

### A busy week for the Aspire Club!

Last Friday, Aspire students enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Bowl for some teambuilding through the medium of tenpin bowling! This included a lovely mix of students from the Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 groups.

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed Stella Buckland, Education and Youth Theatre Manager from the Everyman to run a drama workshop for our Year 8 and Year 9 groups. We were delighted that Stella was able to offer her time, energy and expertise, free of charge, with the sessions focused on developing resilience and teamwork skills. All the students commented on how much fun the workshops were; we are now looking forward to some further sessions with Stella later this year. More details to follow.

Lastly, yesterday Miss Ayre and I took the Year 8 Aspire Club to a performance of "Animal Farm" at Malvern Theatre. Following on from their study of this classic story in English before Christmas, the show was the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich their understanding. It was a fantastically original and imaginative modern take on this wonderful allegorical tale.

- Mr Clarke, Teacher of English



### Diary dates

#### Saturday 15th February

- New York trip
- Barcelona trip
- Ski trip, Andorra

#### w/c 17th February

- Half term

#### w/c 24th February

- Term 4 begins (Week 2)

#### Monday 24th February, 9am

- Sixth Form Application Deadline

#### w/c 3rd March

- National Careers Week

#### Thursday 20th March

- Year 11 PTC

#### House points

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# School news and updates

## A note from Mr Jefferies

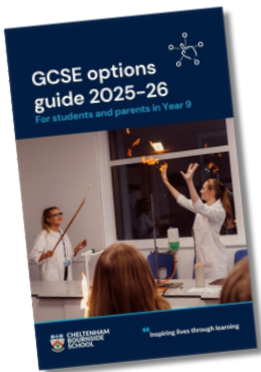


Our Deputy Head, Mr Penny has been appointed to the role of headteacher of Backwell School in Bristol and will be leaving us at the end of this academic year.

Since starting in 2019, Mr Penny has revolutionised our approach to Teaching and Learning and our school's rapid improvement is in no small part thanks to his energy and determination to place the academic outcomes of our students at the heart of all we do.

We wish him well in his future role.

## Reminder: GCSE Options Choices



The online form for GCSE option choices is now open. You were emailed your personalised login details from [options@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:options@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk) last week. Please be aware that this email may have gone directly into your junk inbox.

The online form closes on the first day back after half-term, Monday 24th February at 8.00am. Please note this is not a first-come first-served system, and all forms will be given equal consideration if they are completed by the closing date.

## Beauty and the Beast

"This years Musical Production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast has been outstanding! The student's commitment, enthusiasm, and talent has grown through-out the 5 month process and helped craft stunning moments such as Kai Attwood's moving solo, and Lucy Cottard's joyous rendition of the song 'Beauty and the Beast'.

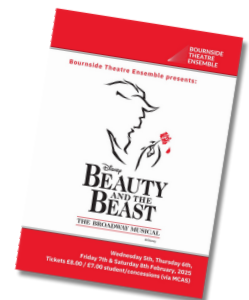
We are nothing but proud of the entire cast, and in particular, Thomas Smith's step up to the role of Choreographer, alongside Grace Baynham-Powell. Not only this but we saw hilarious performances from Mia Burnett as the ticked-off Cogsworth, Jaydee Mornet as the virtuoso Madame de la Grande Bouche, Julia Gold as the eccentric Maurice, Immy Merrylees-Lane as ensemble extraordinaire, and Olivia Caton as lead dancer, who all performed in their last Bournside production.

The cast were spectacularly accompanied by the pit band, featuring performances from Oliver Agombar and Laura Cassell on clarinet and flute respectively, who also performed in their final Bournside production.

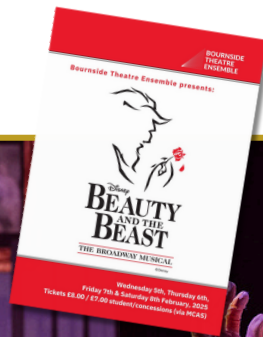
The entire cast and crew came together to create four nights and two matinees of entertainment, emotion, and engagement."

## The Production Team

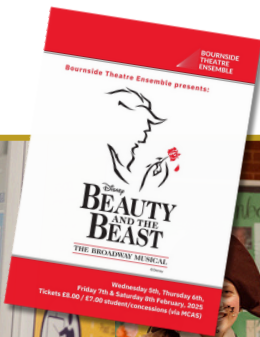
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All of the photographs are available to view on our website.**



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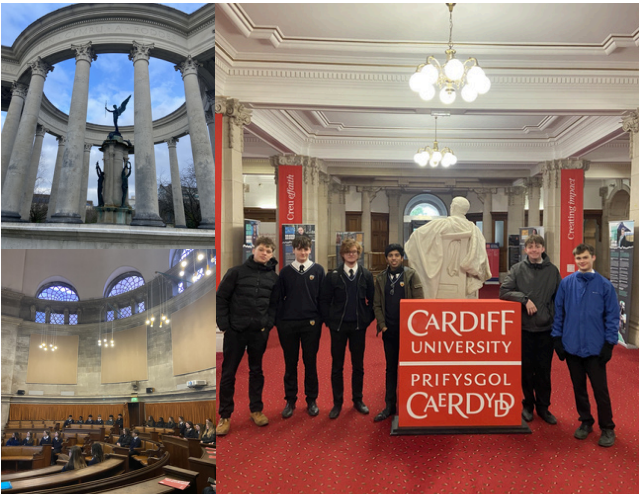


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## Aspire trip - Cardiff University



37 year 12 students attended a bespoke day hosted by Cardiff University last week, exploring all about the joys of higher education, a tour of the university and a Q and A session with current students. It was a fantastic day, albeit a very cold one!

This is a key element of our Sixth Form vision, raising aspirations, supporting our students to ask questions and demonstrate ambition, belief and commitment. The students were superb ambassadors for Bournside. Well done!

**- Mrs Littlewood, Deputy Head of Sixth Form (Academic)**

## Preparing our patch for Spring at Hatherley Park



Our Sixth Form Gardening Club are working wonders up at Hatherley Park. Together with Mr D'Souza, Mr Austin and Lorna, a volunteer with the Friends of Hatherley Park they have been working on our school community garden, making a real impact.

As well as our patch (pictured below), the team have been clearing and planting across the whole park.

"We're so proud of the students who are doing an excellent job of helping to support this wonderful local space and proud feature of the local community. It will look fabulous once spring and summer arrive!"

Thank you Emily, Charlie, Chloe, Evie, Thomas, Angelika and Esme. Thanks also to Lorna (our volunteer who kindly supports us).

**- Mr Kelly, Assistant Headteacher**

## Please check passports dates!



'Just a reminder to all parents and careers to ensure your child's passport is in date. We will have a parents meeting after Easter where I will require all students passports and Ehic card. Please also ensure that if your son/daughter is not on a British passport and a visa is needed for entry into France, that is also obtained.

I am more than happy to receive passports and Ehics from this point on if you do not need it before we leave for the Dordogne.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.' - **Mrs Rudge-Wills**



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Please submit your entry to your school representative before the closing date

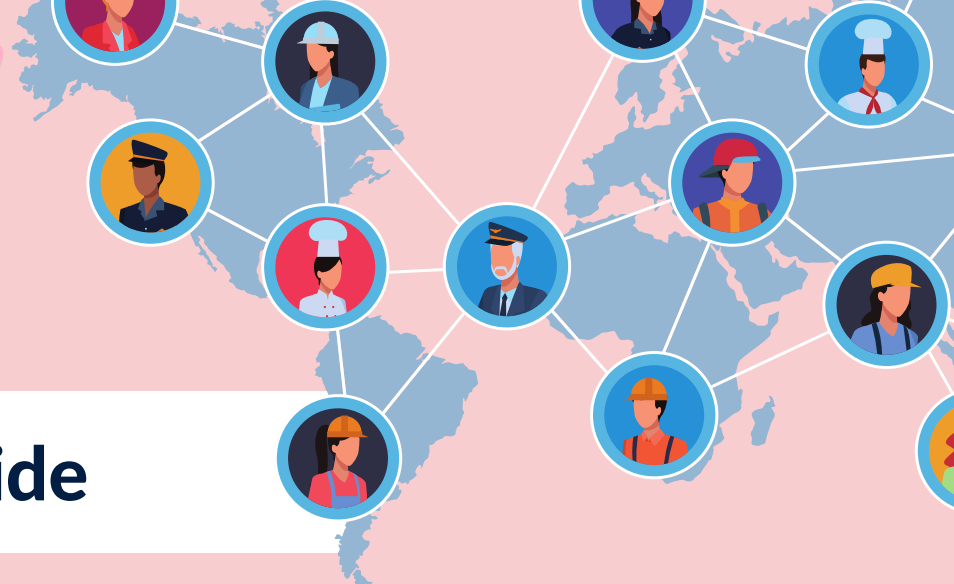
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The Gloucestershire Young Photographer competition is back! It is open to ALL students across ALL Year groups. Cash prizes to be won!

All students need to do is submit their best photo to Showbie: **4F9YK** with their name and a title for their photo. It could be a photo already on their camera roll or one taken especially for the competition, but it must be a photo they have taken themselves.

Deadline for submissions is **March 7th 2025**. More information can be found on posters around the art department or any questions can be directed to **Miss Askew**.

Happy snapping!



# Music at Bournside

The arts are an important part of school life at Bournside and our thriving music department frequently showcases the immense talent we have across the school at exhibitions, concerts and open evening throughout the year. Our school productions are fantastic, and our talented musicians regularly perform at them as well as at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival.



## Music at GCSE and A-level

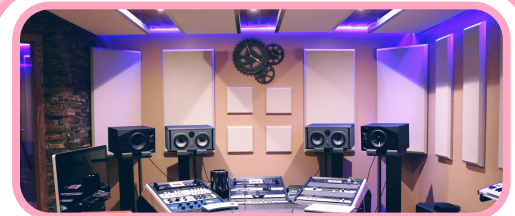
Music at GCSE is designed for students who enjoy playing and listening to different kinds of music. This course can lead on to two options at Sixth Form.

Music A-level - You do not need to be a performer to choose this course, but an enjoyment of music and a willingness to compose music are a must.

Music Technology A-level - During this course you will develop and apply theory and practical skills through learning how to produce your own music in Logic Pro, how to record live instruments and understand studio roles.

## Music degrees and apprenticeships

With outstanding talent as a singer, songwriter, dancer or musician you may be able to enter the music industry directly - whereas if you're interested in business, educational or technical music-related jobs you'll likely need a qualification.



## Music jobs

In terms of career options, singers and musicians may be the most visible jobs in music, but you could carve out a career in a number of areas including: performing, song-writing, composing, live music entertainment, music education, music production, artist management, marketing and PR or music journalism. The options are endless!

[Careers in music: how to get started in the industry\\_](#)

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