



## Student success

### £2,510 raised for Children in Need



An incredible £2,510 was raised by students and staff for Children in Need on Friday 18th November, adding to the total of more than £35m currently pledged.

Last year Children in Need helped over 460,000 children and young people to overcome their challenges. The charity

Provides emergency support to families in crisis, comfort for children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again. Thanks to your donations, this fantastic cause will be able to provide similar support this year.

## School updates

### Christmas shoe box appeal



Every year, our students join thousands of people taking part in the Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Generously packing shoeboxes full of gifts to treat children in need all around the world.

Mr Stratford took the school's contribution to the local processing centre this week and was overwhelmed with the behind the scene processes, so much so that he stayed for a few hours helping pack and load the boxes into the night!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to pack a shoebox! They will now be making their journey to vulnerable children and families.

We still have many more charity initiatives coming up for you to get involved in, such as our Christmas Advent calendar collection and food bank donations. Find out more [here](#).



## Diary dates

### Friday 2nd December

Y12 report 1 (*emailed home*)

### Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Concert

### Tuesday 13th December

Inspire Lecture Series - Samir Guglani  
Medicine Unboxed

### Wednesday 14th December

Food bank donations deadline

### Friday 16th December

Term 2 ends

### Wednesday 4th January

Term 3 starts

### Monday 9th January - Friday 20th January

Year 13 mock examinations

### Thursday 26th January

Sixth Form open evening

## School updates continued ...

### Year 13 exam information evening

If you missed the Year 13 exam information evening last week details can be found [here](#).

### Year 13 revision timetable

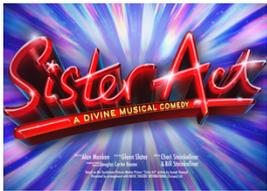
An updated Year 13 revision timetable can now be found online [here](#).

### Student volunteers for Sixth Form open evening

Our Sixth Form open evening is on Thursday 26th January and we are excited to welcome prospective students to view the Sixth Form.

As part of their role, all Senior House captains and prefects should be present on the night. We would also appreciate help from Year 12 students. More to information to follow.

### Can you help us to get ready for our school production the Sister Act?



Our brilliant team behind the school production are looking for extra pairs of hands to help with costumes, props and painting.

If you're a parent, carer or family member who is able to offer any time to support the much-anticipated school production, either after school on Tuesdays and Fridays, or on a weekend soon, we'd love to hear from you!

Please email Ms Heppleston at [kah@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kah@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk) to get started. Thank you!

### Safe travel

This week student and House tutors have been discussing the importance of safe travel to and from school, especially as the evenings draw in. They have looked at safer cycling, using public transport and how to stay safe as a pedestrian. Please can you support us by ensuring children are safe and seen as they travel to and from school.

### Inspire Lecture Series - Medicine Unboxed

Dr Samir Guglani from The University of Gloucestershire will be delivering a lecture to KS4 and 5 pupils at 1.45pm on Tuesday 13th December. The lecture will be based on life, medicine and art and will explore:

- What do we mean by good medicine?
- Is it only about good science?
- Or is it also about care?
- What is care?
- Might the arts help us know it?
- And have we a duty, as persons in the world, to care for others and for all life?

If any students in years 10-13 would like to attend the lecture, please can you fill in [this Microsoft form](#).

### Sixth Form photoshoot

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Sixth Form photoshoot this week. Keep an eye on our socials in the coming weeks!

### Request for unused bikes



Thank you to everyone who has donated bikes so far. We are still hoping to collect 10 bikes to repurpose and loan to students who may be facing issues with travel to school.

Please note that the bikes donated need to be in fair condition. We are happy to accept and fix up most bikes, as long as the frame is not cracked, dented, bent or heavily rusted.

For further information, or to donate a bike/helmet, please email Mr Kelly: [lpk@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lpk@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk)

## School visits & trips

We have welcomed lots of fantastic companies and higher education providers into school this week, including:

### Careers: GE Aviation



We welcomed GE Aviation this week, who spoke to students about the wide range of established apprenticeship programmes they offer across their UK sites. Giving students tips on what next steps they should take to secure an apprenticeship.

### Higher Education: Oxford University



Year 11 and 12 students were visited by Oxford University, to encourage students to make an application to Oxford and other top UK universities. The session explored how students can make a competitive application to universities by utilizing their personal statements correctly.

### Higher Education: The University of Southampton



Year 12 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) students were invited to a virtual talk by Dr Victoria Yuskaitis an Academic Skills Officer from The University of Southampton. Specializing in promoting EPQs to students Dr Yuskaitis provided a bespoke workshop for students, with a key focus on skills linked to this qualification, such as planning, structuring an argument and research skills; which will be useful for students entering higher education.

Dr Yuskaitis will be visiting students again on Wednesday 14th December to offer more support to students undertaking this additional qualification.

## Well-being box

Physical activity is so important for our well-being. It can be more difficult in these dark winter months. There are a great number of resources online to help us through this challenge. A couple of suggestions that many pupils find really useful are [Yoga with Adrienne](#) and [Pilates 'move with Nicole'](#)

## Attendance matters

**Raise your attendance, raise your chances:** Did you know that attending 4.5 out of 5 days a week equates to 90% attendance across the school year. 90% per year across 5 years of schooling equates to half a school year missed! Every day counts.

## Community notices

### Free English classes for beginners

Adult Education in Gloucestershire

**FREE ENGLISH CLASSES**  
For BEGINNERS to ENTRY LEVEL 3

For information and enrolment on January courses please come:  
Friday 9th December 10.00 – 1.00pm

The Community Resource Centre,  
Grove Street,  
Cheltenham,  
GL50 3LZ  
Please bring your passport or ID card

For more information contact us on:  
Tel: 0800 542 1655  
Email: [learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Adult Education in Gloucestershire are hosting free English classes for beginners to entry-level 3 individuals.

For more information and enrolment for January courses please visit The Community Resource Centre, Grove Street, Cheltenham on Friday 9th December between 10am - 1.00pm.

For more information please contact Adult Education, via telephone: 0800 542 1655 or email: [learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Join our team

A number of new vacancies have arisen to join our team:

- [Marketing and communications assistant](#) (30 hours per week (flexible))
- [Careers administrator](#) (37 hours per week)
- [Pastoral support worker](#) (35 hours per week)
- [Cook](#) (30 hours per week)

## Useful links

- [Careers newsletter](#)
- [Sport fixtures](#)
- [School calendar](#)
- [What's for lunch?](#)
- [Extra-curricular timetable](#)

## House points

Frank

12830

Owens

12626

Rowling

12468

Attenborough

12357

Hawking

12269

Parks

11775