



## It has been a great year!

Another year has raced by and, somewhat unbelievably, we find ourselves breaking up for the summer holiday. At one end, way back in September, we held our most well-attended open evening ever with record breaking numbers of families coming to look around our school. At the other end, just last week, we enjoyed an amazing activities week in which students experienced a huge range of challenges: camping, travelling, climbing, exploring history and immersing themselves in different cultures. It culminated in the return of Bournside's sports day: a great event of sporting triumph, enthusiastic cheering and quite a lot of ice cream!

Between those two bookends, we've packed a lot in! There is, literally, not enough space to write about it all here but there have been drama performances – most notably the Addams Family, dance performances, sports fixtures – with some impressive regional triumphs, science visits, youth parliament debates, new orchards planted, ski trips and D of E expeditions. That's just a few highlights of the countless things that have been happening and my thanks go to all those who have helped provide such valuable experiences.

Of course, the core purpose of any school is what happens in the classroom. Once again, this year, I've been impressed by the concentration, the application, the perseverance of students in the classroom. With our growing reputation, we welcome very many visitors from other schools who have come to see what lies behind our success. They've all commented on the levels of focus in lessons and the friendliness and courtesy of students.

So, all in all, it's been a great year! Have a great, relaxing, safe summer. I look forward to seeing you in the new year when it all begins again! - **Mr Jefferies, Headteacher**

## Diary dates

### Friday 19th July

- Last day of term (1.15pm finish)

### Thursday 15th August

- A Level Results Day
- From 9am, Sports Hall

### Thursday 22nd August

- GCSE Results and Sixth Form Induction
- From 9am. Sports Hall and Drama Studio.

### Wednesday 4th September

- First day back (Year 7 and 12 only)

### Thursday 5th September

- Whole school first day back

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## House points

Attenborough Frank

Hawking



Owens

Parks

Rowling



# Activities Week 2024



If you'd like to give your feedback on Activities Week, we'd love to hear your thoughts:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/wuBXd96f8z>

What a week! Activities Week 2024 was our biggest one yet, with more than 100 trips and events taking place for students in Year 7 - 10 and in Year 12.

Students climbed aboard coaches to travel to the Black Country Museum, Legoland and Warwick Castle. On Activity Choice days students chose their days out at local venues and further afield, including Drayton Manor (new), The Wave, Sandford Lido, Hollywood Bowl, China Town in London, Planet Ice, Croft Farm and 270 climbing.

In school, we held Art sessions, staged Crimonology crime scenes, took part in PE challenges and games and collaborated with Andy 'Dice' Davies from the brilliant Cheltenham Paint Festival for the third year running to create more fantastic outside murals in the Art and Music Quad,

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed STEM days, supported by incredible local businesses, including Cyber First and Northrop Grumman, whilst students in Year 10 explored Kohler Mira, the impressive international brand with its Head Office in Cheltenham.

And that is not all! Year 7 students spent 4 days in Lille, practising their language skills whilst exploring French markets and art museums, 40+ students took on the white water rapids in the Ardeches, our Gold DofE students hiked in the French Alps and our brilliant Year 9 students enjoyed camping in the Mendips for 4 nights.

A huge thank you to all of the staff involved in delivering these trips, the students for representing Bournside so well across all of the trips, and to parents and carers at home for supporting the week.

- Mr Kelly, Assistant Headteacher - Co-curricular



Maths



Drayton Manor



Lille



Lido



Planet Ice



Black Country Museum



Art Murals



China Town



270 Climbing



The Wave



Art

## Sports Day 2024 - Congratulations Hawking!

Term 6 and the end of Activities Week saw the welcome return of the whole school sports day. Whether competing, or enthusiastic supporting their house, everyone got involved. The icecream vans on the field were a popular addition too! Congratulations to Hawking House who won the most points during Sports Day, as well as the most House Points this year!

Mr Winterbottom, Head of PE said, "Bournside's school sports day was a vibrant event with the whole school community coming out to support the athletes. Amazing banners decorated the venue, adding to the festive atmosphere. The athletes demonstrated remarkable endeavour and skill across various events, making the day a memorable celebration of sportsmanship and school spirit. This was by far the best sports day we have had in years, and it was great seeing the whole school come together and compete against each other."

Place	House	Points
1	Hawking	954
2	Attenborough	852
3	Frank	851
4	Owens	805
5	Rowling	762
6	Parks	517

### Records broken by:

**Scarlett Dunleavy, Year 9**  
Girls shot put record of 8.63m

**Rose Janta-Lipinski, Year 10**  
Girls javelin record of 20.90m

**Sam Belbeck, Year 7**  
Boys high jump record of 1.38m

[Pictures available on the Latest News section of our website](#)

## Farewell from Mrs Hemsley

As the school year draws to a close, this will be my final opportunity to say goodbye to you all as a parent community. I joined the school in 2012 as a newly qualified teacher and have so enjoyed teaching your children History and Politics over the last twelve years. In the intervening years, I have been fortunate to enjoy leadership positions in the Sixth Form and, since 2019, as Assistant Headteacher responsible for Teaching and Learning. Latterly, I have been seconded part-time to work with **GITEP SCITT** for training the teachers of the future in Gloucestershire.

It has been my greatest professional honour to lead the development of teaching at Cheltenham Bournside and work with such a talented and committed body of staff. I have visited many schools over the years (over 40 at last count), so I can say with confidence just how unique and special this school is: where teaching is inspiring, pastoral and leadership care is exceptional and, as a result, students flourish. All of this can only be achieved together in partnership with you – the parent community - so I extend my huge thanks to you all for the support that you provide to the school.

From September, I will be embarking upon a new adventure together with my family, as I take up the post of Deputy Headteacher at **St. Andrew's Turi, in rural Kenya**. It can't quite be more different to Hatherley! I will never forget this special school (and I can't quite believe that I am really leaving!) and I wish you and your families the very best for the future.

- Mrs Hemsley, Assistant Headteacher



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## SUMMER HOLIDAY

AGES  
10-17



**ACTIVITIES:**

**FUN CRAFTS,  
SPORTS, COOKING,  
CANVAS PAINTING & MORE**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
22ND JULY-28 AUGUST**

**9-3PM**



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