



School news and updates



DofE Gold Award Celebration at Buckingham Palace!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award celebration took place in the incredible surroundings of Buckingham Palace's garden on Friday 10th May and Mr Fenton-Musty, Teacher of Geography/DofE Lead and three Bournside students had the pleasure of being invited to attend.

"It was a very warm day - perhaps too hot to be wearing a suit all day! It was a lovely occasion and I felt very privileged to be invited to such a prestigious event for the first time in 8 years of service. Three past and present Bournside students attended the party this year: Hannah Lomax, Luke Smith and current Year 13 student, Eloise Wilcox."

"We heard from Prince Edward and Clive Myrie but there were also many other talks taking place throughout the day including Kai Widdrington, Alun Wyn Jones, and Melvin Adoom. We enjoyed the customary cup of tea and a cake and had the chance to explore the beautiful gardens which were in full bloom in the spring sunshine. It was a day which I'm sure 8,000 gold achievers will never forget. Neither will I." - **Mr Fenton-Musty**

[Read more from Eloise on our website.](#)



Diary dates

Tuesday 21st May

- World Day for Cultural Diversity Tutor Group Celebration

Friday 25th May

- Last day of term 5 (No after school homework club)

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

38901

39174

39982

Owens

Parks

Rowling

38967

39580

38673



They did it!

You might have seen Ollie and Cas, both Year 10 students, on ITV news, heard them on [BBC Gloucestershire](#), or read about their amazing 50km challenge in aid of the [Bone Cancer Research Trust](#) and in memory of their best friend, Ellison on our social media channels.

Despite a very warm day last Saturday, the boys crossed the finish line in just over 6 ½ hours with a huge amount of support from family, friends and the school community. Their current fundraising total stands at over £10,000+, more than 4 times their original target of £2,500!

Mr Crawford, Head of Frank House, said; "It really is an amazing thing that Ollie and Casper have done. This inspiring challenge is a true representation of our school values; Ambition, Pride, Purpose, Respect and Support. Everyone at Bournside is incredibly proud of them both, Well done!"

Watch the boys cross the finish line on ITV News here: <https://youtu.be/MhgmaR2krGI>



Video: Watch our musicians perform at the Pittville Pump Rooms and the Cheltenham Jazz Festival



"I'd like to wish our students the very best as they being their exams. It's traditional to say "Good Luck!" but it's not about luck: it's about hard work, focus, concentration, drawing on your strengths and those of others. You've shown us that you've got all of those qualities and more! Well done for getting this far; I've no doubt that we'll be celebrating your successes in August when you pick up your excellent results."

- Mr Jefferies



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World Day for Cultural Diversity - Tuesday 21st May



On Tuesday 21st May we will be celebrating World Day for Cultural Diversity. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in and share things that make them proud of their culture during a Tutor Group Celebration.

Mrs Haines, EAL Coordinator said, "Students might show objects or photos, bring in food for their tutor group to taste (items bought in from home can be kept safe in the EAL Office in the Library), create and show a PowerPoint or video, sing or play an instrument, teach their tutor group part of a dance... or any other way that they can share part of their culture. I can't wait to see what everyone brings in!"

First Aid in school – a note for parents.



With changes in the weather and the understandable nervousness about exams, we are seeing more students than normal asking for attention from our First Aiders and asking to go home, however, the majority of students find that after a quick breath of fresh air and a drink, they are able to carry on with their lessons. Obviously, if a student is clearly too ill to get through the school day, we'll contact you and ask you to pick them up. The best place for children to learn is in lessons and for that reason, students arriving in Student Reception for first aid support will be spoken to by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and if well enough to do so, be sent back to their lessons. Not only does this ensure that students are in lessons as much as possible, it also helps students develop the resilience needed to overcome minor health issues.

A request to go home because of illness will only be approved after we have spoken to the student's parent or carer and after a member of the Senior Leadership Team has been consulted. Please be assured that we will be sensitive about this and will contact you if necessary. To help us in strengthening the resilience of our students, please could you encourage your child not to contact you by phone when they feel unwell but instead talk to a member of staff.

- Mr Waters, Deputy Headteacher

GDA GLOUCESTERSHIRE
DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION
<https://gloucestershiredyslexia.org.uk/>
**Dyslexia Information Evening for
Parents/Carers Of Primary &
Secondary Pupils**
Wednesday 5th June
Cheltenham Bournside School
6pm—7:30pm
What is Dyslexia & What are the signs?
Who can diagnose Dyslexia & when?
What can I expect from my child's school?
How can I support my child?

Speakers: Kate Morris, supported by Wendy Hawkins
(both specialist dyslexia teachers & assessors) &
Elsa Suckle (lecturer SpLD dyslexia & inclusion &
dyslexia assessor)

Email info@gloucestershiredyslexia.org.uk to book
your place.

Suggested donation of £5 on the evening—all proceeds
going to the GDA dyslexia assessment bursary fund

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



FINANCIALLY MOTIVATED SEXUAL EXTORTION ALERT FOR EDUCATION SETTINGS

Dear parent/guardian,

All schools in the UK have recently been sent information from the National Crime Agency, raising awareness of the recent rise in reporting of financially motivated sexual extortion (a type of online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion'). Children and young people worldwide are being targeted.

This type of crime involves an adult offender (often from an organised crime group based overseas) threatening to release nude or semi-nude images and/or videos of a child or young person, unless they pay money, or meet another financial demand, such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card.

Victims of any age and gender can be targets, however a large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged 14-18. Please remember that a child or young person is never to blame if they have been a victim. Offenders will have tricked, groomed and/or manipulated them into sharing an image.

Please read the resources below for further guidance and information from the NCA and how we as a school can support you:

- [**Link to our well-being hub and the full contents of the Alert letter above**](#)
- [**Find out more about online blackmail on CEOP Education's parents and carers website**](#)

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to **contact myself**, as Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will then work with you and your child to provide and connect with the right support to help keep them safe.

- Mrs Groves, Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead