



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

Friday 2nd December

- Y12 report 1 (*emailed home*)

Tuesday 13th December

- Christmas lunch
- Inspire Lecture Series - Samir Guglani Medicine Unboxed

Wednesday 14th December

- Christmas Concert (see page 2)
- Food bank donations deadline

Friday 16th December

- Term 2 ends (early closure TBC)

Wednesday 4th January

- Term 3 starts

Monday 9th January - Friday 20th January

- Year 13 mock examinations

Thursday 26th January

- Sixth Form Open Evening

What would you like to see?

We'd love to hear what you'd like to see more of in this newsletter.

Please email

mhc@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

Student success continued ...

Bebras computing challenge



Congratulations to Tobi in Year 13 who has been invited to take part in the Oxford University online computing challenge after achieving a top 10% result in the recent Bebras national computing challenge. Bebras is sponsored by Google and Oxford University and see students competing against over 300,000 students nationally.



Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Oxford Computing Challenge

School updates

Activities Week 2023 bookings now live



We were delighted to share our brand new Activities Week programme this week. Booking is now live for Year 12 where students can choose from Work Experience and/or Activity Choices. Please read the Year 12 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.

Tickets are available via MCAS for £3. We hope to see you there. - **Mr Cutress**

Wellbeing 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'](#)

Attendance matters



Useful links

[Careers newsletter 02.12](#)
[Sport fixtures](#)
[School calendar](#)
[What's for lunch?](#)
[Extra-curricular timetable](#)

House points

Frank

14057

Owens

13837

Rowling

13794

Attenborough

13620

Hawking

13694

Parks

12927