



School news and updates

Year 7 Music Evening



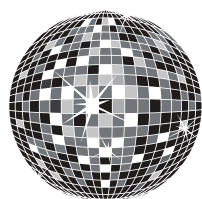
On Tuesday evening we held a fantastic Year 7 Music Evening. Performing to a full house, more than 90 Year 7 students took part singing and playing instruments ranging from bass, drums and guitar to violin, trumpet and glockenspiel, all displaying an incredible level of talent.

A special mention goes to Zoia in Attenborough House. Zoia, from Ukraine, performed Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen beautifully.

"Last night's Year 7 music evening was a huge success both in terms of quantity and quality. The event was the largest of its kind that we have ever done - with a third of year group taking part - and a massive 30 students performing a solo item. We are very proud of everyone who took part and the bright future that's ahead of them as part of the Bournside music department!"

- Mr Cutress, Head of Music

Save the date: Year 7 Disco



Year 7 students* are invited to attend the end-of-term disco, taking place on the 15th December, 6pm - 8pm. Supported by staff and the Sixth Form Young Enterprise team, the popular event provides a great opportunity for Year 7 to get into the Christmas spirit.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the [online consent form](#) and pay £3 [via MCAS](#) by Friday 8th December. Please bring small change on the night (50p/£1 coins) for refreshments.

****Subject to good behaviour***

Diary dates

Friday 27th October

- INSET day. Students do not attend school.

w/c 30th October

- Half term

Tuesday 31st October (Midnight)

- Year 7 application deadline. Please remember to submit your application by midnight, 31 October 2023. This includes applications for siblings.

Thursday 9th November

- Careers Fair, 4-7pm

Wednesday 15th November

- Teacher Taster Day

Wednesday 6th December

- DofE Awards Evening (details tbc)

Wednesday 13th December

- Christmas Concert (details tbc)

House points

Rowling is in second place behind our end of first term leaders, Hawking. Congratulations!

Attenborough	Frank	Hawking
11018	11163	11674
Owens	Parks	Rowling
11339	11248	11448

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Sporting passion, skill and commitment celebrated at the Bournside Sports Awards 2023

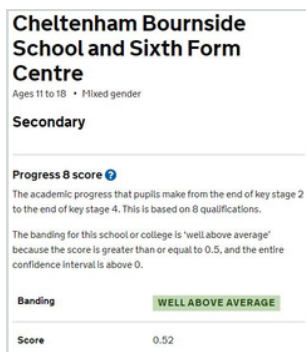


This week we held the Sports Awards 2023 to celebrate the outstanding sporting talent at Bournside.

More than 50 awards were handed out in recognition of the sporting achievement of students in Years 7 - 10, in rugby, football, netball, hockey, tennis, rounders, cricket, athletics, and swimming. The accompanying award citations, read out by our Head of Physical Education, Mr Winterbottom, highlighted the sporting passion, skill and continued commitment of the winning students.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. Congratulations! [You can view all of the photographs and citations on our website.](#)

Celebrating Academic Success with a Progress 8 score of +0.52



We are proud to celebrate our recently published Progress 8 score of +0.52, which places Bournside in the top 16% of schools nationally.

Progress 8 is a national measure of how much progress pupils make from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4. Our score of +0.52 is considered 'well above average', the highest possible banding. That means that pupils at Bournside achieve over half a grade higher in each qualification, compared to similar pupils across the country.

"We are delighted that the continued hard work of our students and staff has been recognised in the latest data published by the DfE. Everyone at Bournside is committed to delivering excellent teaching and learning which leads to positive outcomes for all of our students and this excellent Progress 8 score reflects that. Well done!" - **Mr Jefferies**

Year 11 Theatre Trip to the Globe Theatre



A group of Year 11 students went to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre this week to enjoy a fantastic live performance of Macbeth, a core English Literature GCSE text. The trip included a tour of the iconic theatre; Shakespeare's Globe is a world-renowned performing arts venue, cultural attraction and education centre located on the bank of the River Thames in London.

"The students behaved beautifully and enjoyed the performance which was interactive and full of humour as well as some gore and shocks too. We hope to be able to repeat this successful trip in future years." - **Mr Cratchley, Teacher of English**

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Sixth Form student, Sasha, featured in The Times

Families foster lasting bonds with Ukraine refugees 18 months on

Moving to England from war-torn Ukraine has given sixth-form student Sasha the drive to study so he can one day rebuild his country's economy. That, and a love of Country City FC and gravy (Katie Gibbons writes).

Sasha left his family in Kyiv aged 17 and is one of more than 150,000 people welcomed by British families under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. A year-and-a-half after the first refugees arrived, figures show many hosts would like their guests to stay.

Sasha arrived in Cheltenham in June last year after an anonymous British supermodel offered to pay for his flight. Laura Davis, a retired teacher, and her husband Eric, a clinical psychologist, felt compelled to open their home to people fleeing the Russian attacks. "To be honest it reminded us of the evacuees in World War Two," she said. "Sasha has been an absolute joy in our lives." The couple, who have adult children, became Sasha's foster parents last year. He has introduced them to Ukrainian dancing and they have opened his palate to new flavours. "He has gone pudding mad. Can you imagine introducing gravy and custard to someone who has never had it before? Well, we now have them on everything," said Mrs Davis, 58.

Sasha started school ten days after arriving in Cheltenham and is now in the last year of sixth form studying maths, economics and business. He hopes to attend university in the UK and for a career in finance. "I get upset when I hear news from Ukraine, but I know I can't change it," he said. "The only thing I can do is become successful and then go back ... and help build up the economy."

Thanks to his foster father he supports Country City and regularly attends games — and is a fan of British pubs. "Laura and Eric are such great people, they have helped me with everything," said Sasha. "It was risky for them to host me I guess, but we got along so well. I would like to do the same for someone else," he said.

Figures from the Office of National Statistics show 51 per cent of hosts involved in the Homes for Ukraine scheme plan to provide accommodation for 18 months or longer, and most of these (57 per cent) said they would consider hosting people from other countries if there was a further wave.

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In the rural Sussex village of East Hoathly, Ben and Alan Wilkinson opened their home to Alina Shvachko, her infant son Dennis and her mother Nataliya in June 2022.

The family, who fled their village in Ukraine, were later joined by Alina's father Yuri, 56, who was exempt from fighting due to an injury. "When the war broke out it destroyed our plans for life. No-one knew where the next middle would be," said Alina. "But when we arrived in England, we were met by the beautiful family ... they

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improves with the help of a volunteer teacher. "We are infinitely grateful to the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which gave us a new home, wonderful friends, peace and a peaceful sky above our heads," she said.

The community sponsorship charity Breet helps to match Ukrainian families with British hosts. Emma Harrison, director of strategy for the group, said:

"Our matching programme team have worked tirelessly to ensure that people have been placed with suitable hosts, and communities up and down the country have come together to help their new guests and neighbours integrate. The feedback we get most often from hosts is that it has been a life-changing experience, and one which many would repeat again."

We were proud to see Sixth Form student, Sasha, recently featured in The Times newspaper, in print and online. Sasha was sharing his story of moving from war-torn Ukraine to live with a foster family in Cheltenham, 18 months on.

Sasha joined Bournside 10 days after arriving in Cheltenham and is now in Year 13 studying maths, economics and business. After A Levels, he hopes to attend university in the UK and for a career in finance.

Mrs Haines, EAL Coordinator, said; "Sasha is one of 11 Ukrainian refugee students at Bournside and we are proud of what he is achieving with us. Sasha is a committed student and acts as a mentor, friend and role model to our younger Ukrainian students."

Read the article online (paywall):

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/its-been-one-of-the-happiest-years-homes-for-ukraine-scheme-18-months-on-grz9l7zz6>

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

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.



With more than 50 exhibitors already confirmed, this year's Bournside Careers Fair is set to be the most inspiring and informative to-date.

The Careers Fair offers a valuable opportunity for students and their families to meet universities and employers face-to-face and to hear from speakers on a number of topics.

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."

Read more: <https://www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/careers-fair-2023/>

Click here to read this week's student careers newsletter

