



## Student news

### Learning the skills to repair bikes



Thank you to ex-student Jake Batty, who is now working as a Senior Bike Technician at Leisure Lakes, who came in to school during tutor time this week to lead a bike repair workshop. He delivered a fantastic session learning how to adjust brakes, gear changes and much more. We look forward to welcoming him back in the new year!

- Mr Kelly

## School updates

### Activities Week - Bookings close today



Thank you to everyone who has submitted their Activities Week 2023 booking form and for the payment of the initial deposits. With over 25 Activity Choice trips and 10 Enrichment visits running during the week, we will now begin the process of allocating places and we will confirm your child's allocations in January.

If you have any questions, please email [activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk). - Mr Taylor

### The GCHQ Christmas Challenge



GCHQ is running its annual Christmas Challenge on Wednesday 14 December. Students are set the task of cracking seven fiendish puzzles and using the answers to help uncover a hidden festive message! Feel free to have a go at home by downloading the Challenge from the GCHQ website (from Monday 12th December):

<https://www.gchq.gov.uk/xmaschallenge> - Mr Bass

## Diary dates

### 12th, 13, 14th, December

- Year 7, 8, 9 nasal flu vaccinations

### Tuesday 13th December

- School Christmas lunch
- Year 8 Christmas movie night

### Wednesday 14th December

- Christmas Concert, St Matthew's Church (7.00pm-9.00pm)

### Thursday 15th December

- Year 7 Christmas disco
- Year 11 Yeargroup and Yearbook photos

### Friday 16th December

- Term 2 ends (early closure TBC)
- Y7 report 1 (sent via email)

### Wednesday 4th January

- Term 3 starts

## House points

Congratulations to Frank House who remain at the top of the leaderboard this week!

Frank



Owens



Rowling



Attenborough Hawking



Parks



# Christmas calendar!

Each year, students, families and staff at Cheltenham Bournside School come together to raise funds and collect items to support local charities. We also work to spread good community cheer in our local communities too. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts so far. Here is a round up of next week's activities! - **Mr Stratford**



## Tuesday 13th December

- School Christmas Lunch. £3.50 (+ £1 for dessert). No need to pre-book. Students will be asked to go to the dining centre across three sittings.
- Year 8 Christmas Movie Night. Students are voting to watching one of three festive films. £2 cash charity donation on the door. Please bring cash on the night for refreshments/treats. 5.30pm - 8.00pm.



## Wednesday 14th December

- Christmas Concert, St Matthew's Church, 7.30pm. Tickets are £3 and available via MCAS.
- Final day for food bank donations, please give as generously as you can. Please ask your child to drop donations to the collect point opposite the Support Hub.



## Thursday 15th December

- Year 7 Christmas Disco, 6-8pm. Tickets are £3 via MCAS. Please bring cash on the night for refreshments (50p/£1 coins preferred).



## Friday 16th December: Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day!

On the last day of term, students are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to raise funds for **Save the Children UK**. A suggestion donation of £2 can be paid in cash on the gate or via MCAS. Morning lessons will take place as usual, followed by House Christmas Assemblies and tutor time and an early finish at 1.15pm. Students entitled to free school meals can collect a lunch from the dining centre at 1.15pm.

## Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 26th January

Details on next page

## Well-being box



Christmas, New Year and the festive season can be a wonderful time of celebration and connection with people we love. For some of us, it can also be stressful and trigger difficult feelings. Here are a few things for you to do to look after your mental wellbeing:

I know that we are already a week in to the advent season but we've signposted two kindness advent posters that you may wish to use.

### [Adult's Kindness Advent](#) / [Children's Kindness Advent](#)

The Charlie Waller website also highlights 6 tips to managing your own wellbeing this Christmas season. - **Ms Groves**

## Careers at Bournside

Do you know someone who would like to join our team? We are recruiting for the following positions:

[Head of English](#) - [Teacher of Maths](#) - [Teaching Assistant](#)  
[Finance Officer](#) - [Careers Administrator](#) - [Cook](#)

## Useful links

[Sport fixtures](#)  
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## Sixth Form open evening

Please find details below of our Sixth Form open evening which takes place in the new year on **Thursday 26th January**. Did you know that we are offering a new Criminology A-Level? Or that there are three entry pathways into the Sixth Form? - **Mr Warren**

- **PATHWAY 1:** Studying 3 or 4 A-Levels
- **PATHWAY 2:** Studying 3 BTEC courses
- **PATHWAY 3:** Studying a combination of BTEC courses and A-Levels

Find out more about each pathway and their entry requirements online: [www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form](http://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form)

**Cheltenham Bournside School**

# Sixth Form Open Evening

**Thursday 26th January, 5.30pm - 8.00pm**

You are warmly invited to our upcoming open evening:

- Hear from our Headteacher, Mr Jefferies and the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Warren
- Meet our outstanding teaching team
- Understand our extensive A-Level and BTEC offer, our three new pathways and their entry requirements
- Explore our excellent resources, facilities and enrichment options
- Enjoy a coffee in our brand new Sixth Form café

We look forward to welcoming you to Cheltenham Bournside School.

Pre-register your interest in joining our Sixth Form:



Cheltenham Bournside School, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham, GL51 3EF