



Term 2 - Friday 16th December, 2022 **Parent Bulletin**

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



End of term message from Mr Jefferies



As I type, I'm looking at snow covered trees, grateful for the shelter from the -5 degree temperatures outside the window. It's a remarkable ending to a remarkable year. We've gone from record breaking sweltering heat in the summer to the chilliest weather since the infamous "beast from the East".

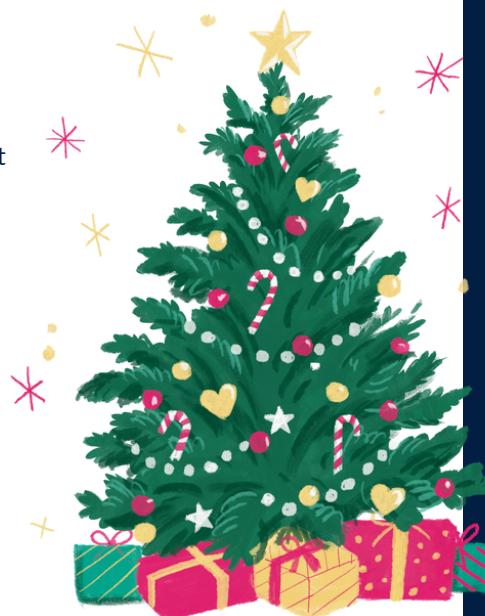
There's been an equally wide range of activity here at school, too. We've opened our beautiful Anniversary Garden and planted hundreds of trees. We've celebrated success at the Duke of Edinburgh's Award ceremony, the Sports Awards Evening and of course the amazing School Awards Ceremony at the Pittville Pump rooms. We've enjoyed concerts, plays, musicals and repeated sporting success. We've shared in the excitement of students as they received record breaking exam results. We've gathered in solemn remembrance and (less solemnly!) for the first ever photograph taken of the whole school. Of course, there's also the not insignificant matter of our successful Ofsted inspection following which we were rated "Good" in all categories.

Ofsted summed it up well: "**the welfare of pupils, as well as academic achievement, is at the heart of everything the school does**" and so, with so many opportunities to mark our success, it's no surprise that, again as Ofsted said, "**There is a strong sense of community for both staff and pupils.**"

That sense of community is the key. All the events of the year have that in common: a sense that we are all in this together, that we're stronger when we work together, that our success is something we share. And that, of course, brings us to Christmas: a time of gathering together to enjoy one another's company; a time of sharing; and, as we are doing after such a remarkable year, a time of celebrating.

Merry Christmas everyone. Here's to an equally successful 2023!

- Mr Jefferies



Diary dates

Tuesday 3rd January

- Inset day (students do not attend)

Wednesday 4th January

- Term 3 starts

Monday 9th - Friday 20th January

- Year 13 Mock Exams

Tuesday 10th January

- Year 9 options assembly

Friday 13th January

- Year 11 (Report 2)

Thursday 19th January

- Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th January

- Sixth Form Open Evening
(see last page for details)

House points

Congratulations to Rowling House who have taken the lead on the leaderboard this week!

Rowling

15975

Attenborough Frank

15809

15782

Owens

15751

Hawking

15539

Parks

14580

School updates

Community at Christmas



Thank you for all of your support of our 'Community at Christmas' events this term. Together, we have donated advent calendars to the Children's Centre at Gloucester Royal Hospital, we have donated hundreds of items to one of local food banks, our music team and Sixth Formers have sung carols and spread festive cheer in a number of local care and residential homes, and today we have raised important funds in aid of [Save the Children UK](#) by wearing our Christmas jumpers. Every contribution is appreciated and the total amount raised will be shared in the new year. Merry Christmas! - **Mr Stratford**

Bookbuzz books have arrived in time for Christmas!



All students in Year 7 and 8 have been given a book from the Bookbuzz collection.

Students were given a choice of 17 books to choose from earlier in the term and these books have now arrived and been given out by their English teachers, ready for some Christmas reading! The books are theirs to keep, but they can of course swap with friends to sample the other books available. There are also copies of all the books in the library.



The books they could choose from can be [found here](#) if you are interested in knowing more. If you have time, please do ask your child about the book they chose and how they are finding it. - **Ms Owen**

New Year 11 Subject Revision Sessions for Term 3 & 4



[New revision sessions are now available to view on the website](#). Reminder: Please ask your teachers what the weekly session focus will be before deciding which session you will attend. You do not have to attend every week. You should attend the session that will make the biggest difference to you when you know the topic it will be focusing on. - **Mr Penny**

Cheltenham Bournside School
Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 26th January, 5.30pm - 8.00pm



NEW! Criminology Level 3 Applied Diploma - We are delighted to announce that **Miss Ryland** is our new Head of Criminology and will be delivering the **Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology** from this September.

During the **Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology**, students will consider all of aspects of crime across four units: *Changing Awareness of Crime, Criminological Theories, Crime Scene to Courtroom and Crime and Punishment*. Students choosing this qualification often use it to support access to higher education courses, including BSc Criminology, BA Criminology and BA Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Find out more about our Sixth Form and our upcoming open evening in January on the [website](#).

Inspire Lecture Series: A career in Film Production, 06.01.23



Our first Inspire Lecture of the New Year takes place on Thursday 6th January after school at 3.15pm. **Adam Batchelor** from the University of Gloucestershire will be joining us to talk about your opportunities to study film production and creative industries at University and as a future career.

Please sign up using the link at the bottom of the SharePoint page. - **Mr Taylor**

Careers newsletter



This week's careers newsletter contains free careers guides for all year groups, STEM opportunities (Y9-12), a number of exciting work experience opportunities (Y10/12) and details of careers and enterprise work experience and training opportunities for Year 10-13 and Year 12-13. The Careers newsletter is always linked at the end of the Parent Bulletin and is available on the website. Please do take a look. - **Mrs Heppleston**

Year 7 Christmas Disco



Well done to all the Year 7's who attended the Christmas Disco yesterday. The students were outstanding and a credit to the school. A special thanks to Miss Wolsey for leading the event alongside her wonderful Sixth Form Young Enterprise students and the staff who supported on the night. Finally, a huge thank you to Lily Green (Year 12) and her father for DJing on the night.
- **Mr Kelly**

Well-being box

Helping to create positive relationships



We often tell children to treat others the way you would like to be treated. Maintaining positive friendships with family and friends helps your children to grow in confidence and self-esteem. Maintaining positive relationships can be difficult though, especially as we get older. Sharing the challenges of friendships with your child helps them learn problem solving skills, which will help them throughout their lives.

'The benefits of social connections and good mental health are numerous. Proven links include lower rates of anxiety and depression, higher self-esteem, greater empathy, and more trusting and cooperative relationships.' – Better Health 2017

- **Ms Groves**

Careers at Bournside

Do you know someone who would like to join our team? We are recruiting for the following positions:

[Head of English](#)
[Teacher of Maths](#)
[Teaching Assistant](#)
[Study Supervisor](#)
[Cook](#)

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