



## Message from the Headteacher



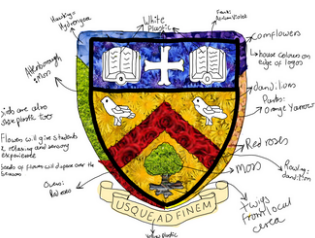
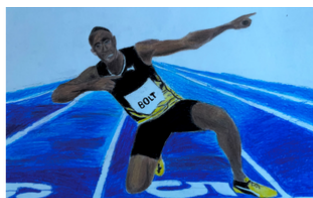
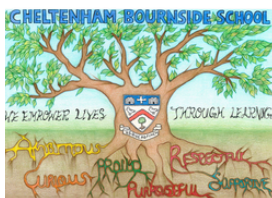
The new term has started with that classic mix of autumnal weather: one day we have clear blue skies, crisp mornings and autumnal sun lighting up the turning leaves; the next day we have dreary half-light, torrential rain and those beautiful leaves reduced to muddy sludge. As the nights close in, it can be easier to dwell more on the rain than on the sunshine. However, school life is lightening all of our days. There's already been loads happening at school – perhaps most noticeably the BBC Share your story day on Wednesday. Trips and visits and clubs and societies are in full swing and, of course, lessons are a bright spot every single day. So, welcome back: here's to a beacon of school based brightness in the wintry months ahead!

## Student success

### House competition winners

Congratulations to our Term 1 House Competition winners!

The full list of winners can be found on the next page.



## Diary dates

### Wednesday 9th November

Y9 School Shakespeare Festival performance

### Thursday 10th November

Year 11 parent teacher conference (PTC)

### Friday 18th November

Year 8/9 report 1 (sent via email)

### Thursday 24th November

Inspire Lecture Series - your journey into Film Production

### Monday 28th November - Friday 9th December

Year 11 mock examinations

## House points

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

Frank



Owens



Rowling



Attenborough Hawking



Parks



## House competition winners continued ...

<p><b>Black History Month History Competition</b></p> <p><i>To produce a picture, poem or sculpture inspired by an influential black individual.</i></p>	<p>Congratulations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st place: Eirah, Year 7, Frank House, for her Rosa Parks Collage</li> <li>• 2nd place: Eliza, Year 11, Attenborough House, who produced an amazing pencil sketch of Harriet Tubman</li> <li>• 3rd Place: Lucas, Year 7, Rowling House, for his exceptional colour drawing of Usain Bolt</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cheltenham Literature Festival English Competitions</b></p> <p>1. Write a poem about something that inspires you 2. Write a 500-word creative writing piece based on a photograph</p>	<p>Congratulations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st place: Laura, Year 11, Frank House for her poem '<u>Small Pleasures</u>'</li> <li>• 2nd place: Eliza, Year 11, Attenborough House for her poem '<u>Unwanted Guests</u>'</li> <li>• 1st place: Lottie, Year 7, Hawkings House for her creative writing piece</li> </ul>
<p><b>Golden Anniversary Garden Design Competition</b></p> <p><i>To design a commemorative plaque to officially open our new school garden. The winning design will be professionally made and installed as a permanent feature.</i></p>	<p>Congratulations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st place: Freya and Lottie, Year 13 and 7, Frank House</li> <li>• 2nd place: Khadija, Year 12, Hawking House</li> <li>• 3rd place: Emily, Year 11, Parks House</li> </ul> <p>Mike Stratford, Deputy Headteacher, said: "Thank you for all the wonderful creative entries into this competition and congratulations to Freya and Lottie for their joint entry and winning design!"</p>

## School updates

### Year 7 Music Evening



Over 50 Year 7 students took part in our first music performance, showcasing what they have learnt during their first term. The evening featured duets and choral renditions of the six House songs, first introduced during transition week.

Head of Music, Mr Cutress, said: "Our students put on an incredible performance at the Music Evening. After just one term of music lessons and house choir, they have been able to come together and perform with skill and passion. It was a joy to behold such a variety of different performances ranging from our debut tap dancer, a rousing solo clarinet rendition of 'Glory to Hong Kong' and a fabulous vocal performance of Laufey's 'Valentine'."

"Year 7 should be incredibly proud of themselves and have a bright future ahead of them, starting with next month's Christmas Concert!"

### Parking

Please be reminded that there are a number of spaces allocated for parents who have an appointment at the school. Otherwise, please refrain from using the staff car park, particularly before school as this is causing significant inconvenience for staff members at the start of the day.

There have been a number of incidents concerning parents illegally parked at the front of the school entrance on double yellow lines.

The Highway code states "Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see 'Road markings') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping."

## School updates continued ...

### BBC Share Your Story



We were delighted to host the BBC this week as part of their landmark centenary education project, Share Your Story.

Students from Year 7 -10 attended a unique whole-year-group assembly, where Alex Mansuroglu, KISS FM and BBC Radio Presenter showcased the BBC offer and welcomed senior BBC staff, Jimmy Tam, Video Formats Assistant Editor and Kirstie Andrews, Learning Design Manager to share their story on stage.



Mr Taylor, Associate Assistant Headteacher, said, "A huge thank you to the BBC team. Our students will have really benefited from all the stories shared today. A special mention to the 12 incredible students who shared their story on stage; the applause spoke for itself; I was certainly inspired, and I know many others will have been too."

Find out more about the BBC Young Reporter Story Search [here](#).

### Inspire Lectures



Our next Inspire Lecture in the series is **Your Journey into Film Production** on 24th November, delivered by Adam Batchelor. Adam is an award-winning film, television and music video director, as well as a senior lecturer in film production at the University of Gloucestershire

In this session Adam will be talking about his route into the industry and the challenges and experiences within it, considerations of undergraduate and postgraduate education and the careers and pathways students might want to think about.

Please see Mr Taylor to confirm your space.

### Trips and visits

There have been lots of brilliant trips and visits happening at school, including:

#### Science: BAE Systems Roadshow



We welcomed the BAE Systems Roadshow this week. Supported by The Royal Navy and The Royal Air Force, the roadshow offers an interactive experience for students with the intention of inspiring excitement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Year 7 were treated to a show all about magnets; focusing on the key role they play in everything from healthcare to transport and even electricity generation.

#### Geography: Bristol

120 Year 11 Geography students spent a day in Bristol, studying the regeneration of the City with a focus on the growth of Bristol ports and the decline and rebirth of well-known locations including Wapping Wharf, Cabots Circus and Ashton Gate.



#### History: Hampton Court Palace

A-Level historians visited Hampton Court Palace, once the home of one of the most notorious English monarchs, Henry VIII. The exploration of the Palace's atmospheric corridors will help to support their knowledge of the Tudors and the English Reformation.



## Trips and visits continued ...

### Brick Lane

Year 13 Geography students took a trip to East London to explore urban decline and the subsequent regeneration and gentrification of Brick Lane. Analysing its transformation from its previous de-industrialised and run-down state into the vibrant area full of street art and vintage markets that it is now well-known for. Students were challenged to collect primary data using land use and quality of the environment surveys to gain an understanding into the changing demographics, culture, and characteristics of the area.



## Well-being and welfare for young minds

Don't just implement self-care when you're completely burned out. Make it a daily practice.

Each week, we'll be sharing a well-being resource which we hope you'll find useful as a family.

Self-care is about the things we can do to look after our own mental health. The Anna Freud Centre have collated [91 self-care strategies](#) that have been identified by young people to help other young people manage their mental health and well-being.

## Community notices

### Join our team

We are currently recruiting for a cleaning assistant to join our team to find out more view the [candidate information pack](#) here.

A new opportunity has arisen to join our team as a school bus driver. More information on the role can be found [here](#). If you would like to apply please email your CV to [lpk@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lpk@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk). We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

### Useful links

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