

Term 4 - Friday 8th March, 2024

Parent Bulletin

Updates for the parents/guardians of students at Cheltenham Bournside School



School news

A 'frighteningly good' Addams Family performance!

Wow, wow, wow! This year's School Production cast and crew pulled out all of the stops to deliver a 'frighteningly good' performance to three sold-out audiences - the best yet!

This year's production was The Addams Family, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family. The story follows every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. If that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia.

Over 300 special guests from local schools joined us to enjoy a matinée performance ahead of opening night, before every single member of the cast dazzled audiences on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in The Addams Family this year. The professionalism of the cast and crew and the continued dedication of the teachers, staff and parents involved does not go unnoticed. You are all fantastic!

Click here to view the **Addams Family photo gallery**

• International Women's Day

Tuesday 12th March

• Year 8 - Calling it Out production

Tuesday 19th March

• Drama performance - Replica

Wednesday 20th March

- KS3 House Sports
- Spring Music Concert

Friday 22nd March

 Year 7 Theatre Trip (A Midsummer Night's Dream)

House points

Congratulations to Hawking House who remain in the lead this week with H6 being the top house point earning tutor group.

Attenborough Frank

Hawking

29791

29563

30574

Owens

Parks

Rowling

29891

29397

29878





Inspiring lives through learning





We don't need an excuse to celebrate a love of reading at Bournside, but we used World Book Day as a good excuse anyway! The library team ran a Golden Ticket lottery all week. Students felt like Charlie Bucket peeking inside the cover of a book to see if they'd won a Golden Ticker which they were able to exchange for a Roald Dahl book. Doubling down on the theme, our librarian Mrs Rimen dressed up as the Golden Ticket on Thursday and Mrs Haines was a Wonka bar!

Students had no idea which character they'd be taught by in English, Maths, and Science on Thursday. In English they faced literary villains, in Science, a strong Alice in Wonderland theme, and in Maths they found a wide range of characters sparking lots of discussion about childhood favourites! Students were also encouraged to bring their favourite books in to discuss during tutor time which was fantastic to see. Thank you to everyone who got involved!

School news and updates

Criminology and Media Inspire Lecture: Lisa Maxwell



'This week we had the pleasure of welcoming the actor, Lisa Maxwell, to the school. She is most well known for her role as DI Samantha Nixon in The Bill, being the voice of Kira in The Dark Crystal and for being a panellist on Loose Women. She has also had stints in Eastenders and on Hollyoaks.

Firstly, Lisa delivered a talk to our A level Criminology students (who study 'Media representations of crime') about her role in 'The Bill', how the show worked with the MET Police to depict crime/policing realistically and the impact of the show. As part of our Inspire Lecture series, she then spoke to enthusiastic students from across all year groups and staff about her wider career and gave advice on getting into acting. Lisa also spoke about her work with Prince William as an ambassador of the charity Centrepoint.

Thank you to our Sixth formers, Lottie, Sam, Julia and Ruby, who were brilliant interviewers. We are very grateful to Lisa for giving up her time and offering this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Mrs Ryland, Head of Criminology/Assistant Head of History & Politics

Our 2024 National Theatre Play Tue 19th March, Drama Studio 7pm



On Tuesday 19th March Drama Students from Year 10-12 will be performing a new National Theatre production of 'Replica' by Titus Hadler. Drama Studio, 7pm. Tickets are £5 please contact admin or the Drama Department if you would like to attend (performance lasts an hour) - Mr Banks. Head of Drama

Something happened on the school trip. One of the class has been replaced by an exact replica of themselves. At least that's what everyone's saying. Once a rumour starts, it can be difficult to remember what is real - or who. Convinced that there is an impostor walking among them, a group of teenagers is determined to root out the intruder. A mystery about friendship, the nature of truth, and humanity. When it comes to it, how do you prove that you are a human?

Netball tournament success





The Year 10 netball team put in a fantastic effort with 6 wins from 9 games in the District Tournament, held at Cheltenham Kadies College. Well done!

Congratulations also to the Year 7 team who placed third.in their group (just missing out on the next round!) Brilliant netball on display.

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