



School news and updates

Hands-On Maths Adventure: Year 8 Students Explore Probability at the Racecourse!

21 Year 8 students got the chance to explore probability, ratios and more during a maths and careers trip to The April Meeting at the Cheltenham Racecourse this week. They were granted behind the scenes access to discover all of the maths used during a horse-racing meet.

"Racing for Schools provided an excellent programme of events and the students really enjoyed the experience. We saw the weights room and the Stewards office, examining all of the equipment used. We walked on the infamous racetrack, seeing the fences up close and being introduced to the basic principles of handicapping. The trip ended watching two races and studying the form in the race cards. A fantastic day applying maths in a real environment! Well done to all of the students who represented Bournside fantastically."

- Mrs McCormack, Teacher of Maths

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Club highlight: Summer Term Sports



The summer sports clubs timetable is now live. It's not too late to join in with tennis, rounders, cricket or athletics. See the [website](#) and/or [SOCS](#) for more information. We'd love to see you there!
- Mr Winterbottom, Head of PE

Diary dates

w/c Monday 22nd April

- Year 10 work experience
- Year 7 & 8 Exams

Tuesday 23rd April

- Inspire Lecture Series:
Susie Olczak, Fine Art (3.15pm)

Thursday 25th April

- Junior Maths Challenge

Saturday 28th - Monday 29th April

- DofE Silver Practice Expedition

Tuesday 30th April

- Musical recital at the Pump Rooms

Sunday 5th May

- Music students performing at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival

Monday 6th May

- Bank Holiday Monday

House points

Hawking remain in the lead two weeks into Term 5. Congratulations!

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
34607	34901	35631
Owens	Parks	Rowling
34717	34982	34715

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Ollie and Cas face 50km - 5 miles more than a marathon - to raise vital funds for the Bone Cancer Research Trust



Two Year 10 students and friends, Ollie Burridge and Cas Hambling, will be running 50km around Cheltenham and beyond next month in memory of their close friend, Ellison (pictured right in the cubs image), who died in February 2021, aged just 11, from Ewing Sarcoma a form of bone cancer.

"It really is an amazing thing that Ollie and Casper are doing at 15 - 50km is 5 miles longer than a marathon! Ollie broke his collarbone earlier this year which impacted his training but that has not stopped their determination to finish the challenge and to raise as much money in memory of their friend and for a cause that is close to their heart. This inspiring challenge is a true representation of our school values; Ambition, Pride, Purpose, Respect and Support. We are incredibly proud of them both and encourage the school community to support and cheer them on loudly on the day! Best of luck!" - **Mr Crawford, Head of Frank House**



To donate to Ellison's Fund to raise vital funds for life-saving research in Ewing Sarcoma, visit: www.justgiving.com/page/casollieandfriendsrunfundraiser



Library book amnesty. Can you help to refill our shelves?



Thank you to everyone who has returned overdue or missing library books this term. We'd love to see even more returned, so please do look at home and ask your child to bring them back to the library as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

- Mrs Rimen, Librarian

Shakespeare enjoyed live on stage by students from Year 7 - 13



Our recent Sixth Form Othello trip to the Globe Theatre in London was a huge success. The students' thoroughly enjoyed the modern interpretation of the play and the creative use of TWO OTHELLOS!!! This innovative technique was particularly controversial among the students but they all appreciated the idea behind it - Othello's jealousy being personified and turning him on Desdemona.

The Year 7 and 8 trip to see A Midsummer Night's Dream before Easter was also a roaring success. The students seemed to love Tweedy's slapstick comedy and the bizarre, hilarious relationship between the fairy queen Titania and the idiotic weaver, Bottom. They left the theatre buzzing with chatter about the performance and for many it was their first time to a live performance. To add to this success, we received a lovely email from two members of the public, expressing their joyful surprise at how well our students behaved on the trip.

- Mr Burnford, Head of English

[Click here to read this week's student careers newsletter](#)



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Bronze DofE Practice Expedition



Congratulations to our Bronze DofE students who did amazingly on their practice expedition last weekend. It was tough, but they should be very proud of themselves for completing it! Well done!

See more photos at:
https://twitter.com/Bournside_DofE

Sports news and updates



- The Year 8 Football team were the last of our four year groups to play in the district finals this week, which is a great achievement for the school. They played extremely well but eventually lost on penalties to Cleeve School . Well played boys! ⚽
- Congratulations to the year 7 Football Team on making it to the District Final. They came second to an impressive Cotswold team on the day but played well throughout.
- Well done to the u16 Boys of reaching the District Football Final. Massive congratulations to their opponents at Chosen Hill on the win and becoming Champions!
- On Saturday, 40 students went to see Severn Stars Netball vs. Loughborough Lightning Superleague Netball at the University of Worcester Arena. All students had a great time watching a very tightly contested first half, but unfortunately, Loughborough Lightning ran away with the win in the second half.
- Massive well done and thank you to our Sports Leaders for helping at the 2024 Primary School Games at the University of Gloucestershire. 🌞

See all of our Sports news at:
www.instagram.com/bournside_pe/