



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin

Friday 11th March 2022



Learning Tip

Listen to your child read It is important to listen to child read, even at second-ary school. Not only can you help your child learn and understand new vocabulary, but you can help them speak with expression and volume. Some children find it help-ful to record themselves and play it back.



Although the weather today has not been very good, the longer days and sense of new beginning associated with Spring, has been felt across the school this week. It's been another busy week with an extensive and growing programme of extra-curricular events, trips and activities.

Over recent days, House assemblies were held, and the results of the House names vote were shared – a process which really ignited student opinions (spoiler alert - the results are included later in this bulletin). Thank you to all those that engaged in the process and helping set the new direction for raising the profile of the House system across the school.

This week we celebrated the power and enjoyment of reading inspired by World Book Day. Mrs Gardner has been building an exciting and diverse range of books for students to enjoy. The reality of school life is that not everything always goes as we plan, or even hope for, but how we react to adversity is key.

We welcome communication with parents and would ask that if you are unsure, dissatisfied, or would like to share your praise for the school, please contact us directly. The welfare of all students in our community is our key priority. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Diary Dates for Next Week

Year 11 Mocks all week

Monday 14th March

Years 7 & 8 Student Voice
Year 9 Mini Booster Day

Tuesday 15th March

9HC First Aid Course

Saturday 19th March/Sun- day 20th March

DofE Gold introduction to the
Wild County weekend

Connect with us on Social Media:



www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Potential Stagecoach Strike

Following the local news that there was possible Stagecoach bus strike action next week during Cheltenham Festival, we are pleased that this has been averted and all buses will run to a normal timetable.



CHS Learning Mentor Reading Programme

All of our Year 7 and 8 students participate in our Learning Mentor Reading Programme. Twice weekly, Learning Mentors share a book with their classes and model reading fluency. The books selected cover a range of themes and text types so that students develop confidence with reading. They also expose students to a wealth of words and phrases that they may well not come across daily.

We will be expanding the programme into Year 9 next year. If there are any books that you would like to recommend to us, please send suggestions to Miss Hanwell at eha@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

In addition to the Reading Programme, all Year 7-9 students are expected to read their own books independently and regularly take quizzes on the books they are reading in their Accelerated Reader lessons.

Year 11 Prefect Dinner

The Year 11 Prefect Dinner is on Thursday 31st March at Jury's Inn, Cheltenham. Students should arrive for 7pm with dinner being served at 7:45pm. Last song at 11:30pm.

Address for parents/carers dropping off and collecting: Jury's Inn Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, GL51 0TS

Fusion App

Please be aware that we have a problem with the pre-order app for ordering food in the canteen. This means, unfortunately, it will be unavailable for part of next week to pre-order food. Any orders already placed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week will be refunded via the Gateway.

The app should be working again by Thursday next week and please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Emily Coombes for her amazing fundraising on behalf of St Catharine's Under Five's Charity Playgroup.

During the last two years, Emily has completed two sponsored walks with her third one taking place last weekend. On this occasion, Emily invited the playgroup children to join her for the last part of the route and they were also individually sponsored. Emily further arranged to hold a coffee and cake event at the end of the walk, with a raffle, guess the name of the bunny, lucky dip and entertainment for the children. Emily and her friends made the majority of the cakes themselves (and there were alot!), advertised the event and manned the stalls on the day. We are supremely proud of her for raising in excess of £350 through this event with sponsorship money still coming in. Over the course of the last 2 years (a difficult time to fundraise through the pandemic), she has raised more than £600.

St Catharine's Under Five's would like to say an enormous thank you to Emily for her dedication and support, and also to her friends from Chosen Hill School, Sarah, Lana, and Camille who supported Emily to plan, bake cakes and run the event on Saturday.



Keeping Student Safe Online

In the current social climate where most adults and children are now using some form of Social Media, it is important that we safeguard our children. In addition to the usual online safety precautions, ensuring that your child has the correct settings will prevent unwanted visitors to their online profile.

Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



Instagram



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers
(recommended: on)

COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY: allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



TikTok



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers
(recommended: on)

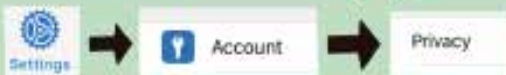
SAFETY: TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts
(recommended: friends)

COMMENT FILTERS: you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in
(recommended: on)

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



WhatsApp



PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS: You can change who can see a profile photo and status
(recommended: my contacts)

GROUPS: allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups
(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)

BLOCKED: can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



Snapchat



CONTACT: decide who can message you and send you snaps
(recommended: my friends)

VIEW MY STORY: restrict who can see your story
(recommended: my friends)

GHOST MODE: if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map
(recommended: on)

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more

Chosen Hill School House System

2022 is the 40th anniversary of the House Championships at Chosen Hill School!

We recently held a vote for students to choose whether to rename our Houses or whether to keep them as they are. We really welcomed our students' engagement in the process and we discussed diversity, background and representations of the current houses and what it means in our community as well as ideas for new house names through a survey. It was great to see how passionate students were and how engaged they were in discussions. In addition, we felt that it was important to engage students in the House System ahead of some changes which will see an increase to the number of House events running next year.



The decision to keep the House names won by 62%, showing that tradition is important to our students; many students expressed that they wanted to keep the same houses to be part of the same house system as parents and other relatives had been.

We will be starting a new tradition at Chosen Hill School whereby each House will nominate a public figure to be celebrated on a 'New Year's Honours' list each September. This will provide us with opportunities to discuss our core values using roles models who students recognise.

Red Nose Day is approaching. There will be a series of House Competitions to raise funds for this charity on Friday 18th March 2022.

What do our Houses Represent?



CARNE

Named after:

Background

Army
Prisoner of War.

Qualities:

Leadership
Courage
Team Work



MASEFIELD

Named after:

Background

Poetry
Love of reading.

Qualities:

Creativity
Energy
Motivation



SCOTT

Named after:

Background

Olympic athlete
Conservation of animals.

Qualities:

Inspiration
Perseverance
Purpose



WHITTLE

Background

RAF
Engineering

Qualities:

Vision
Planning
Attention to Detail

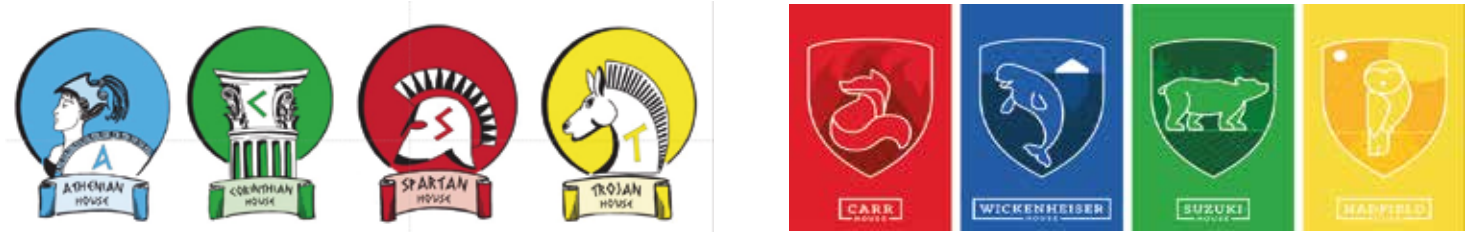
Logo Challenge

We know the history of our House names and now we would like our students to bring them more of an identity. For the launch of the new House year after Easter, we need new logos for each House to stand behind. Students will need to design the full set of logos (not just their own house)

Every entry will win House points.

What Makes a Good Logo?

Simple, bold, including the house colour.



The Languages Local to You

A photography competition for Secondary school students, ages 11-16.

The University of Exeter are celebrating the UK's cultural diversity by inviting secondary students, ages 11-16, to participate in an exciting photo competition. And - YES - there are prizes up for grabs.



Students from Years 7-11 are asked to take a photo showing languages other than English in their local area. This could be shop signs, bilingual street signs, film poster, advertisements, and so on. Let your imagination flow! Here are the guidelines:

Provide a brief caption, describing why and how the language is used in your chosen paragraph (up to 100 words)

Submit your photo alongside your caption in Word or PDF format to lpk@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk by Wednesday 6th April 2022.

We will then select up to three entries and send them to the University.

Good Luck!



“Have your say, use your vote”

**VOTE DANIEL HUTCHINS (Year 9)
Our Local Candidate!**



I hope you saw the news item in the previous school newsletter about being able to vote for a Youth MP. I hope that will be me! My name is Dan Hutchins and I am a proud member of the Year 9 Student Council and the Whole School Student Council – so I think I have some experience of, and commitment to, politics and the student voice.

If I were elected MYP, I would represent young people in their worries, struggles and issues – whether that be in school, or outside. I think adults need to listen and see our perspectives – that includes mental wellbeing, where I think we should be more open to discussions and have more support and resources, county-wide. I have a ‘can do’ attitude. If elected, I would make sure I use my position to involve local councils and community

services to improve the facilities and support that we all need! Please see more about me and vote <https://youthsupportteam.co.uk/election/article/daniel-hutchins>

To vote visit:
<https://forms.office.com/r/xDtkMSdusX>
OR scan the QR code →

Voting opens: Wednesday 9th March @ 8am
Voting closes: Friday 11th March @ 9pm

Open to all 11-18 year olds living/at school in Gloucestershire.

Gloucestershire
YST.
Youth Support Team

Voting closes at 9pm today.

Chosen Hill School

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Red Nose Day 2022

To celebrate Red Nose Day this year, we are selling red noses from Student Finance at £1.50 each. Will you be the lucky winner of Cam, the limited edition one?



Wear Something Red Day



Friday 18th March will also be 'Wear Something Red Day'. Students can wear something red to school for a minimum £1 donation on the School Gateway. Please pay before Friday 18th March, all money raised will be sent to Red Nose Day in aid of the charities that they support.



Comic Relief at Chosen Hill School

House Badminton and Basketball



Any students who would like to participate in House Badminton and Basketball please come to the Girls' Gym to sign up.

All students who want to watch activities all week in the Sports Hall please bring some loose change and pay into the yellow bucket.

Comic Relief Lunchtime Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
House Badminton	House Basketball	Staff House Netball	Staff v Students 5-a-side Football
Where? Sports Hall All Year Groups	Where? Sports Hall All Year Groups	Where? Sports Hall	Where? Sports Hall

Friday

Cycle the Distance to Ukraine Challenge

All staff v 6th Form Cycling Challenge, 5 bikes per team throughout the day and we will be tracking their progress throughout the day to see which team will reach 1000k first.

Any funds raised will be split between Comic Relief and Ukraine Refugee Charities.

Red Nose Day Quiz

Sixth Form House Leads will be encouraging students to take part in a Red Nose Day Quiz Hunt. The questions will appear on Friday 18th March and students will have a week to find and complete the quiz.

Completed quizzes will win house points and there are chocolate prizes for the winners in each House.

If you would like to donate to our Comic Relief events, please do so via the School Gateway. Thank you

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are pleased to announce that our extra-curricular clubs are now up and running. Below are the clubs on offer, we hope that you will encourage your child to participate.

Monday

Lunchtime:

Years 7 & 8, Table Tennis

Year 9, Girls' Hockey

After School:

All year groups, Homework Club, Library

Sixth Form, Medicine / Biochemistry

Enrichment, 16:15 - 17:15 - Multimedia Room

Tuesday

Lunchtime:

All year groups, Dungeons & Dragons, Library Quiet Room

Year 7, Drama Club, 13:30 - DS2

Year 9, Basket Ball, Sports Hall

After School:

All year groups, Homework Club, Library

Year 7, Girls' Netball, Sports Hall / Top Courts

Years 8 & 9, Boys' & Girls' Football

Year 10, Boys' Football

Wednesday

Lunchtime:

All year groups, Repair Shop, P4

All year groups, Dungeons & Dragons, Library Quiet Room

All year groups, ECO Club, venue to be confirmed

All year groups, Philosophy club, 13:30, L10

Year 8, Drama Club, 13:30 - DS2

Year 10, Volley Ball

Year 11, Basketball, Sports Hall

After School:

All year groups, Homework Club, Library

All year groups, STEM Club, S23

All year groups, Girls' Cheerleading

Year 7, Boys' & Girls' Football

Year 8, Girls' Netball, Sports Hall / Top Courts

Year 9, Girls' Netball, Sports Hall / Top Courts

Year 9, 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, Bronze - DofE Group, 15:05 - 16:30, Top Floor, G Block

Year 10, Boys' Football

Year 10, 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, Silver - DofE Group, 15:05 - 16:30, Top Floor, G Block

Thursday

Lunchtime:

All year groups, Dungeons & Dragons, Library Quiet Room

Year 7, Girls' Hockey, Sports Hall

After School:

All year groups, Homework Club, Library

All year groups, Dungeons & Dragons, U7

Years 10 & 11, Careers Club, P1

Friday

Lunchtime:

All year groups, Italian Club, L20

All year groups, PRISM, Library Quiet Room

Year 7, Film Club, Multimedia Room

Years 7 & 8, International Dimension Club, G20

Years 7, 8 & 9, Girls' Basketball

After School:

Year 10, Strength & Conditioning

Sporting News

A super week of fixtures, well done to all involved.



Well done to the U15 indoor cricketers who played Cotswold and Pates this week. A win and a loss and great contributions all round.



Our U14 football team played Chipping Campden this week. Ollie and Theo the scorers in a 2-1 victory.

Fixtures Next Week

Monday 14th March

U15 Football v St Edwards (A)

Tuesday 15th March

U14 Football v Tewkesbury (H)

Yr 7 & 8 Netball v Balcarras

Wednesday 16th March

1st XI Football v Churchdown (H)

Yr 8 Football A & B v Balcarras (A)

Thursday 17th March

U15 Football v Balcarras (H)

Friday 18th March

U12 Rugby A & B V Pates (A)

Latest News

Follow us on Social Media to get the latest sporting news as it happens.

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