

Enchanting 'Beauty and the Beast' Brings Fairytale Magic to Life on Stage!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Beauty and the Beast - together they have pulled off another stunning production with heart and talent, this time sharing a 'tale as old as time', of Belle, her father, a Beast, and an enchanted household.

Six local primary schools were enchanted with the matinee performance on Wednesday afternoon, before the first two evening shows. With two more to go, tonight and tomorrow, the whole team are doing an incredible job. Photographs and a full write-up to follow next week! Bravo!

Laura reaches national debating final!

Congratulations to Laura Cassell, Year 13, who has secured a coveted place in the national final of the Historical Association's Great Debate this week. The Great Debate is an annual public-speaking competition for school years 10 - 13. Competing against 17 other schools in the semi-final, of which only 3 were state comprehensives, Laura spoke about Button Gwinnett of Hatherley, and how our local history has had a global impact.

The national final will be held at Windsor Castle in March. We're proud of you Laura! Good luck!



Diary dates

Wed 5th - Sat 8th February

- School Production - Beauty and the Beast

Friday 7th February

- Aspire trip - Cardiff

Monday 10th February

- U14 Girls' Football Finals

Thursday 13th February

- Year 13 PTC

w/c 17th February

- Half term

w/c 24th February

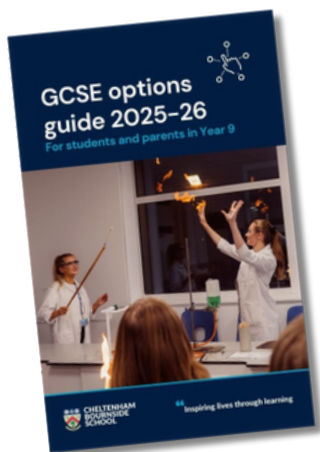
- Term 4 begins (Week 2)
- Sixth Form Application Deadline

House points

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
36563	31548	34191
Owens	Parks	Rowling
32265	34606	30933

School news and updates

Now open: GCSE Options Choices



The online form for GCSE option choices is now open. You were emailed your personalised login details from options@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk on Tuesday this week. Please be aware that this email may have gone directly into your junk inbox.

The online form closes on the first day back after half-term, Monday 24th February at 8.00am. Please note this is not a first-come first-served system, and all forms will be given equal consideration if they are completed by the closing date.

Cheltenham Education Partnership Young Horizons Event



Eight Bournside Sixth Form students recently took part in a multi-school 'Young Horizons' event to take up the task of tackling some of the biggest issues young people face today. The students, selected due to their involvement with our school mentoring scheme, prepared a presentation to answer 'How can we improve young people's mental health services and support in Cheltenham?'

They focussed on three areas: access, support and mentoring schemes. The panel were particularly impressed with the suggestion of a peer mentoring scheme across Gloucestershire and mental health hubs in highly thoughtful areas. - **Mrs Brown, Assistant Head of Sixth Form**

February half term trips



On Saturday 15th February students will be jetting off to Andorra (ski trip), Barcelona (languages trip) and New York (Business and Economics trip).

We hope everyone has a great time and we look forward to hearing all about when you get back!

Donations of outdoor gear (and classical CDs!)

Duke of Edinburgh season is in full swing and we are collecting useful items to lend to the participants if needed. If you have any of the following items in good usable condition, they would be gratefully received; walking boots (esp size 9-10), waterproof trousers and jackets, sleeping mats, rucksacks that have adjustable backs, sleeping bags. Please email sam@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk, or drop items to reception for my attention (with a note so I can thank you!)

- **Mrs McCormack, DofE Manager/Teacher of Maths**

Mr Mudge is also looking for Classical CDs to play in the Support Hub. Thank you.



- Teacher of English (April 2025)
- Teacher of Dance with Drama
- Attendance Administrator
- Cook
- Cleaning Assistant

To view our current job vacancies and to apply, please visit www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

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PLAYING TO WIN: SIXTH FORM SPORT AT BOURNSIDE

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6th February 2025

INSIDE Bournside

From the Editor

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National Apprenticeship Week 2025 opportunities

It's National Apprenticeship Week next week! From engineering to firefighting, and healthcare to zookeeping, there are hundreds of apprenticeships your child could consider. Why not take this quiz, listen to the podcast or attend the virtual careers fair together to find out what Apprenticeship might suit your child best?



Which apprenticeship would suit you best?

Take this fun quiz to explore different types of apprenticeships and options that could inspire your future job.

Whether you're passionate about technology, care about the environment, love helping people, have a knack for business, or dream of a creative career, you'll discover a range of ideas to consider.

[START](#)



PODCAST

BBC Careers Podcast:

Is an apprenticeship right for you? Watch/listen to find out about how apprenticeships work and the surprising range of apprenticeships available.



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APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Join the unifrog virtual fair on **Wednesday 12th February** to learn all about the world of apprenticeships.

Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers, and network one-on-one with professional experts to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream apprenticeship.



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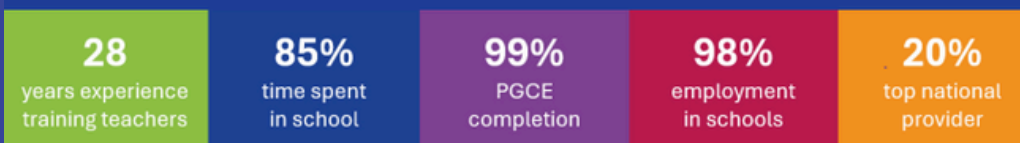
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School-centred means that trainees spend most of their time in schools, including Bournside, learning from experienced and highly skilled teachers. Although the programme is predominantly school-based, trainees work towards a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) worth 60 Masters credits, which is awarded by the University of Bristol.

GITEP's employment rates are close to 100% and many former trainees now play a significant role in Gloucestershire's schools. If you or someone you know is considering a career in teaching, please consider sharing details of GITEP's Primary and Secondary teacher training courses.

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