



Introducing our Senior House Captains 2024/25

We are pleased to officially introduce our 14 Senior Sixth Form Prefects for the 2024/25 academic year, an exceptional group of students who have been selected to embody and promote the core values of our school: Ambition, Curiosity, Pride, Purpose, Respect, and Support.

"Our new Senior House Captain team are excellent ambassadors for Bournside's Sixth Form and they have already shown their dedication to fostering a positive school environment during Term 1 and 2. I am confident they will excel in their roles and represent the student body with pride and purpose. Congratulations."

- Mr Warren, Head of Sixth Form

Attenborough:

Poppy Stephan, Oliver Agombar, Ruby Hingley

Frank:

Harry Burridge, Laura Cassell

Hawking:

Lucas Dean, Ruby Buxton

Owens:

Sophie-Louise Faulkner, Daniel Norris, Thomas Smith

Parks:

Aimee Sinclair, Jaydee Mornett

Rowling:

Amelia Haines, Olivia Caton

Diary dates

Monday 2nd December

- Inset Day (students do not attend school)

Tuesday 3rd December

- Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th December

- Year 11 PTC

Tuesday 17th December

- Christmas Dinner Day
- School Awards Ceremony

Thursday 19th December

- Student Santa Fun Run (3-4pm)

House points



School news and updates

A 'highly skilled' Macbeth performance at the Roses Theatre



22 talented Year 9 students impressed an audience of over 200 people with their take on Macbeth, performed on the professional stage at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury at the beginning of November.



Their performance was part of the Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation, the world's largest youth drama festival. Each year thousands of young people unite to take part and the Festival culminates with exhilarating performance evenings in professional theatres across the country, raising aspirations and unlocking their potential.



Alice Lamb, appraising the performance on behalf of the Festival said, "It is my great pleasure to congratulate you, Cheltenham Bournside School, on your brilliant performance of Macbeth as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a joy to watch you shine on your performance night. I don't think I have ever seen such an innovative and creative Macbeth in all my time doing Shakespeare Schools Festival. It felt like I was watching an avant garde European piece of theatre!"

Please see more photographs on the next page and you can see more photographs and read the review in full on our website.

Empower Cyber Event 2024



We are proud to share that 22 of our Year 9 students took part in the Empower Cyber Event 2024, held at Cheltenham Racecourse. EmPowerCyber is CyberFirst South West's annual event, bringing together over 1,000 KS3 students from the region. The event is designed to bridge the cyber skills gap and promote diversity in the field.



Our students engaged in a wide range of activities, including the Cipher Challenge, solving a murder mystery using VR headsets, and Python coding to tackle challenges. Microsoft also delivered an insightful talk on AI, discussing how tools like Co-Pilot and ChatGPT work, their vulnerabilities, and the ethical risks associated with AI. The students were deeply involved in the activities and had the opportunity to network with various companies, freely asking questions to industry professionals. Many students shared that they now feel inspired to pursue computer-related courses, highlighting how problem-solving in tech can support their future careers across various fields.



It was an absolute delight to see their enthusiasm and smiling faces throughout the event! - **Ms Kumar, Assistant Head of Computing**



- Teaching Assistant
- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Cleaning Assistant

To view our current job vacancies and to apply, please visit www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

Macbeth





Christmas Concert

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

St Matthews Church, 7.00pm



Our Christmas Concert takes place on Tuesday
3rd December at St Matthews Church, 7.00pm.

All are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

Tickets £3 via MCAS.

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Refreshments will be sold
on the night to raise funds
for our Nepal trip.



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THE BIG **SPACE** CANCER APPEAL



The Sixth Form Fundraising Team Presents:

Student Santa Fun Run!



Join us on a sponsored **Santa Fun Run** on the **19th December**. We will be running as many laps of the school field as possible to raise money for our Charity of the Year, **Lions at Large** and we'd like **YOU** to join us! It'll be fun!

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER
3.00 - 4.00PM, BOURNSIDE FIELD

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME.
SIGN UP TO TAKE PART.



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A successful Careers Fair!

On behalf of the Careers Department, we would like to thank the many parents and carers who attending the Careers Fair with (or without) their children. During the course of the event we had over 1000 students visit the fair as not only did all of Year 7 and Year 10 attending during school hours, but we had 100s of students from Y9 - Y13 attend in the evening too.

Feedback from the stand-holders included, **'The opportunity to speak with students and their parents at the same time was really great.'** Others commented on how well our students behaved at the event, **'the Year 7 Careers Questionnaire meant they had lots of questions to ask.'** While **'the A'level students came across as being very well prepared and starting to think about their future and keen to find out information. Having them at the end of the event was a good way to end the fair.'**

Other feedback from the stand-holders included that they greatly appreciated being able to park so nearby to the event. This extra parking was made possible thanks to Bournside staff who either lift-shared, walked, or used a park-and-ride service on the day, so thanks!

Students commented on how much they enjoyed talking to the wide range of companies and universities that attended the event. They also enjoyed the freebies. The arrival of the Fire Engine was a highlight for many too! Until next year...

- The Careers Team



Careers Fair 2025 - Save the Date Thursday 20th November 2025

The date of the next Careers Fair is **Thursday 20th November 2025**. We are going to be adjusting the format for next year's event to include four careers-related workshops, a wider range of sectors represented at the fair and involving Year 9 during the school day to help them with their GCSE Option Choices. If you have any further ideas, we'd love to hear them.

Email careers@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.



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