



Apply Now

Sixth Form Applications Now Open

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our open evening last week, we hope you were able to see everything you needed to make an informed decision on your next steps.

All students in Year 11 will have received an email to their student email address, inviting them to make an application. Please note, the **closing date for applications** to our Sixth Form is Monday 24th February at 9.00am. All applications received after this date will be treated as a late application.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

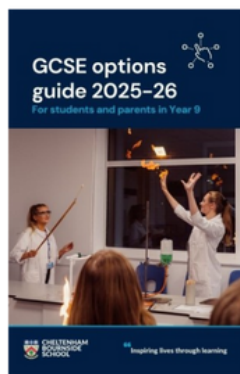
- Mr Warren, Head of Sixth Form

GCSE Options

Next week parents and carers of students in Year 9 will receive a personalised login for the **Options Form**. You should your login details on Tuesday (4th February), ahead of the Form opening on Friday 7th February.

The email will come from options@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk. If you do not receive an email, please check your junk folders.

- Miss Hanley, Deputy Headteacher



**Step-by-step
Options guide**

Diary dates

Saturday 1st February

- DoE Training Day (in school)

Tuesday 4 February

- Year 9 PTC

Weds 5th - Sat 8th February

- Beauty and the Beast

Tuesday 4th February

- Year 9 PTC

w/c 10th February

- Mock Examinations (Core)

w/c 17th February

- Half term

House points

Attenborough Frank

Hawking



Owens

Parks

Rowling



School news and updates

Unlocking Cyber Careers



Year 12 Computer Science students recently attended the Unlock Cyber Careers Event at UWE in Bristol. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear from industry experts; gaining insights and asking lots of quality questions. The companies that delivered sessions included Microsoft, BAE Systems and Nationwide.

Year 9 explore Hartpurty College and University



Students in Year 9 visited Hartpurty College this week to experience taster sessions in Agriculture, Animal, Business, Equine and Sport.

Led by Hartpurty student ambassadors, students were given an tour of Hartpurty's impressive facilities, before enjoying their sessions which gave them lots to think about!

Beauty and the Beast - Final tickets remaining!



Bournside Theatre Ensemble presents:



Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th,
Friday 7th & Saturday 8th February, 2025
Tickets £8.00 / £7.00 student/concessions (via MCAS)

Thank you for your tremendous support for our school production of Beauty and the Beast which takes place next week! Wednesday - Saturday evening.

Tickets for Friday 7th February and Saturday 8th February have now sold out, but tickets are still available for Wednesday 5th February and Thursday 6th February. If you haven't yet secured your seats, we encourage you to act quickly to avoid disappointment.

Admission is by ticket only. £8 for adults and £7 for students and concessions. To reserve your tickets please make payment via the MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app by Friday 31st January.



- 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

School news and updates

Student entrepreneur, Zara, delivers first student-led Inspire Breakfast Lecture!



This week, Year 10 student Zara Reed, was the first Bournside student to deliver an Inspire Breakfast Lecture, sharing her story about starting her own Private Limited Company at the age of just 14.

Zara talked to a group of students and teachers about how her passion for business started at the age of 9 when she realised she could make pocket money by selling slime to students after school in the local park. Priced at two for £5 she quickly had a successful micro business idea selling 'Zara's Slime'.

In Year 7 she went into business with another year 7, selling celebration cards and earrings on a stand in the park. They would go every day after school to set up their stall. Their products sold well and this gave Zara the drive to expand further.

The previous Christmas Zara had worked in a farm shop helping to load Christmas trees into people's cars and she had noticed the huge numbers of people visiting each weekend. She decided to go into business alone and started making hundreds of Christmas earrings, invested in a card reader to make payments easier and now has a seasonal business selling earrings each Christmas.

In 2022, Zara downloaded the Vinted app and started buying second-hand clothes for herself. One time she got a top that she didn't like, but instead of returning it she decided to sell it back on Vinted. She did this a few more times and by 2023 she was hooked on buying and selling clothes.

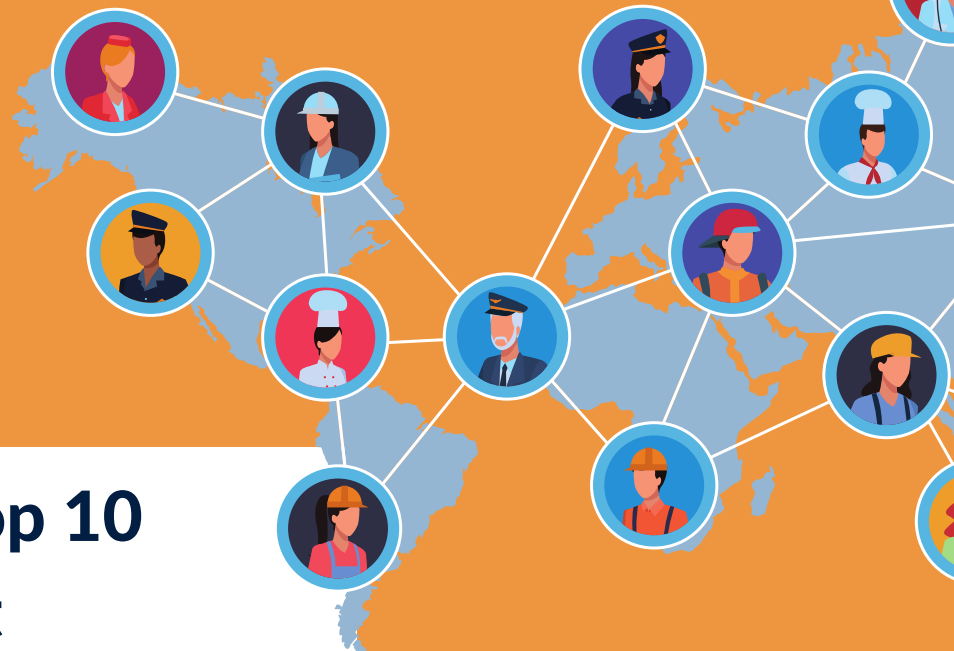
In 2023 Bournside invited all pupils from Year 9 to take part in a school trip to South Africa in 2025 as well as the 2025 ski-trip. Her parents told her that they would fund one trip but if she wanted to go on the other one then she'd need to save up the money herself.

With a £100 investment from her dad (which he is still waiting to be repaid!) she started to buy and sell girls clothes that were in trend. Investing all her profits back in more stock she quickly realised she was on target to not only being able to pay for the South Africa trip but also the school trip to Barcelona.

In September 2024, Vinted required Zara to upgrade to a Pro Business Seller's account due to her turnover. With advice from an accountant, she set up her own Private Limited Company ZR Ventures LTD to manage the new Pro Business Status. Zara is currently a 24% share holder in ZR Ventures LTD until she is 16-year-old.

I can't wait to hear about what she does next!

- Mrs Martin, Careers Lead



Revealed: The Top 10 Jobs Teens Want

BBC's 2024 Bitesize careers survey of more than 4,000 13-16 year-olds has revealed that the No1 job teenagers most want when they are older is **Doctor**. The survey also suggested young people would choose to work for the **NHS** ahead of companies like **Google** and **Disney**.

Doctor has risen two places in the top 10 list compared to last year, overtaking **engineer** and **teacher** as the most popular choice. **Nurse** is also up four places to number five.

Working in the **building trade** and being an **artist** are new entries for 2024, while **architect** and **computer scientist**, dropped out of the 10.

Almost one in 10 teenagers chose doctor as their preferred profession, up 3% compared to 2023.



<u>1. Doctor</u>	<u>6. Vet</u>
<u>2. Engineer</u>	<u>7. Footballer</u>
<u>3. Teacher</u>	<u>8. Artist</u>
<u>4. Lawyer</u>	<u>9. Police Officer</u>
<u>5. Nurse</u>	<u>10. Building Trade</u>





Revealed: Jobs that could make you happy



BBC's 2024 Bitesize careers survey of more than 4,000 13-16 year-olds ask teenagers what the most important thing is about any future job, 'Happiness' ranked ahead of 'Feeling good about what you do', with 'Money' in third place.

The happiest jobs are those in which employees feel fulfilled and content with their work. These jobs have high levels of satisfaction because of several factors, such as creativity and working outside. Because each individual has their own set of skills and interests, happy jobs vary from person to person, but some of the highest scoring 'happy jobs' in a 2023 Indeed survey included:

- [Sound Engineer](#)
- [Event Planner](#)
- [Carpenter](#)
- [Interior Designer](#)
- [Marketing Consultant](#)
- [Physiotherapist](#)
- [Estate Agent](#)





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28 years experience training teachers	85% time spent in school	99% PGCE completion	98% employment in schools	20% top national provider
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Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Education Partnership (GITEP) SCITT is a highly successful school-centred initial teacher training provider, recognised as outstanding by Ofsted. The partnership has been created by Gloucestershire's secondary school leaders to ensure the highest quality of teaching for pupils in Gloucestershire schools and in September 2024, GITEP relocated to Bournside School.

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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