



## Aspire trip to Cardiff University



This week, 40 Year 10 students went to Cardiff University as part of the Aspire Programme to see first-hand what higher education can offer and to inspire them to aim high in their academic and personal goals.

The students represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating respect, enthusiasm, and engagement. Many students were inspired by the experience and were able to imagine themselves attending a top university like Cardiff.

They attended two insightful talks: one on 'Choosing Your Course and University', and another on 'Introduction to Higher Education/Student Life'.

They also enjoyed an undergraduate student-led tour, gaining more valuable insights into university life. A fantastic trip!

**- Mrs Fox, Assistant Headteacher**

## International Women's Day #iwd2025



In celebration of international women's day Mira Showers invited Sixth Form students for a 'Rewrite the Rules' day on Monday 10th March - which included guest speaker, British-Nigerian social entrepreneur and computer scientist, Anne-Marie Imafidon.

## Diary dates

### Thurs 20th March

- Year 11 PTC

### w/c Mon 24th March

- KS3 Star Reading Assessment Fortnight

### Thurs 27th and Fri 28th March

- National Theatre Connections (Home performances)

### Saturday 12th April

- National Theatre Connections (Swan Theatre, Worcester)

### Monday 31st - Friday 11th April

- Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

### House points

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
44254	38434	41473
Owens	Parks	Rowling
39076	41169	37387

# School news and updates

## Cyclocross success for Blake and Josh in Year 7!



Congratulations to Blake and Josh in Year 7 who placed 2nd and 3rd in the **U12 West Midlands Cyclocross League**, and were presented with their trophies last weekend.

This league is extremely competitive, especially in their age category, and is a huge commitment as it covers 11 weeks of races, across the West Midlands, on most Sunday mornings between September and December 2024. They ended up on the same number of points (882), and were only able to be separated on the last race result.

They now move onto different cycling seasons, with Blake concentrating on road racing, and Josh on mountain biking, 4 Cross and road racing, from now until the end of August. From September they will begin racing Cyclocross again as U14's, which also means they can begin competing in National races.

A fantastic achievement. Thank you for letting us know!

WMCCL 2024		
Under-12 Boys		
1	Gregory Latuszynski	Solihull CC 900
2	Blake Knight	Cycle Stars 882
3	Joshua Arthur	CTW Racing 882

## Happy Pi Day! $\pi$ 13.4 - March 14th!



To celebrate Pi today the Maths department held a competition, challenging students to remember the many Pi digits!

“Probably no symbol in mathematics has evoked as much mystery, romanticism, misconception and human interest as the number pi”

~William L. Schaaf, Nature and History of Pi

Find out more: [www.piday.org](http://www.piday.org)



# MATHS CORNER

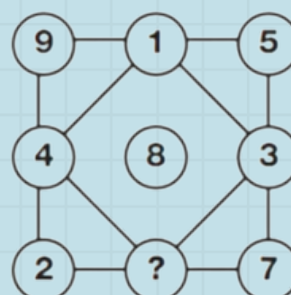
2 NEW MINI MATHS CHALLENGE EACH WEEK. COMPLETE WITH YOUR CHILD AND SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS ONLINE TO EARN HOUSE POINTS!



1. WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF THE PARKING SPACE COVERED BY THE CAR?



2. REPLACE THE QUESTION MARK IN THIS PROBLEM WITH THE CORRECT NUMBER.



# School news and updates



## Books I want in the library:

- Horror books like really scary.
- Mystery books
- Games (10 & 13)
- Squid game !!
- It (any size)
- Scream !!
- Insidious
- Murder mystery
- David Walliams
- Shrek
- Annabelle (horror)
- Stories based in the woods
- True horror books
- Murder most unladylike (Robin Stevens)
- First class murder (Robin Stevens)
- Arsenic for tea (Robin Stevens)
- Jolly foul play
- Mistake and murder
- Spoonful of murder
- Deaths in the spotlight
- Top marks for murder (Robin Stevens)
- Deaths set sail (Robin Stevens)
- Cream Pudding and crime (Robin Stevens)
- Once upon a crime (Robin Stevens)
- Mistake
- Polar express

## Books that I want in the library:

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Does Katie Kirby have any other books beside the
- Mystery type of books
- Crime (10-13)
- Robin Stevens (other books than murder most unladylike)
- Interference books (1, 2, 3)
- Squid game
- Treehouse strong books (1, 52, 65, 78, 91, ect) (websites: amazon)
- Diary type books
- Murder mystery
- David Walliams (book name humorous)
- Teenage type diary books
- Holly Jackson (murder/crime type of books)
- View of stories (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- Robin Stevens
- Quiet storm (completed set)
- Spoonful of murder - Kimberly Whittam
- Once upon a crime - (Robin Stevens)
- Popular books with diary or mystery
- The midnight library
- I liked the Robin Stevens books - could you find some books similar to them
- I liked the Katie Kirby books, could you find something similar to them
- Roald Dahl books
- Mistake (Roald Dahl)
- Popular diary type books (teen)

- Baby love by Jacqueline Wilson
- The girls series by Jacqueline Wilson
  - Girls out late
  - Girls under pressure
  - Girls in love
  - Diamond Girls
  - Girls in time
- The crowd child by J.R. Rowling
- Jacqueline Wilson Books
- Holly Jackson Books

In search of books!

He more runner the search trials the death cure and the other name runner books

by Jennifer Ide

The Ministry of Unladylike the rule by Robin Stevens + other Robin Stevens books

The body in the blitz by Robin Stevens

The midnight gang

point Horror books

Holly Jackson books

Robin Stevens books

The vanquishers 1, 2 and 3

the more runner the search trials the death cure + others

Death on the Nile Ministry of unladylike body in the blitz

## Our most requested books from KS3!

Mrs Rimen and Mrs Owens have been encouraging students in KS3 to let us which books they'd like to borrow from the library. Whilst we collect and source as many of their requests as possible, if you do have any books or series that you would be happy to donate, please drop to reception for the attention of Mrs Rimen. Thank you for your support!

### Popular collections and books:

- A Murder Most Unladylike Mystery Series, Robin Stevens
- Point Horror/Goose Bumps
- The Girls Collection, Jacqueline Wilson
- The Vanquishers Collection, Kalynn Bayron
- Maze Runner Series, James Dashner
- The Raven Boys, Maggie Stiefvater
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney
- Lottie Brooks collection, Katie Kirby
- The Treehouse Collection, Andy Griffiths

### Popular authors:

- Robin Stevens
- David Walliams
- Roald Dahl
- Holly Jackson
- Jacqueline Wilson



# Bournside Ensemble ready to perform 'Saba's Swim' as part of National Theatre Connections 2025

Students in year 10-13 have come together, ready to perform their stunning take on 'Saba's Swim', one of ten new play commissions available to them this year through Bournside's involvement with **National Theatre Connections**, the annual nationwide youth theatre festival.

Run as an extra-curricular option, our talented drama students are set to perform the play three times. Twice at 'home' in our drama studio on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March (tickets available soon via MCAS), before their final performance at the Swan Theatre, Worcester at 10.30am on Saturday 12th April.



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ENSEMBLE**

**National  
Theatre**  
**CONNECTIONS**  
2025

**Saba's Swim**  
by Danusia Samal

Supported by the Arts Council  
ENGLAND

Home performances: Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of March, Bournside Drama Studio. *Tickets via MCAS.*

Theatre performance:  
Saturday 12th April, 10.30am, Worcester Swan Theatre.  
*Tickets via Swan Theatre*

Reserve your place here,  
or by speaking to  
the Careers Team!

# inspire Lecture Series



We have four incredibly different Inspire Breakfast Lectures booked in for March. While these lectures are aimed at Year 10 - Year 13, if any younger students are particularly interested in a speaker, they are very welcome to join in. The sessions run from 8.00am - 8.30am in the Sixth Form Centre and breakfast pastries and drinks are provided for all attendees. For more information, please see the careers team!



## Wednesday 19th March Pathways into Teaching, GITEP

Relevant to students who are interested in teaching. Both the university and apprenticeship pathways will be explained, as well as government bursaries available for certain subjects.

A fantastic opportunity to ask questions about teaching. While the focus will be on secondary schools, it would also be of interest to students interested in primary.



## Thursday 20th March My Journey in Accountancy, Randall & Payne

Delivered by a fantastic ex-Bournside, Jorja, student who is currently a Level 3 apprentice with the aim of qualifying as an accountant.

This is a great talk for any student interested in the apprenticeship journey, as well as for those students interested in accountancy.



## Friday 21st March The Craft of Stonemasonry, Meister Masonry

Meister Masonry approached Bournside as they have a very skilled workforce that is reaching retirement age and they want to attract students.

This might be of interest to students considering a trade, as well as students studying DT Product Design, History and Business. They will talk about a wide range of career paths available in an industry that many people know little about.



## Wednesday 26th March - GCHQ: Discover Careers you never knew existed

We are really fortunate to have GCHQ attending an Inspire Breakfast Talk as they are difficult to book in advance.

GCHQ are really interested in attracting students with a wide diversity of subjects, from Art to Triple Science. Languages are valued as well as Computer Science and Maths, however they also are interested in the transferable skills learnt in subjects like Religious Studies and Psychology.



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