



## School news and updates

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition

"Last weekend, this fabulous bunch of 10 Year 12 students showed true Bournside Brilliance during their Gold DofE Practice Expedition in the Black Mountains. They walked 50km over several mountains, camped in freezing and very wet conditions and waded through more mud than you can imagine, but they did it all with real determination, amazing teamwork, and huge smiles on their faces! They did amazingly. Now their practice expedition is complete it's on to the assessed expedition in the Alps this summer. Very well done!"

- Mrs McCormack, Teacher of Mathematics/DofE Leader



### French Culture and Disney Magic in Paris

Catching up with a trip at the beginning of this term, 30 GCSE French students went to Paris during the February half term to immerse themselves in French culture and to have some fun too! Staying in the Disney Village, the students explored Paris on Day 1 before enjoying the magic and enchantment at Disneyland Paris on Day 2.

"In Paris we visited the Arc de Triomphe, we went to the top of the Montparnasse Tower where we enjoyed views of the city, we took a river cruise along the Seine and enjoyed dinner in local restaurants where students practiced their French. After a day in Paris, we went to Disneyland Paris, which was a brilliant day for all."

- Mrs Avila and Mrs Taylor, Teachers of MFL

## Diary dates

w/c Monday 25th March/1st April

- Easter holidays

Monday 8th April

- Term 5 starts (Week 2)

w/c Monday 8th April/15th April

- Year 10 Mock Exams
- Year 12 Mock Exams

Wednesday 10th April

- House Point Celebration Event

Monday 15th April

- Macbeth (Roses Theatre) - Y11

w/c Monday 22nd April

- Year 10 work experience

Tuesday 23rd April

- Inspire Lecture Series:  
Susie Olczak, Fine Art (3.15pm)

## House points

Hawking ends Term 4 in the lead.  
Congratulations!

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
32184	32019	32939
Owens	Parks	Rowling
32187	32049	31882

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### School Uniform Cost Update (Main School and Sixth Form)



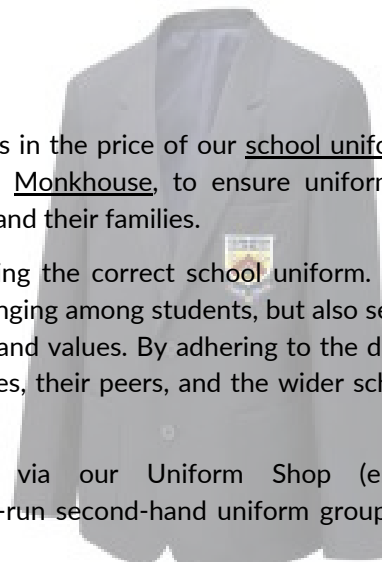
We are pleased to share the confirmed reductions in the price of our school uniform. We have negotiated with the school's supplier, Monkhouse, to ensure uniform is available at the best possible cost to our students and their families.

I'd like to re-emphasise the significance of wearing the correct school uniform. Our uniforms not only foster a sense of unity and belonging among students, but also serve as a visual representation of Bournside's identity and values. By adhering to the dress code, students demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, and the wider school community.

Preloved school uniform is also available via our Uniform Shop (email [admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk)) and via a parent-run second-hand uniform group on Facebook.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break.

- Mr Waters, Deputy Headteacher and Mr Warren, Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form



Main School Uniform Prices - Year 7 -11				
	Current Price (2024)		New Prices (Easter 2024)	
	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
Blazer	£37.00	£51.25	£28.00	£33.00
Tie	£8.00		£7.00	
Boys Trousers	£23.50	£27.75	£20.00	£25.00
Girls Trousers	£22.50	£29.50	£20.00	£25.00
Skirt	£21.25	£25.00	£20.00	£25.00
PE Polo	£20.75	£24.50	£13.50	£15.50
Rugby Shirt	£35.25	£41.75	£30.00	£35.00
PE Shorts	£11.75	£13.75	£10.25	£12.00
Leggings	£22.00	£32.25	£15.00	£19.00
Training 1/4 Top	£28.50	£33.50	£18.00	£20.00
Training Full Zip Top	£24.75	£33.50	£18.00	£20.00

Sixth Form Uniform Prices				
	Current Prices (2024)		New Prices (Easter 2024)	
	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
Jumper	£29.00	£35.50	£27.00	£33.50
Tie	£14.00		£8.00	
Badged Skirt	£18.75	£23.00	£15.50	£18.95
Girls Trousers	£22.75	£27.75	£20.00	£25.00
Boys Trousers	£22.50	£26.50	£20.00	£25.00

### Library book amnesty. Can you help to refill our shelves?



Please look for any overdue or missing library books you might have at home over the holidays and return them to the library as soon as possible in Term 5 so that other students can benefit from reading them. Have a lovely break.

- Mrs Rimen, Librarian

#### The problem:

The library has over 400 overdue library books.

#### The solution!

Please find your overdue books over the Easter break and return!

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### Cheltenham Youth League Division 3 Winners



Congratulations to The Tigers U14 Football Team who have won the Cheltenham Youth League Division 3 with two games to spare. We're celebrating the win as 15 of the players are Bournside students in Year 9 (with one Year 8 student playing up a year too!)

We're proud to see our students achieving for their clubs outside of school too! Well done to Lukas (Captain), Jack (Vice Captain), Noah (Vice Captain), Samuel, Sebastian, Liam, Jayden, Krystian, Charlie, Jack, Jake, Freddie, Ollie, Logan and Austin!

### Yes, you CAN apply to Oxford University!



To encourage our students to aim high and to continue to demystify the process of applying to Oxbridge, earlier this term Mrs Littlewood took a group of Year 12 students to visit Lady Margaret Hall, our link college at University of Oxford.

Now an annual trip, students were able to attend two academic lectures and find out more about the bespoke application process and super-curricular reading. They then enjoyed a tour of the buildings, including the University's impressive library spaces before lunch in the great hall. Year 12 student, Dominika, said: "I really enjoyed the trip to Oxford University, it gave me a lot of information about applying to Oxford, and insight into what studying at Oxford is like. It helped me realise that getting into Oxford may not be as unattainable for me as I might've thought it was and made me more interested in applying to the university."

Thank you to Mrs Littlewood for organising another fantastic trip!

### Bournside Eco Club plant a new school orchard



The Bournside Eco Club have recently completed the planting of an orchard on the school's site, thanks to the donation of 22 fruit trees from the Gloucestershire Orchard Trust (GOT).

Andy and David from GOT joined the planting session to guide students in planting the first trees. GOT is the leading charity dedicated to the conservation of traditional orchards in Gloucestershire. Traditional orchards are a valuable resource and have unique ecological, cultural, genetic, heritage and landscape value that we need to look after.

The orchard, which will have eating apples, pears and crab apples, will be looked after by the Club as part of their regular activities and it is hoped it will become fully established over the coming years for future students to continue to look after. Thank you!

### Club highlight: Eco Club



The Eco Club has already planted 50 trees, with another 160 to go. They also build bug hotels, maintain the Science Quad, grow pumpkins, and collect the data from their three rain gauges as well as lots of other things! If you would like to join the Eco Club, see Mr Marlow or come along to the Science Quad on Thursdays after school. Everyone is welcome.



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