



School news and updates

Year 9 rugby team reach Schools District Final

At the end of last week, the Year 9 rugby team competed in the Cheltenham Schools District rugby tournament against nine secondary schools. They put in a fantastic performance, winning their group stage and winning against Balcaras in the semi-final. Unfortunately, despite a great effort, Pates won the final match and took the overall title.

"Congratulations to the Year 9 team on placing second in the District tournament. They thoroughly deserved and should be very proud of being runner-up. We saw some excellent rugby being played in the competition. Well done!"

- Mr Hiron

General Election predictions at the Literature Festival



Year 12 and 13 politics students went to see Matt Chorley interview a panel of election experts on what they think will happen at the next General Election in the 'The Times Radio Debate: What Election Year Is It?' live broadcast on Friday.

"It was fantastic to be able to access a lively debate so perfectly linked to our Politics A level course at the Cheltenham Festivals. It was a really interesting debate."

- Mrs Hemsley and Miss Brown

Diary dates

Monday 23rd October

- Sports Awards Evening

Tuesday 24th October

- Year 7 Music Evening
- Year 11 Macbeth Trip - Globe Theatre
- Year 12 visit to Oxford University

Thursday 26th October

- Year 10 RS Trip to Lourdes

Friday 27th October

- INSET day. Students do not attend school.

w/c 30th October

- Half term

Thursday 9th November

- [Careers Fair](#), 4-7pm

Wednesday 15th November

- Teacher Taster Day

House points

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Attenborough Frank

9324

Hawking

9689

10258

Owens

9893

Parks

9867

Rowling

9842

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'The Scribbled Self' at the Literature Festival

Well done to our Year 10 and 11 English students who took part in a live poetry event in the VoiceBox tent with Mr Cratchley. One poem is shared below and you can read a selection of the poems shared at the event on the [Bournside Instagram account](#) (see stories).



I Feel Alive

Amidst the chaos, I find my way in a life of art.
Living on a bustling street, or in a lively city's heart.
I seek my purpose, I play my part.
Valiant effort I meet every mark.
Embracing the rhythm of life, at everyday start.
I am alive.
And I still look for those hopes and dreams.
Long lost in the darkness, but the light still gleams.
In my mind a life to thrive
Various people all living different timelines.
Energized by life I am, oh what a wonderful gift given to man.

- Cody H, Year 11, Frank House

Library Update - Mr Gum



These come highly recommended by both teachers and students. The Mr. Gum series; if you like David Williams and Diary of a Wimpy Kid these will be just the thing you would want to read again and again!

On the shelves in the library from next week to read in the library and borrow. - **Mrs Rimen**

Bike Repair Workshop



This week we ran our first Bike Repair Workshop with a set of bikes kindly donated by members of the community. Thank you to everyone who responded to our request.

The students were outstanding: they listened, were solution-focused and overcame some real challenges when giving each of the bikes a thorough service. The session was led by Mr Wood, IT Services Manager, who was supportive and an inspiring role model for our students. Thank you Mr Wood!

- **Mr Kelly**

Issue resolved: MCAS Money Transfers - Please top up accounts

We are pleased to confirm that the issues many parents had when attempting to add money to their child's MCAS account this term have now been resolved. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

As a result of the fault, a large number of MCAS dining accounts are in currently in debt. Please can you ensure that accounts are topped up by the end of half term (Sunday 5th November) to enable dining centre purchases next term.

If you are still unable to add money to your child's account, please contact itservices@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk.

- **Piers Cardon, Estates and Facilities Manager**

Monkhouse 20% discount



Our school uniform supplier, Monkhouse is offering 20% off everything in store and online between 16th October 2023 - 22nd October 2023. If you need to top up on any uniform or P.E kit items or need a refresh on your everyday essentials and stationery - Use code DEAL20 at checkout or in store. www.monkhouse.com

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Save the date: Careers Fair 2023



Careers Fair 2023

Thursday 9th November, 2023
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Bournside Sports Centre

Calling all students! Be inspired at our upcoming University and Careers Fair. Meet universities, colleges and employers to explore many of the future opportunities available to you.



The careers fair is your chance to explore future education and employment options and to access independent advice and guidance. With more than 50 exhibitors already confirmed, this year's Bournside Careers Fair is set to be the most inspiring and informative to-date.

For the first time, students in all year groups will have the opportunity to visit the Careers Fair stalls to explore their future education and employment options and to access independent advice and guidance. To manage capacity, year groups are being invited in waves:

- **Years 11, 12 and 13: Invited to arrive between 4.00pm and 5.30pm.**
- **Years 9 and 10: Invited to arrive between 5.00pm and 6.30pm.**
- **Years 7 and 8: All students in Year 7 and 8 will visit the Careers Fair during the school day.**

Ms Heppleston, Careers Leader, said "The Careers Fair provides our students with the chance to meet representatives from a wide range of universities and employers, learn about the courses and future job opportunities available, and gain confidence in making a great first impression and building positive professional relationships."

"Thank you to all of the organisations who are giving up their time to exhibit, I'm sure their time will be well spent with our bright, curious and ambitious students."

If you are an employer who would like to exhibit at the upcoming Cheltenham Bournside School Careers Fair, please contact Ms Heppleston as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/careers-fair-2023/>

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



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Your mission: a computer virus has taken over the UK and we need your help to stop it! It's your job as a hacker to race to recover the password and stop the virus

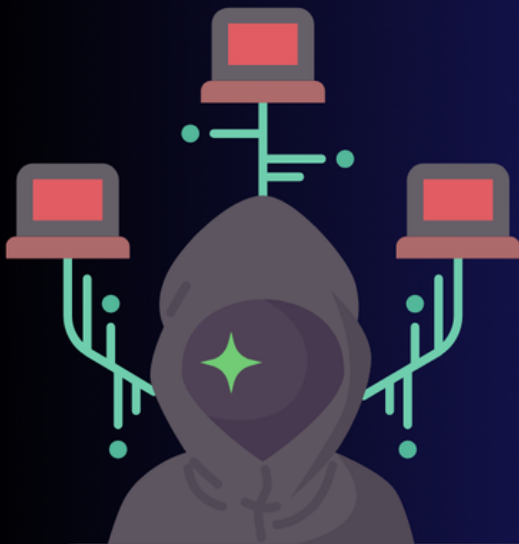
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Compete in small teams

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All FREE workshops taking place Monday 30th October

Oakley Resource Centre

1st session 10am - 11am

2nd session 11am - 12pm

Hesters Way Resource Centre

1st session 1:30pm - 2:30pm

2nd session 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/G6VBnaxp80>