



School news and updates

Christmas Concert - St Matthew's Church

A wonderful Christmas concert was held on Wednesday in the magnificent surrounding of St Matthew's Church.

Mr Cutress, Head of Music, shared his thoughts on the evening:
"The Christmas Concert is always one of my favourite days of the year, and 2023 was no different. The evening was filled with brilliant, varied performances that showcased the amazing talents of our students who have been working so hard over the first part of the year on these performances, a special shout out has to go two members of our orchestra in Year 11 and 12, Ruth Capewell and Anna Hyde-White, who arranged pieces to be performed by the orchestra. Not only was the quality sky high but it was also the biggest concert in terms of numbers with over 120 students taking part. Above all else the Christmas Concert always gives me a huge sense of community whether that's students, staff, alumni, parents or wider members of the school community who were not only present last night but also played a role in a number of performances. It was a moving evening and one that I'll look back on with pride. Thank you to everyone involved."

Videos will be shared on our website next week.



Diary dates

Tuesday 19th December

- Student Awards Ceremony, CLC Parabola Arts Centre.

Wednesday 20th December

- Student Christmas Lunch (details tbc)

Friday 22nd December

- Last day of Term 2. Early finish 12.45pm.

Monday 8th January

- First day of Term 3

House points

Attenborough Frank

18439

Hawking

19056

Owens

19350

Parks

18536

Rowling

19587

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Last day of term arrangements



One more week to go before the Christmas break!

- On Wednesday 20th December we will be having our Christmas Lunch Day. Please see the information on page 3 of this newsletter to see the arrangements, menu and price.
- Friday 22nd December is the last day of Term 2. Period 1 and 2 will take place as normal, ahead of House Christmas Assemblies and Tutor Time. Students will be dismissed at 12.45pm.*

Please note that full uniform is required all week.

**Students who are entitled to a free school meal can collect a packed lunch from the dining centre at 12.45pm.*
- Mr Waters

#GCHQChristmasChallenge



During the last week of term, Bournside students will be taking part in the annual [#GCHQChristmasChallenge](#) in their computing lessons. They will be set the task of cracking seven fiendish puzzles and using the answers to help uncover a hidden festive message!

- Mr Hunt, Head of ICT/Computing

2024 Inspire Lectures Confirmed



We are pleased to share four Inspire Lectures that we have confirmed with the University of Gloucestershire for 2024.

- 'The Journey Towards Within' - Martin Wood, Senior Lecturer for Religion, Philosophy and Ethics
- 'Studying Fine Art' - Susie Olczak, Lecturer in Fine Art
- 'Journey into Television' - Juliet Russell, Lecturer in BA Television
- 'Why Journalism can be the best job ever' - Paul Wiltshire, Journalism Course Leader

Inspire Lectures take place at school and open to all students. [Find out more on our website.](#) - **Mrs Hemsley**

Sixth Form London Art Trip



Last week the Art Department took 40 Sixth Form Students to London to experience special exhibitions, Fine Art, Photography and Design. The packed schedule included Tate Britain, the V&A and The Design Museum.

The two most popular exhibits were the 'London Fashion' exhibition at the V&A which showcased the museum's world-renowned fashion collection, which covers changing shapes and tastes in style from beautiful 17th century fashions to contemporary, cutting-edge designs and haute couture and the 'SKATEBOARD' exhibition at the Design Museum. 'SKATEBOARD' is the first major UK exhibition to map the design evolution of the skateboard from the 1950s to today – a story of design, performance and communities progressing together.

Students were impressed by the range of work that was on show and were able to make links to their coursework projects and future creative career pathways. A great trip! -

Mr Taylor, Head of Art



Mr Clarke in the English Department is leading on a school-wide collection of food, toiletries and other essential items for an important local charity, Cheltenham Open Door.

The festive period is a particularly difficult time of year for many people in our community, and this year is no exception. Open Door supports some of the town's most vulnerable people, with well over a hundred people dependent on them for their day-to-day survival. Based in Alstone Road in Cheltenham, Open Door provides hot food, laundry facilities and social support, as well as signposting services to other support agencies and charities.

Students are asked to take their donations to their TUTOR GROUP before Thursday 21st December, where they will be added to each House collection. Thank you for your support.

[Click here to read this week's student careers newsletter](#)



Christmas lunch day

Wednesday 20th December, 2023



Wednesday 20th December is Christmas lunch day! To allow for the higher numbers and more complex servings, we are adjusting and extending lunches as outlined below. Year 7 and 8 will start lunch early, there is no change to Year 9 lunch, and Years 10 - 13 will have their lunch break extended into Period 5.

Students do not need to pre-book and students entitled to Free School Meals can collect their Christmas dinner as usual. Merry Christmas! - **Mr Waters**

Christmas dinner day timetable amends

8.45 - 8.55am:	Period 0
9.00 - 9.55am:	Period 1 - No change
9.55 - 11.10am:	Period 2/break - No change/break
11.15 - 11.55am:	Period 3 - Year 7 and 8 (early lunch)
11.15 - 12.10pm:	Period 3 - No change for Year 9 - 13
11.55 - 12.45pm:	Year 7 and 8 lunch
12.10 - 12.45pm:	Year 9 lunch
12.15 - 1.10pm:	Period 4 - Years 10 - 13 no change
12.50 - 2.45pm:	Period 4 and 5 - Years 7 - 9 no change
1.10 - 1.50pm:	Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form lunch - longer lunch
1.55 - 2.45pm:	Period 5 - Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form
2.50 - 3.15pm:	Tutor time - No change

Christmas Menu

Turkey with roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing, brussel sprouts, carrots and gravy.

Chocolate Christmas Tree case around vanilla ice cream
Ginger bread Christmas tree biscuit
Christmas Ice Cream

+ chocolate coins and a party hat!



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SCHOOL**

£3.75
Christmas
lunch + £1.00
for dessert