



# Chosen Hill School

## Learning tip

### It Takes Time

Getting good at something takes time, it doesn't happen overnight. Often children do not want to admit how hard they practise. Take the time to explain to your child that people aren't effortlessly clever, and that practise is something they should be proud of.

## Weekly Bulletin: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Whilst this week has been particularly challenging regarding managing staff absences, I am pleased that we have been able to keep all year groups open. Many schools across the county have not been so fortunate. I know how hard staff are working to maintain high standards in lessons as well as keeping the extra-curricular activities running, despite having to cover colleagues and classes. Thank you for your support it is much appreciated.

As we carefully lift the restrictions we have had in place, it has been brilliant to see (and hear from staff and students) the different events, trips and opportunities to enrich learning that are happening—productions, trips, external speakers, fixtures, masterclasses, competitions, student voice and network meetings. These are so important in bringing extra energy into the school and adding value to students. I had the privilege of judging the Fame Lab presentations today. It was fantastic to hear our students speak so passionately about science. Students have been having a sneak preview of Grease in assemblies this week and I am very much looking forward to seeing the full show next week.

Thank you again for your feedback and support. It is much appreciated.

**Matt Pauling**  
Headteacher

### Dates for diary

- ◇ **Grease performance**  
15 –17 February
- ◇ **Year 8 parents evening**  
Tuesday 8 March
- ◇ **Year 7 Fair**  
Wednesday 23 March
- ◇ **Year 11 Parents information evening**  
Wednesday 23 March
- ◇ **Careers Fair—Years 9—13**  
Friday 1 April



### COVID Vaccinations

Thank you to all those who were able to participate in the COVID vaccinations on Tuesday. For those who would still like the vaccine, but were unable to have it in school, please check out the walk in offer available, please click [here](#).

## Contacting the School

If you have anything you would like to raise with regards to your child at the school, or indeed in general, please contact your child's Learning Mentor in the first instance and then the Year Lead. If you would like to discuss anything with the Headteacher, please email:-

[office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

To find staff contact details, please go to our website – [Chosen Hill Staff Names and Contacts](#). Please note that Chosen Hill School email addresses are prefixed with staff initials, then @chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

We are always open to listening to your views and suggestions.

## Year 11 Leaver Hoodies

These are now available to purchase until Friday 20th May. An email has been sent to Year 11 parents with the link to purchase directly through the company, Macron Store.



## Grease is next week!

We are looking forward to the upcoming performances of Grease next week! The cast and crew have been working incredibly hard to bring you a show to remember. **Don't miss out!**

Here are just some of the rehearsal pictures we have been sharing on social media this week.



There is still time to purchase tickets via Gateway!

**CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL**

Performing Arts Department Presents...

**GREASE**

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 7:30pm  
Wednesday 16 February 2022, 7:30pm  
Thursday 17 February 2022, 7:30pm

Ticket Price: £10 (Concession £8.00)



**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Tickets on sale 24 January 2022!**

## School sports fixtures next week

Day	Time	Year	Fixture
Monday 14 February	Lunchtime	Year 9	Girls' hockey
Tuesday 15 February	Lunchtime	Year 9	Boys' basketball
	After school	Year 7	Girls' netball
		Years 8 and 9	Girls' football
		Years 8, 9 and 10	Boy's football
		Year 7	Girl's football A&B v Balcarras (h)
		Year 9	Girl's football District Tournament @ Tewkesbury
		U15	U15 football v Bournside (h)
Wednesday 16 February	Lunchtime	Year 11	Boys' basketball
	After school	Years 8 and 9	Girls' netball
		Year 7	Girls' football
		Years 7 and 8	Girl's cheerleading
		Year 7	Boy's football
		1st XI	1st XI football v Wydean (a)
		U14	U14 football v Pittville (a)
		Years 7, 8 and 9	Netball—7A&B, 8A&B, 9 v Churchdown (a)
Thursday 17 February	Lunchtime	Year 7	Girls' hockey
	After school	Year 8	Girl's year 8 football v Pittville (a)

### Previous student – Aaron Mason

Aaron was a previous Chosen Hill student and he has asked for our help to raise money for a prosthetic arm:

*"I am writing to share that I have started a crowd-funding campaign to raise money for a prosthetic arm, as I was born with one hand. I have been on a long-term journey to better my physical and mental health and I would greatly appreciate any donations or support that you can give towards helping me take the next steps towards this goal.*

*Below I have shared the link to the GoFundMe page where you can hear my story, find out more about my goals and the Open Bionics Hero Arm. If you could make a donation and encourage others to do the same by sharing the page I would be extremely grateful!*

<https://gofund.me/f1d558ad>

*Many thanks and all the best*

*Aaron Mason*



## Sports News

The U13 Footballers were up and running in the Cheltenham and District League with a win and some tidy play against Winchcombe.



Energy and good teamwork again from the U14 basketball team against a strong Pates' side. Improving all the time.



The U13 football team in quick turnaround, playing in a tense 1-1 draw. Ruben equalising with minutes to go!



The U15 football team also played this week. 3-3 in an all action game.



A hard fought narrow victory for the 1st XI footballers against Tommies. Two great set piece goals!



## Churchdown Parish Council - wants young people's views

Churchdown Parish Councillors are hoping to work more closely with our school in the future. They are particularly interested in trying to improve local facilities and in providing coaching and mentoring support to help with issues currently affecting young people within Churchdown. If you live locally and have ideas about what sorts of things they could provide, improve or do, please send our School Student Council leaders a message at:-

[scleadership@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:scleadership@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

If you are interested in attending a meeting at the council offices in Churchdown on 8 March at 7:30pm, please email us—we hope around half a dozen students can then share their views directly so that we can make our voice heard!

## Uniform reminder

Just a reminder that we will be focussing on uniform after half term. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate school uniform. For more information, please go to our [website](#).

Please contact us next week if you have any questions, so that we can have an effective and positive start to next term.

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WELLBEING EVENT 2022**

Join us for a 'virtual exhibition' to find out about all that Gloucester has to offer to support the wellbeing of children and young people.

Visit the event website for an up to date programme

**KEY PRESENTATIONS  
VIRTUAL DISCUSSION TABLES  
INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION BOOTHS  
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

**1ST MARCH 2022  
10AM-12NOON**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT  
WWW.KFTSEEKERS.ORG.UK/CYPWE22**

Know Your Patch, Digital Treasure Seekers, Gloucestershire County Council, NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

## Children and Young People's Wellbeing Event - 1 March 2022 (10 - 12)

There is an innovative virtual event which will allow you complete control of your experience. You can drop in and out of the main speaker rooms, visit virtual discussion tables around a wide range of topics and visit the virtual exhibition stalls.

### Speakers

There is a talk from the Trailblazer team, looking at the progress of the Mental Health in Schools work and hearing about the next steps for the programme, and a talk about the new Integrated Care System in the NHS.

### Virtual Discussion Tables

The tables are spaces for you to have input and influence to a wide range of topics, or to engage in more in depth Q&A sessions. Some will be going on for the duration of the event, some are time limited. You will have the ability to drop in and out of whichever sessions are useful to you.

### Exhibition Stalls

At the event is a virtual exhibition hall. You will be able browse the many opportunities available to CYP in Gloucester. Each stall holder has the opportunity to provide images, powerpoint presentations, video content which will be added to stalls. In addition promotional materials can be downloaded and kept. Stalls can also be manned by representatives offering a live chat feature so that questions can be answered and contacts made.

### Networking

Throughout the event there is a chat feature and the ability to create one to one video chat rooms if you have made a connection and want to engage in a deeper discussion there and then. For more information or to register—[visit KFT Seekers](http://www.kftseekers.org.uk/cypwe22)

## FREE Parent Support Groups starting March 2022 - TIC+

We wanted to share with you details of FREE Parent Support Groups that Tic+ are running from March 2022 over a course of 6 weeks, for parents and carers of children between the ages of 11-18, in our area struggling with mental health, emotional well-being and behavioural issues.

Tic+ have already run groups through the last year, and these have proved really successful, and parents and carers have given amazing feedback on how helpful, informative and supportive they have found the course. The group is designed to inform and support parents, helping them to understand their child's distress and discover effective strategies to improve their resilience. The group is also an opportunity for parents going through similar experiences to encourage, support and learn from each other in a safe and friendly environment.

To apply, and for more details, go to the following link : [Parent & Carer Support Groups – Tic+ \(ticplus.org.uk\)](http://www.ticplus.org.uk)

Phone: 01594 372 777  
Website: [www.ticplus.org.uk](http://www.ticplus.org.uk)  
Address: TIC+ Offices, 4th Floor, Building 7,  
Vantage Point, Business Village, Mitcheldean,  
Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD

TIC+ is a Registered Charity No. 1045429

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## Speech Language and Communication Workshop (by Contact)

Virtual workshops on Speech, Language and Communication for parents of children with communication difficulties associated with hearing impairment, language impairment and autism.

These workshops are delivered in partnership with ICAN.

Join these virtual workshops and meet other parents and carers experiencing similar issues, with the benefit of an expert Speech and Language Therapist.

The workshops currently cover:

- Understanding the communication chain and which part is not working for your child
- How you can support your child
- Your role
- Key strategies
- How to work with others supporting your child so you all have a common approach to supporting communication development
- Resources and where to get more support

Our workshops are all run with additional support from a Contact Family Support Adviser so that you can benefit from additional information and support about caring for a child with an additional need.

If you would like to sign up to this workshop before it is publicised next week, please click on the link below and you will be able to reserve a place. We will be holding further ones to be arranged soon if this date is not suitable, so please look out for updates on our social media and website.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speech-language-and-communication-workshop-secondary-tickets-256872461447>

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speech-language-and-communication-workshop-secondary-tickets-260062091717>

**contact** *For families  
with disabled children*



## Job Vacancies

### Receptionist / Administrator

We are seeking an organised, enthusiastic and cheerful individual to undertake the multifaceted, and always interesting, role of School Receptionist. The position is offered as term-time only between the hours of 8am to 4pm, Monday to Thursday, 8am to 3:30pm on Friday.

You will be subject to our normal recruitment checks, which includes a criminal record check through the Disclosure and Barring Service and references. If you would like more information or to apply, please apply directly at [E-teach](#)

### Lunch Time Supervisors

We are looking for two or more Lunch Time Supervisors to supervise students during the lunch period, including first line response to incidents. The role pays £9.62 per lunch time. To find out more information, please contact our HR administrator by email at:-

[aew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:aew@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).