, Ollie and Casper will be completing their 50km challenge this weekend. in memory of their best friend Ellison, who died in 2021 of Ewing Sarcoma aged just 11.

Incredibly, they have already surpassed their ambitious fundraising target of £5,000 for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. Ellison's Special Fund is dedicated to raising funds and awareness to change the outcomes for those affected by primary bone cancer both now and in the future.

Good luck boys! We are so proud of you and this beautiful story of friendship and support.

www.justgiving.com/page/casollieandfriendsrunfundraiser

Active Travel Ambassadors get ready to launch 'Park and Stride' campaign



A group of seven students from Year 8-12 have been working hard together on an Active Travel behaviour change campaign to tackle transport issues and to promote active and environmentally friendly travel.

Mr Randall, Teacher of Geography said, "The Active Travel Ambassador programme gives young people the confidence and skills to tackle the transport issues affecting schools and young people. As part of the programme the group of students have been supported to research and develop a behaviour change campaign, focusing on active travel and road safety and have even been awarded £250 from the towards their campaign."

"The group have been working hard to develop their 'Park and Stride' campaign idea and pitched their idea to an audience, including a panel of experts which included guests from GCC and the school leadership team. They did a fantastic job, presenting their idea with confidence and answering a range of probing questions to justify their superb ideas."

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