



Student success

UK Polar Network Antarctica Day Flag Competition



Geography pupils had the opportunity to create inspirational flags 'in the interest of all mankind' as part of the UK Polar Network Antarctica Day Flag Competition. Four flags were selected to be used together to create the school's submission.

Fantastically, the design was selected as a winner and taken to Halley Research Station, Antarctica by IT Engineer, Martin Steel (pictured). Here scientists study global issues from climate change and rising sea levels to the ozone hole.



Congratulations to the artists Evie Midwinter (Year 9), Hannah Mortimer (Year 7), Rosie Janta-Lipinski (Year 9) and Emily Furley (Year 9) on their winning designs. Their bright, colourful art looks brilliant against the snowy backdrop of Antarctica and we intend to create a replica to display in school. More than 380 schools entered the competition. Well done! - **Mrs Spooner**

Diary dates

Monday 23rd January

- Year 7-9 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 26th January

- Sixth Form Open Evening

w/c Monday 6th February

- [National Apprenticeship Week](#)

9th/10th/11th February

- School Production - Sister Act

11th February

- DofE Award training day (All)

15th/16th February

- Year 9 Aspirations Day

House points

Congratulations to Frank who have taken the House Points lead this week!

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
18610	18655	18094
Owens	Parks	Rowling
18388	17101	18489

Advance information concerning teacher strikes.

"You will probably be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced a series of strikes in our area on the following dates: Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. At this stage, I'm not able to say with certainty how this will affect Cheltenham Bournside School as we do not yet know how many members of the NEU will actually strike. However, a series of meetings are taken place in the course of today (Friday 20th February) and I will be able to provide more information next week. We will, of course, do all we can to keep disruption to a minimum." - **Mr Jefferies**

Sister Act - 9th, 10th and 11th February, 7pm. Tickets now on sale!



"I really dig what you nuns are doing...I mean at the end of Sound of Music when you sisters steal the Nazi's car parts so the singing children can get away. That's good stuff...."

We are delighted to announce this year's school production; our cast and crew have been working hard to provide what promises to be a spectacular rendition of the **Sister Act**. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Ticket prices are £7 for adults and £6 for students/concessions.

To purchase, please complete the [online order form](#) and also pay for the quantity required on [MCAS \(MyChildatSchool\)](#). To contact the team with any access or special requests, please email schoolproduction@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk. Tickets will be sent electronically via email.

Bike repair project - Thank you!



A huge thank you to ex-student Jake for leading a group of students in a brilliant session where they refurbished the bikes we have recently had donated.

Mr Kelly, who is leading the bike programme, said; "Well done and thank you to the students for their fine work. I was really impressed with their hard work, focus and progress over the 1.5 hour session. The bikes are now in great working and ready to be used. The students have developed some valuable skills and techniques. A special shout out to Tommy for stripping sections of his bike and showing some advanced skills. Well done!"

TeenTech and extra-curricular clubs



The latest club information is available on SOCs and on the website. It is a great month to try something new! TeenTech Club (Tuesday's after school) is now open to students in Year 7-10. Go along and enter the TeenTech competition or work on creative projects. All welcome! - **Miss Rubringer**

Activities Week Update



The Activities Week team are working really hard behind the scenes to make sure it is a fantastic week for all Bournside students. Parents will receive an email confirmation of their child's activity choices by the end of the first week back after February half-term. - **Mr Taylor**

Inspire Lecture Series

We have three fantastic external speakers confirmed to take part in our Inspire Lecture Series this term.



- Tuesday 24th February - **Working in Law**, Ryan O'Donnell
- Wednesday 25th February - **Studying Sport at University**, speaker name TBC
- Thursday 2nd February - **Landscaping and Design Careers**, Curstain Keltie, Keltie & Clarke

For more information, please see Mr Taylor.

School updates

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 26th January



All Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to our [Sixth Form open evening](#) next week on Thursday, 26th January. Welcome talks at 5.45pm/6.45pm.

You will now find all of the 2023 [course options](#) available on the Sixth Form section of our website. There are 38 A level and Level 3 vocational options, the widest range available locally.

The [application form](#) will go live on Thursday during the open evening. We look forward to seeing many of you there. - **Mr Warren**

Young Carers Group - Yoga



The next Bournside young Carers Group is on Thursday 26th January.

The activity is Yoga and will be in the old sports hall. Students should register at Tutorial first please.

- **Ms Cubbins**

Ardèche payment



A reminder that the second payment, £250, for the Ardeche is approaching.

The deadline for this is 27th January 2023. - **Mrs Rudge-Wills**



Trips and visits

Letters have gone out this week with details of the following:

- **Year 9 University Insight and Aspiration Day** at the University of Gloucestershire, to include sessions on 'GCSE's and beyond', a 'Myth busting workshop', a campus tour and student life Q&A. 15th/16th February - **Mrs Heppleston**
- **Year 10 Geography Fieldwork**, July 2023 - **Mrs Spooner**
- **Ski trip** Matson lessons (pictured) and fitness sessions reminder - **Mr Winterbottom**
- **Year 12 Field Course Studies** (FSC) visit to Preston Montford, Shrewsbury 10th to 12th July - **Miss Douglas**

Useful links

[Sport fixtures](#)
[School calendar](#)
[Extra-curricular timetable](#)

Community notices

Careers at Bournside

We are recruiting for the following positions:

- [Teacher of Geography](#)
- [Teacher of DT \(Food Specialism\)](#)
- [Teacher of Business Studies](#)
- [Teaching Assistants x 2](#)