



Student success

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening



Last night we held our first DofE Awards Evening, celebrating the achievements of well over 100 students who have successfully completed the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award. It is hoped this will become an annual event in the school calendar.

Mr Fenton-Musty, Duke of Edinburgh manager, speaking about the Awards said; "This is my proudest moment as the DofE Manager at Cheltenham Bournside School: an evening where we, the school, can celebrate pupils' achievement at all levels of the Award. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is multifaceted - both demanding and rewarding; I know the pupil's successes won't have come easily. As the Duke himself once said: "It's a do it yourself, growing up kit."

Please keep an eye on our social media channels next week for photographs from the Awards Evening.

Advent calendar collection



As part of our annual Christmas charity initiatives, staff and students collected advent calendars to donate them to children having treatment at Gloucester Royal Hospital Children's Centre.

Organised via our friends at the Pied Piper Appeal, the treats will be handed out to patients and their families.

This year, due to your kind donations, we were able to donate over 100 calendars. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

Our next Christmas charity initiative is food bank donations to help local people in crisis. Please give as generously as you can ahead of the donation deadline at 9am on Wednesday 14th December. You can find shopping list suggestions [here](#).

Diary dates

Monday 28th November - Friday 9th December
Year 11 mock examinations

Tuesday 13th December
Year 10-13 Inspire Lecture Series - Samir Guglani Medicine Unboxed

Wednesday 14th December
Christmas concert (7.00pm-9.00pm)

Friday 16th December
Y7 report 1 (sent via email)

Thursday 15th December
Year 7 Christmas disco (see page 2)

Friday 16th December
Term 2 ends (early closure TBC)

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
14057	13837	13794
Attenborough	Hawking	Parks
13620	13594	12927

Student success continued ...

Students excel in the Bebras computing challenge



Lots of students have recently taken part in Bebras, a national computing challenge where they competed against over 300,000 students. Sponsored by **Google** and **Oxford University**, the challenge focuses on computational thinking, decomposition, algorithms, and problem-solving skills.



Within their lessons, Year 7's took part in the Junior Competition, and Year 8-11 students took part in the Intermediate Competition.

Congratulations to everyone who took part. A special mention to the 30 students who gained Distinction Awards and the 188 students who achieved Merit Awards.

Oxford Computing Challenge

We are also delighted to announce that four students achieved results in top 10% nationally and have been invited to participate in the online **Oxford University Computing Challenge**.

Congratulations (and good luck!) to:

- Alex, Year 9, Hawking House
- Oswin, Year 9, Frank House
- James, Year 9, Rowling House
- Tobi, Year 13, Owens House

School updates

Activities Week 2023 bookings now live



We were delighted to share our brand new Activities Week programme with all families in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 this week. Booking is now live. Please read the letter and Activities Week Guide before making your selections. Deposits are due by **Friday 9th December**. Please note, a deposit only needs to be paid for your first preference on each day. If you have any questions, please email activitiesweek@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

[Activities Week webpage and FAQs](#)

Christmas concert



Our wonderful annual Christmas concert is fast approaching and will take place in St Matthew's Church on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm. Students have been rehearsing to prepare for the evening and it is set to be a fantastic evening!

Tickets are available via MCAS for £3. All proceeds made will go towards staging future music events and supporting the school production team. We hope to see you there. - **Mr Cutress**

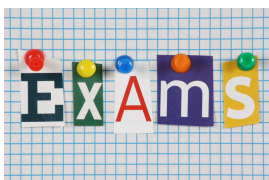
Year 7 Christmas Disco



To mark a brilliant first and second term of the academic year, our Year 12 and 13 Young Enterprise Students are hosting a Year 7 Christmas disco on Thursday 15th December, 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

There will be great music with a live DJ, lots of dancing and a chance to catch up with new friends. We hope to see you all there. Tickets are to be purchased in advance via MCAS for £3. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the nights. Refreshments will be cash only; please bring 50p and £1 coins if possible.

Year 11 Mock Exams



We have had a successful first week of year 11 mock exams. The exams team are very pleased with the behaviour and attitude of the students who have worked hard. Please congratulate them for this!

If a student has been absent for an exam, they may come to the sports hall when they don't have an exam scheduled to catch up on the missed exam. - **The Exams Team**

School trips & visits

Severn Trent visit

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This week, Year 8 were visited by Severn Trent to learn about sewer blockages, what causes them and how to prevent them to make our environment healthier.

The session linked with students' Geography lessons, covering potable water, the sewage cycle and bioresources. They were also able to get an insight into the career opportunities within Severn Trent.

Attendance matters

Attendance and punctuality:

Where does your child sit on the attendance ladder?



Well-being box



Physical activity is so important for our well-being. It can be more difficult in these dark winter months. There are a great number of resources online to help us through this challenge. A couple of suggestions that many pupils find really useful are [Yoga with Adrienne](#) and [Pilates 'move with Nicole'](#)

Community notices

Join our team

A number of new vacancies have arisen to join our team:

- [Marketing and communications assistant](#) (30 hours per week (flexible))
- [Careers administrator](#) (37 hours per week)
- [Pastoral support worker](#) (35 hours per week)
- [Cook](#) (30 hours per week)

Useful links

[Sport fixtures](#)
[School calendar](#)
[What's for lunch?](#)
[Extra-curricular timetable](#)