



Student success

International Young Musician Concert

Today our talented students were the first to perform in a regular lineup of free Friday lunchtime concerts at Pittville Pump Rooms.

Mr Cutress, Head of Music, said 'We're excited to be performing as part of the Cheltenham Music Festivals Societies lunchtime recitals at their new home in the Pump Rooms. The first performance of the year is always a special occasion and we're delighted to have performances from our Year 11-13's who have performed a number of times before, as well as giving the opportunity to a number of younger soloists to perform for the first time.'

We would also like to highlight our graduate student, Tskushi Mitsuda's piano concert on Friday 9th November at 1pm.

U13 District Rugby Champions



After beating Chipping Campden, Cleeve (B team), St Edward's and Balarras, our U13 rugby team won their way into the rugby District final!

finish. Well done boys!

In the final, they were met by Cleeve school's A team, who played very strongly. But, our team pushed themselves to their limits and won with a golden try

Off to a winning start



With Hockey season back in full swing, our U16 Hockey team played their first game against St Edwards School on Wednesday. Coming away with a firm win of 4-0.

Well done girls!

Diary dates

Friday 14th October

Inset day (students do not attend school)

Monday 17th - Friday 21st October

Jamie's farm trip

Tuesday 18th October

Y7 Music evening

Wednesday 19th October

UoG Business Challenge

Wednesday 19th October

Community litter pick

Thursday 20th October

Inspire Lecture Series – Your journey into journalism

Thursday 20th October

Y9-13 Careers Fair

House points

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

Rowling



Owens



Frank



Hawking



Attenborough Parks



School updates

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, following the theme of 'Time for Change: Actions not Words', we are marking the occasion by holding assemblies for all year groups, hosting a Black History Month competition and displaying a number of resources in our school library.

Our assemblies have been exploring black individuals that have played a part in promoting democracy, rule of law, respect and tolerance and individual liberty. Giving students the opportunity to understand what key values they can adopt from these individuals.

Year 9 School Shakespeare Festival

Our Year 9 students have started to prepare for the world's largest youth drama festival, The School Shakespeare Festival. On Tuesday, the Year 9 class were joined by an expert drama facilitator, where they learnt the secrets of theatre staging and how to uncover the hidden intentions in Shakespeare's scripts.

Students will take to the stage in November at The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury, performing their version of 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream'.

Whole school photo

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, a few weeks ago the whole school came together on the school field to create a photograph commemorating this important milestone in Bournside's history.

We're delighted the photograph is now ready, and it will be proudly displayed within school for students, staff and visitors to enjoy. In addition, copies of the photograph are now available to purchase via Tempest Photography [here](#) should you wish to purchase one.

Please place any orders by Friday 14th October. For further assistance, please contact Tempest on 01736 752411.

Careers Fair - Thursday 20th October

Calling all students in Year 9 to 13. Be inspired at our upcoming University and Careers Fair on Thursday 20th October from 5.00-7.00pm. The event will be hosted in the Main Hall and Sixth Form, where you will be able to meet universities, colleges and employers and explore what future opportunities are available.

Click [here](#) to see the confirmed list of attendees.

BBC share your story



We are welcoming the BBC on Wednesday 2nd November for the [BBC Share Your Story](#) tour, where BBC Ambassadors will share their stories of their personal journeys, setbacks and successes to our Year 7-10 students. The BBC Storytellers include relatable and inspiring BBC staff and well-known BBC stars from TV, Radio, Sport and News.

Students will also have the chance to share their own story as part of [BBC Young Reporter](#) story search! Giving students the opportunity to share their story with the potential for them to be produced for broadcast on a BBC programme or platform.

Inspire Lecture Series launch



The team at Cheltenham Bournside School were delighted to launch a new Inspire Lecture Series last week, which kick starts a programme of 10 inspirational lectures already planned for this academic year.

Our first guest in the series, Nathan Lake, a professional squash player currently representing England on the PSA World Tour, delivered his lecture online from his current base in Chicago, Illinois. A former East Glos Club member and winner of the European Junior Championships when he was just 18, Nathan is proud Bournside and University of Gloucestershire alumni, and is now ranked #35 in the world.

Our upcoming talks are on:

Thursday 20th October - Your journey into Journalism

Thursday 24th November - Your Journey into Film

Wednesday 7th December - A life in Fashion: studying Fashion at university and beyond

View the full list of guests [here](#).

School updates continued ...

Year 8 Girls - CyberFirst Competition



Calling all Year 8 girls who are natural young leaders, problem solvers, communicators and forward-thinkers. This year we are supporting the CyberFirst Girls competition run by the National Cyber Security Centre, a part of the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ).

This will be our first entry into the competition and we are welcoming all Year 8 girls to take part. Sign up via Office Forms [here](#).

If you would like any additional information please email the Head of A-Level computing, Mr Gulliver: ag@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

Registrations close on Thursday 3rd November, so make sure you express your interest soon!

House competition



We'd like to invite all students to enter a competition to design a commemorative plaque to officially open our new 50th Golden Anniversary Garden in the former Quad. The winning design will be made professionally and installed as a permanent feature in the garden!

You are free to design the plaque as you wish, with the following guidance:

- Design to be A4 in size (landscape)
- Design to represent our new school garden and our 50th anniversary
- Design to include our logo or school crest

You might also like to include the 6 house colours, references to the environment or positive mental health - whatever you like!

Your design can be hand-drawn or created digitally. Hand-drawn entries can be delivered to the Business Centre (upstairs in B block), and digital entries can be emailed to cmh@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please include your full name, year group and tutor group on your entry.

Please enter by 1.40pm on Thursday 20th October. The winner will be announced on Friday 21st October. We look forward to receiving your entries.

House competition: round 1

At the end of each term, we host a round of House competitions for students to further contribute to the success of their Houses.

Find out more about the competitions [here](#).

Community notices

Join our team

We are currently recruiting for a number of positions:

- Cleaning assistant - [candidate information](#)
- Design Technology technician - [candidate information](#)
- Careers administrator - [candidate information](#)

Useful links

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

Attendance Matters

Did you know ...

Our school attendance target is 96% or above. Missing 1 day of school per week equates to 8 weeks missed per year!