



Visitors from Argentina

We were excited to welcome visitors from **Northfield School, Argentina** on Thursday this week. Argentinian students from Year 11 joined Spanish pupils from across the school for a Spanish themed meet and greet. Thank you to our two wonderful students, Rose and Julia who presented in fluent Spanish to our visitors, before students from Northfield shared with us about life in Argentina.

"It was amazing to watch our students grow in confidence having bi-lingual conversations with their Argentinian peers. Not only have we seen the short term impact amongst our students, but know this experience will stay with them throughout their time in languages lessons. We look forward to seeing our new relationship with Northfield flourish over the coming weeks and months across our wonderful Modern Foreign Languages Department. Thank you to Mrs Avila and Miss Church for organising a great event."

- Mr Kelly, Assistant Headteacher



Diary dates

Monday 23rd September

- School photos (Year 7, 10, 12)

Thursday 26th September

- Year 7 and Year 12 PTC (Tutors)

22nd/23rd/24th October

- Year 7 Walks - Cheltenham

Friday 25th October

- Inset Day. Students do not attend.

w/c Monday 28th October

- Half term

House points

Attenborough Frank

Hawking

4412

3872

4068

Owens

Parks

Rowling

4016

4212

3795

New Animation Club and all clubs now live



A new Sixth Form led Animation Club is now available to Year 7 students on Wednesdays after school in the Art Department.

Please visit the website to view the latest Extra-curricular timetable. To join a club, please speak to the named teacher or add your name to the sign up list. You are very welcome.

New DfE statutory attendance guidance – ‘Attendance Counts’

There has been growing national concern regarding declining school attendance rates across the UK. In response, the Department for Education has introduced new statutory guidance, effective from August 2024, aimed at reducing term-time holidays and unauthorised absences, and supporting families whose children are struggling to attend.

To read the guidance in full, please read the attached letter from Mr Jefferies.

Save the date: Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening - 27th November 2024

(+ deadline to complete current Awards!)

Is your child working towards their Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from last year? Please note that they have until October half term to complete all sections of their Award. If they complete it by this date, they'll be invited to accept their award at this year's DofE Awards Evening on the 27th November. If you have any questions, please see Mrs McCormack in the T Block.

- Mrs McCormack, DofE Manager

DofE Diaries - Gold Expedition in the French Alps



Thank you to Laura C and Oliver A for sharing a great account of their assessed Gold Expedition in the French Alps this summer. The challenge was brilliant and the views were even better.

“Waking up to panoramic views of the mountains every morning never failed to take my breath away.” [Read more on our website.](#)

Schools Shakespeare Festival Production - Macbeth



This year's production of Macbeth will be performed at The Roses Theatre on the **6th of November**. Tickets are now on sale for anyone that would like to come along and support the amazing cast of Year 9's who have spent since June creating and rehearsing! - Miss Austin

Tickets available directly from the theatre box office:

www.rosestheatre.org/events/shakespeare-schools-festival-2024
01684 295074 Adult: £11 | Concessions: £9 | Group (20+ tickets): £8

N.B. This is CSSF's standard pricing; theatres may add booking fees or levies to tickets. Please check the website for details.

Careers and work-related learning



Work Experience

Why do we offer students the opportunity for work experience?

Work experience helps a student learn about industries they are interested in and gives the student an opportunity to find out if they are suited to that industry or not. Work experience also provides students with examples to write about in future applications, and for some sectors (e.g. education, medicine and veterinary science), admissions and recruiting staff will expect to see relevant work experience on your application.

When do we offer students the opportunity for work experience?

- Year 10 - ALL Year 10s will complete work experience **14th - 18th July 2025**.
- Year 12 - Year 12s have two opportunities for work experience:
 - At the end of Year 12, **14th - 18th July 2025** (last week of term)
 - At the start of Year 13, **1st - 5th September 2025** (first week of term)

How do you find work experience opportunities?

Take a look at this video on how to find a work experience placement and be successful on it.

How to log a work experience placement

All students have been given a unifrog form that explains how to log their work placement on unifrog.

Question? Email careers@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

For students: a guide to placements/work experience

Students: how to find it and how to be successful on it

