

Term 1 - Friday 18th October, 2024

Parent Bulletin

Updates for the parents/guardians of students at Cheltenham Bournside School



Year 7 work on teamwork and resilience exploring Leckhampton Hill

As part of the Year 7 transition programme, all Year 7 students took part in an exciting day hike to Leckhampton Hill over three days this week.

The trip encouraged students to explore the local habitat while engaging in a variety of challenges and activities. Led by House staff and starting at Daisy Bank Lane, the adventure began! Students took part in hiking, orienteering, compass navigation, and environmental surveys, all while enjoying the beautiful autumn weather. They returned to school by 3 PM, exhausted yet exhilarated by their experience.

"We were delighted at how well our wonderful Year 7 students responded to the Leckhampton Hill walks. They were enthusiastic, asked deep questions and worked brilliantly as a team. Students completed the walk booklet, which included orienteering, compass and sketch tasks as well as an environmental survey and were a huge credit to our school and local community across the three days. Thank you to the parents and carers who have been in touch with their support for the trip too. It was been a fantastic way to round off Year 7's first term at Bournside School."

- Mr Kelly, Assistant Headteacher

Diary dates

Friday 25th October

• Inset Day. Students do not attend school.

w/c 28th October

October half term

Wednesday 6th November, 7.30pm

• Macbeth, Roses Theatre

Friday 8th November

Teacher Taster Day

Thursday 14th November

Year 13 PTC

26th - 29th November

• Flu vaccinations





School news and updates

Year 7 Music Concert



Congratulations to the 75+ Year 7 students who delivered a wonderful Year 7 music evening on Wednesday evening this week. Students impressed with solo and group vocal and instrument performances.

"What a fantastic evening! The concert really exhibited what a talented group of students we have in their first year here at Bournside. Well done!" - Mr Waters, Deputy Headteacher

Accelerating Reading

It has been another fantastic week of reading, especially from Year 7! The top readers in Term 1 are listed below. Congratulations! There will be prizes given out for these students and some more students in the first week after half term to celebrate their hard work.

Thank you as well to all the Year 7s who have entered the Bookbuzz competition - the winner will be announced on Friday, 8th November.

- Mrs Owen, Literacy Coordinator



Year 7

Esther Major - 1,221,113 - our first Word Millionaire!
Imaan Azam - 963,690
Isabelle Vaughan - 781,146
Betsy Barz - 710,416

Marnie Bradford - 638,196

Year 8

Nel Janus - 324,678 Ffion Johnstone - 234,073 Aneshka Roshith - 226,513 Leo Lake - 223,483 Jasper Prosser - 181,207

Year 9

Eleanor Henson - 785,927 Lauren Martin - 541,152 Alissa Fogli-Heredia -475,005 Lottie Yem - 464,566 Martha Crocker - 360,055

Vaccinations

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination as soon as possible.



Vaccinations are taking place in school from the 26th - 29th November, 2024. <u>Please see the</u> attached letter for further detail.

Please complete the <u>consent form online</u> (one for each child, please) using our Unique School Code: <u>Cheltenham Bournside School Unique Code: GC13672</u>.

- The NHS Vaccinations team

20% uniform discount



Our school uniform supplier, Monkhouse, is offering 20% off everything in-stores only, starting on Saturday 19th October 2024 and finishing on Saturday 2nd November 2024.

Please note, this offer is not available on the Monkhouse website.

- Mr Waters, Deputy Headteacher

Lions at Large - An update from Year 12 students, Aimee and Georgie

"We are happy to announce our first fundraising event called 'Lion Aid'! This is a music concert taking place in the main hall on Wednesday 20th November, starting from 6pm.

With lots of amazing acts from our sixth form students, senior singers, and some teacher appearances too, we will be raising money for our Charity of the Year, the Cheltenham & Gloucester Hospital's Charity, "Lions at Large"!

Make sure to come along to listen to some good music- we will also have an arrangement of homemade snacks and drinks being sold throughout the evening too. (Cash and card accepted)

"We are so excited to have this opportunity to raise money for an important cause- all whilst making sure everyone has a fun time and enjoys our amazing concert team's hard work. We will be hosting more fundraising events for the charity, so make sure to stick around!" - Aimee and Georgie, Year 12

Tickets are just £5. Available now on MCAS, We'd love to see you there!



School news and updates

Cycling safety to and from school

Riding bikes to and from school in winter is a great way for students to stay active, but safety is key due to the added challenges of cold weather and slippery conditions. In winter, roads can become icy, visibility is often reduced, and it gets dark earlier, all of which increase the risk of accidents.

We ask that parents and carers support us in keeping their children safe by ensuring they wear bright or reflective clothing to stay visible to drivers, use front and rear bike lights, and making sure that bikes are well-maintained with properly inflated tires. We would like to see all student cyclists wearing a helmet to provide essential protection in the case of an accident it remains alarming the number of pupils who ride to school without a helmet. Did you know that wearing a helmet decreases the risk of head and brain injury by 65% to 88% and facial injury to the upper and mid face by 65% (National Library of Medicine Research).

Finally, please can parents also discuss the importance of riding safely in and around traffic, not weaving in and out of cars and ensuring safe spaces are left when pulling out of junctions.

Thank you for your support.

- Mr Penny, Deputy Headteacher



Cycle Safety



Helpful tips and advice for cyclists and drivers

Careers and work-related learning

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Green Careers Week #GCW2024

The aim of Green Careers Week is to promote real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference. Discover careers, jobs, roles, and career pathways that are green careers and develop green skills.

A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet. It can be any industry, not just those seen as 'green.'

Green careers in tutor time

Tutors for Years 7-11 will be talking students through a presentation on Green Careers that includes the "Our Planet: Our Business" video from the WWF. This focuses on how nature once determined how we survived, how we determine how nature survives. It highlights the role that business will play in the Green Revolution and how services, processes and procedures will need to adapt to support climate change.





Upcoming Inspire Breakfast Lectures (Year 10-13)

- Thursday 7th November, 8.00am Cotswold Energy Group
- Friday 22nd November, 8.00am Nuclear Energy (Decommissioning and New Build)
- Thursday 5th December, 8.00am Altus Wind (Wind power



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breakfast lectures

Growing a green business



Thursday 7th November 8.00 - 8.30am Sixth Form Common Room

Zoe Phillips & Bronwen Tayler Technical Manager & Renewable System Design Specialist

Cotswold Energy Group is dedicated to making renewable energy accessible to all, offering green energy solutions for homes and businesses, focusing on sustainability, quality and personalised service. Starting with a commitment to reduce carbon emissions, they now install varying technologies including heat pumps, solar energy systems and EV chargers.

Within a renewable energy company like Cotswold Energy Group, several career paths are available, ranging from the more specialised design work and consultancy, to project management and eventually installation. In addition to common business functions such as sales and marketing, compliance, finance, and customer support.

Open to all students in Year 10 - 13.

Breakfast pastries and fruit juice will be available.



