



Activities Week 2025

A week to remember!

Monday 14th - Friday 18th July

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"I am excited to launch Activities Week 2025 on behalf of everyone involved at Bournside. Now in its third year, we have revised the Activities Week programme offer, taking into account valuable student and parent/carer feedback.

Key changes to this year's Activities Week include:

- Activities Week is for ALL students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9).
- We have simplified the week into a week-long 'Package A' or 'Package B' system.
- Students are split by year groups, rather than by House, bringing friendship groups together.
- On Mon 14th July, all students will be off timetable in school.
- From Tues 15th to Thurs 17th July students will go on three days of external trips, relevant to their selected Package.
- A £15 deposit is required for Package A. A £40 deposit is required for Package B. The deposit deadline is **Monday 6th January 2025**. Payments should be made via MCAS (please see the 'Trips' tab).
- Students in Year 10 and Year 12 will carry out valuable work experience placements. Please follow the guidance sent from Mrs Martin. The expectation is that all Year 10 or Year 12 will either be on work experience during Activities Week.

As well as the Activities Week Packages in the Parent/Carer Booking Guide (click the header image to view), students have the opportunity to join extended residential trips during the week. These range from the **Year 9 Camp in the Mendips** and adventurous activities in the **Dordogne, France** and the **Brecon Beacons**, to exploring **France, Belgium, and Germany**. Plus, the welcome return of our **Sports Tour, this time to South Africa!**

We'd like our brilliant Bournsiders to experience a first-class Activities Week! If you have any questions regarding bookings or payments, please email activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

Mr Kelly
Assistant Headteacher

Diary dates

Friday 15th November

- Launch of Activities Week:
www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/aw2025

Wednesday 20th November

- Lion Aid Music Concert , 6-8pm

Thursday 21st November

- Careers Fair (PM/Evening)

Wednesday 27th November

- DofE Awards Evening

Monday 2nd December

- Inset Day (students do not attend school)

House points

Attenborough Frank

Hawking

15819

13987

15795

Owens

Parks

Rowling

14720

14749

14051

School news and updates



2024 Remembrance Service

On Monday morning, the whole school, together with our friends from St James' Primary School, came together to commemorate Remembrance Day in a special student-led service, honouring the Armed Forces and all those whose lives have been affected by war and conflict. Cadets were invited to wear their service uniform and students and staff wore their poppies, the symbol for veteran's organisations, with pride.

The Last Post was played by Toby Perona-Wright in Year 8, following speeches and readings from Mr Jefferies, Head of History, Mr Lockyer and two Sixth Form students. School puppy Olive joined us for the first time, alongside Lottie.

"Thank you to our musicians and speakers who once again delivered a poignant service on behalf of the whole school this morning. As we remember the sacrifice made by others to preserve our freedoms, the service reminds us that Remembrance isn't just about the past - it's also about learning from history so that we can continue to preserve peace for future generations."

Mr Waters, Deputy Headteac



School news and updates

Homework update

With the new academic year now well under way, we wanted to remind parents about how homework is set for each key stage. Homework refers to any tasks given to students by their teachers to be completed outside of usual lesson time. Please see the attached letter for further details.

For any questions relating to a homework then please email the respective Head of Department who will be able to help.

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Careers Lead	Mrs G Martin	gcm@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

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Stephen Spender Prize Commendation



Rose Beames (Year 13, Rowling) has recently received a commendation in the Stephen Spender Prize in the KS5 category. The Stephen Spender is an annual poetry translation competition, students in UK and Ireland can submit translations into English from any poem in any language. Rose translated the poem "Dolor" from Alfonsina Storni originally written in Spanish.

With her submission Rose said: "I wanted to challenge myself by trying to translate this poem and convey its emotion even with its tricky vocabulary. I also really enjoyed exploring my interpretation of the hidden messages of this poem."

Congratulations, Rose!

Pain

Translated by Rose Beames

On this divine October afternoon I wish
to walk along the eternal seaside shore
and to see the golden sand, and the green waters,
and the clear skies as they pass me by.

I wish to be tall, superb, perfect,
like a Roman woman, I wish to align with the great
waves, and the dead rocks
and the far reaching beaches that hug the sea.

Slowly with cold eyes,
and a silent mouth, carry me away;
See how the blue waves break
against the granite rocks and don't blink;
See how the birds of prey eat
the small fishes and don't wake;
think of how the fragile boats could
sink in the waters and not sigh;
See how he strides forward, throat to the air,
The most beautiful man, who I don't wish to love.

Lose sight to the sea, distractedly,
Lose it and never find it again:
and, upright figure, between sky and beach
I feel the lasting indifference of the sea.



End of term lost property collection

We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property to be collected by the end of term.

Students are welcome to come and request lost property items at student reception, but we plan to lay out everything we have from the morning of 16th to the evening of 17th December.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot store these items and anything not collected will be disposed of or donated to charity.



Save the Date

Careers Fair

Thursday 21st November 2024

Bournside Sports Centre

A careers fair is one of the few opportunities where you can meet employers face-to-face outside of formal interviews or assessment days. It's your chance to explore different career paths, discover new industries, and make valuable connections that could shape your future.

Whether you're seeking advice or exploring your next step after school, today's careers fair is a great chance to inspire and ignite your future ambitions.

As you take a look around you will find employers eager to share insights about their organisations, career opportunities, and what they look for in potential candidates. It's the perfect environment to ask questions, gain valuable knowledge, and explore a wide range of education and employment options.



Year 7: 1.50pm - 2.45pm (during the school day)

Year 10: 2.50pm - 3.15pm (during the school day)

Years 8, 9, 10: 4.00pm - 5.00pm (Parents/carers welcome)

Years 11, 12, 13: 5.00pm - 7.00pm (Parents/carers welcome)



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Employer exhibitors



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Further/higher education and employment exhibitors



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We lead on the governments policies for welfare, pensions and child support. We help people to find jobs and employers to fill vacancies.

Careers fairs are a great place to practice your networking skills. Engaging with employers in a professional setting will help you build confidence and prepare for future interactions in the workplace.

Smile, say hello and ask questions!



We have been designing and delivering engineering training programmes for large and small employers since 1977.



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SGS College offers a range of full-time, part-time, and apprenticeship courses across Bristol and Gloucestershire.



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Higher education exhibitors

 <p>The college specialises in childcare, and is widely known for its prestigious training of nannies, nursery nurses and other childcare professionals, who are employed worldwide.</p>	 <p>Ranked 6th in the UK for teaching in The Young University Rankings 2024. Oxford Brookes is one of the UK's leading modern universities and enjoys an international reputation for teaching excellence and innovation.</p>	 <p>At the forefront of agricultural education and a key contributor to the land-based sector for over 175 years. Today, we have more than 1,100 students studying agriculture, business, environment, equine science, farm management, food, real estate and rural land management.</p>	 <p>Swansea University is a research-led university that has been making a difference since 1920. The University community thrives on exploration and discovery, and offers the right balance of excellent teaching and research, matched by an enviable quality of life.</p>
 <p>Bath is known for excellence in teaching and research and its welcoming community. Its campus on the edge of the city provides sporting, social, and cultural opportunities</p>	 <p>University of Bristol is one of the top public universities in Bristol, United Kingdom. It is ranked #54 in QS World University Rankings 2025.</p>	 <p>We offer exciting courses in beautiful and historic surroundings in SW England. Part of the Russell Group, we combine excellence in teaching and research with an outstanding student experience.</p>	 <p>A close community, small classes and a dedicated personal tutor helps ensure students are fully supported from day one.</p>
 <p>The largest provider of legal education in the UK. Our guiding principle is that our students are taught in a realistic, professional and contemporary context, with plenty of practical interactive engagement and 1-1 teaching and support.</p>	 <p>A modern, dynamic higher education institution, renowned for its high quality, internationally-leading education, research and innovation.</p>	 <p>Make Sheffield the start of something special. When you study here you get one of the best student experiences in the UK</p>	 <p>At the University of South Wales, we deliver courses that will change lives and our world for the better. This is education in practice, not just in theory.</p>
 <p>We empower our students to make a choice. To choose a university that pushes itself as much as it pushes you. To choose a community that's breaking boundaries and leading the way.</p>	 <p>Known for its welcoming, supportive and friendly atmosphere, and for providing a quality education. The university's innovative approaches to gender equality, environmental sustainability and creating educational opportunities for all are well recognised.</p>	 <p>Explore Falmouth University: Cornwall's leading university for the creative industries.</p>	 <p>Cardiff University is a top five university for research excellence in a beautiful, student-friendly capital city.</p>

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Student feedback: Cheltenham Bournside School Careers Fair 2024



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