



Student success

DofE Silver Practice expedition



Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups went out for their first practice expedition in the New Forest last weekend.

Mrs McCormack, Maths teacher and Silver Award supervisor, who led the group with support from H5 Adventure Ltd, said, "The group were such a mature, fun, resourceful and polite bunch of young people, who supported each other exceptionally well and impressed the instructors at every task. They should be very proud of themselves!"



Diary dates

Friday 1st April

DofE Bronze practice expedition

Sunday 3rd April

DofE Gold practice expedition

Monday 4th April

Y9 HPV vaccinations

Thursday 7th April

Spring concert

Friday 8th April

Last day of term

School updates

Ukraine fundraising day



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Ukraine Fundraising Day today. The collections are still being counted, but we are pleased to have raised a substantial amount of money to support those who have been forced to flee their homes because of the conflict.

Mike Stratford, Deputy Headteacher, said: "Over the last fortnight, all students in the school have had an assembly delivered to them about the War in Ukraine. To mark the end of this assembly period the school are holding a Ukraine Awareness Day. As part of the day students and staff have been asked to donate a minimum of £1 to supplement their uniform with items of blue and yellow. They have been taking part in a variety of activities in lessons and tutor time including Ukrainian ribbon making, collecting essential relief items, adding their name to a book of solidarity, producing a comment wall in the colours of the Ukrainian flag and taking part in a 'Run to Ukraine' during PE lessons over the coming week. Our intention for the day is to raise awareness of this issue amongst our school community. We hope that we can raise money that can go to the support relief for all of those affected by the war".

House points

Congratulations to Parks who remain top of the leaderboard this week!

Parks

18091

Frank

17281

Hawking

16863

Attenborough

16420

Owens

16234

Rowling

16059

School updates continued ...

We're in SoGlos!

Deputy Headteacher, Miss Hanley, recently spoke to [SoGlos](#), along with Cheltenham Ladies' College, about the Cheltenham Education Partnership and how it benefits students and teachers across Cheltenham. "It brings the curriculum to life and provides memories for [our students]." Read more [here](#).

Chelsea's Choice



Year 8 students have watched the production of '[Chelsea's Choice](#)' this term, as part of their Education For Life curriculum. The drama production, delivered by the AlterEgo Theatre Company, is innovative and powerful, highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE), and exploring further issues including grooming, peer-pressure, the inappropriate use of social media, domestic abuse and self-esteem.

NEW Parent Payment Portal - MCAS

Parents/carers will have received a letter this week to advise that we are moving across to a new Management Information System during the Easter holidays. This means that the SchoolGateway app currently used for attendance, communications and payments for all students, will be replaced by the widely used **MyChildatSchool [MCAS]** app. There is no action for you to take at this stage. Further information will follow ahead of the Easter break.

Community notices

Walk for Wellbeing

Join dedicated supporters of The Pied Piper Appeal in the Walk 4 Wellbeing fundraiser over the 8th-15th May. Help raise funds for the leading children's charity in Gloucestershire and make a difference to sick and disabled children in the county. Find out more [here](#)

To find out more about future events the Pied Piper Appeal are hosting please click [here](#).

Join our team

We are recruiting for:

- [Exams invigilator](#)
- [Grounds and maintenance operative](#)
- [Design & food technology technician](#)

Useful links

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

Sport fixtures



Wednesday 30th March	Senior Football V STRS (A) @ 2:15 pm Y8 & 9 Girls Football (H) V Balcarras @ 3:45 pm
Thursday 31st March	Y8 District Football final V All Saints (A- Winchcombe School) @ 2:00 pm

Follow [@bournside_pe](#) on Instagram for match pictures and results