



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin

Friday 13th May 2022

Learning Tip

Learners will rapidly lose their memory of learned knowledge in a matter of days or weeks unless the information is consciously reviewed. We encourage A Level students to review their notes after a lesson and transform it into something new e.g. mind maps or flash cards.

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 16th May:

GCSE and A Level exams commence

Friday 20th May:

Year 13 Leavers



This week has been another significant week, GCSE and language students have been involved in orals and final preparations for exams over the coming weeks. We have put together lots of support for students in the next six weeks and our thanks go to the staff who are ensuring the smooth running of exams.

Today was the Year 11 Celebration Assembly. As I write this we signed copious amounts of shirts and enjoyed a celebration with Year 11 of their journey through Chosen Hill School in the last 5 years.

Similarly we are looking forward to celebrating with Year 13 next Friday.

It was great to return to on-site fundraising events and support the P.A.T.C.H. Quiz and Curry Night last Friday (more about this in the bulletin).

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 all the best in their forthcoming exams and their future endeavours.

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

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Year 11 and 13 Money Balances

Please could you remind your child if they are in years 11 and 13 to use up their dinner money balances and try to bring them down to a zero balance before they leave. Many thanks.

2022 Exam and Revision Timetable

Just a reminder that you can also find a link to the Exam and Revision timetable here:

[2022 Exam and Revision timetable](#)

Student Conduct during the Exam Period

Please could you remind students that they need to be mindful of the level of noise when moving around the school site, in particular around the Main School Hall and the gym areas. Students should not congregate in Reception unless specifically asked to. Thank you for your cooperation.

Behaviour on Buses and Outside of School

We have had some complaints from members of the public recently about some behaviour of our students outside of school and on the buses in particular. We will be meeting with the bus operators to develop a code of conduct and a strategy for those that are unable to behave appropriately in the coming weeks. A reminder that whilst students are travelling to and from school, and are wearing school uniform, our school behaviour policy applies.

Helmet wearing for students riding bikes to school

Just a reminder for students that ride bikes to school about the importance of wearing a helmet; many students have been seen hanging their helmet on their handlebars or putting them loosely on their heads without securing it.

According to CYCLESUK, a major study of cycle helmet use around the world, taken from more than 64,000 cyclists, has found cycle helmets reduce the risk of serious injury as follows:

Head injury, reduced by 51%

Serious head injury, reduced by 69%

Face injury, reduced by 33%

Fatal head injury by 65%

The cycle helmet shown in the image was damaged in a road traffic accident, just imagine if the cyclist wasn't wearing a helmet! Wearing the helmet undoubtedly saved the cyclist from a serious, possibly fatal head injury.



The school will be following up shortly by sending out the Cycle to School policy.

Year 13 Leavers' Assembly Information, Friday 20th May 2022

Students will not be in lessons that day and will arrive at school at 11.15am (in full uniform) for the assembly to start at 11.30am. It will be held in the Lower Study Room and all Year 13 will leave site before lunch.

As per my communication to student and parents before Easter, although they are then on study leave, they will be expected to attend lessons as per the timetable up until the last exam in that subject. They must attend all timetabled lessons as requested by their teachers.

Lost Property

Please remember to name all of your child's uniform and equipment so that it can be easily returned if it is misplaced.

We currently have a large amount of lost property which is not named, including water bottles. If your child has misplaced anything please, remind them to check with lost property.

Donations of Second Hand Uniform

We would be grateful for any second hand uniform donations from year 11 students (when they finish exams at the end of June or if any is available now), or from any students who have outgrown some of their uniform. Please pass any clean donations to Reprographics. Many thanks.

Garden Tools Required

We will be putting some raised beds at the back of the Hub. These beds will be used for vegetables, salads, herbs and a wildflower area. If anyone has any old gardening tools that they don't need any more, and you are able to donate them to us, could you please bring them to Mrs Staite in the Hub.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Looking towards next year, we need help with the delivery of the DofE Awards. If there is anybody interested in becoming a Qualified Countryside Coastal Leader or a Moorland Leader and go on to become a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Leader please email ib@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you.

First Aid Procedure if your Child Feels Poorly

If your child is unwell at school and contacts you to collect them, please can you check with the school first before coming to take them home.

All students should go to first aid rather than contacting home directly and you should only collect your child if you have been asked to do so by school. If you do get a call from your child and are concerned, then please ring the school first. We have had a number of instances this week where parents have arrived to collect children who are not well and we did not know they were unwell.

Please can you also remind your children that if they don't feel well they should go to first aid rather than contacting you.

Thank you for your help

P.A.T.C.H Update

Welcome to PATCH, the parent and teacher group that supports Chosen Hill School by funding the 'extras' that help make a difference to all the students at Chosen Hill School. If you have great fundraising ideas, a little spare time and would like to get involved with our fundraising, please get in touch by emailing either dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

This year we are raising funds to replace the laser printer in DART, which every student will use during their time at Chosen Hill School. The cost is around £7,000 and we will be holding various events through the year with the aim of funding this piece of equipment.

Quiz and curry night

Thank you to everybody who attended the PATCH Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 6th May, or supported with raffle prizes. It was a great night, with 10+ teams taking part and an excellent curry provided by Indian Enroute. Thank you to the hosts Phil and Nina Kessell for putting the quiz together, some interesting dingbats and a test for some historians! We raised £450 towards the laser printer for DART, which is a great achievement for our first post COVID event.

Please look out for future quiz night as we are hoping to make it a regular event.





Raffle Prizes

We are, once again, collecting donations which can be used as raffle prizes for the various events that we are planning for this year. If you have any new items that you can spare, any unwanted gifts etc. we would be grateful for any donations

Future events

We are supporting Hucclecote Football Club with parking for their tournament on the 25th and 26th June and would welcome anybody who could give up a couple of hours to help us man the car parking at school. We will need volunteers from 7.30-1pm and 1pm-5.45pm on both days. Any time you could spare would be appreciated. Hucclecote are making a donation to PATCH for this event.

We are currently putting together a calendar of fundraising events for the remainder of this academic year, and looking ahead to the next academic year. If you have any suggestions of events that you would like to see on the programme please email dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

If you would like to get involved with P.A.T.C.H. please email dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



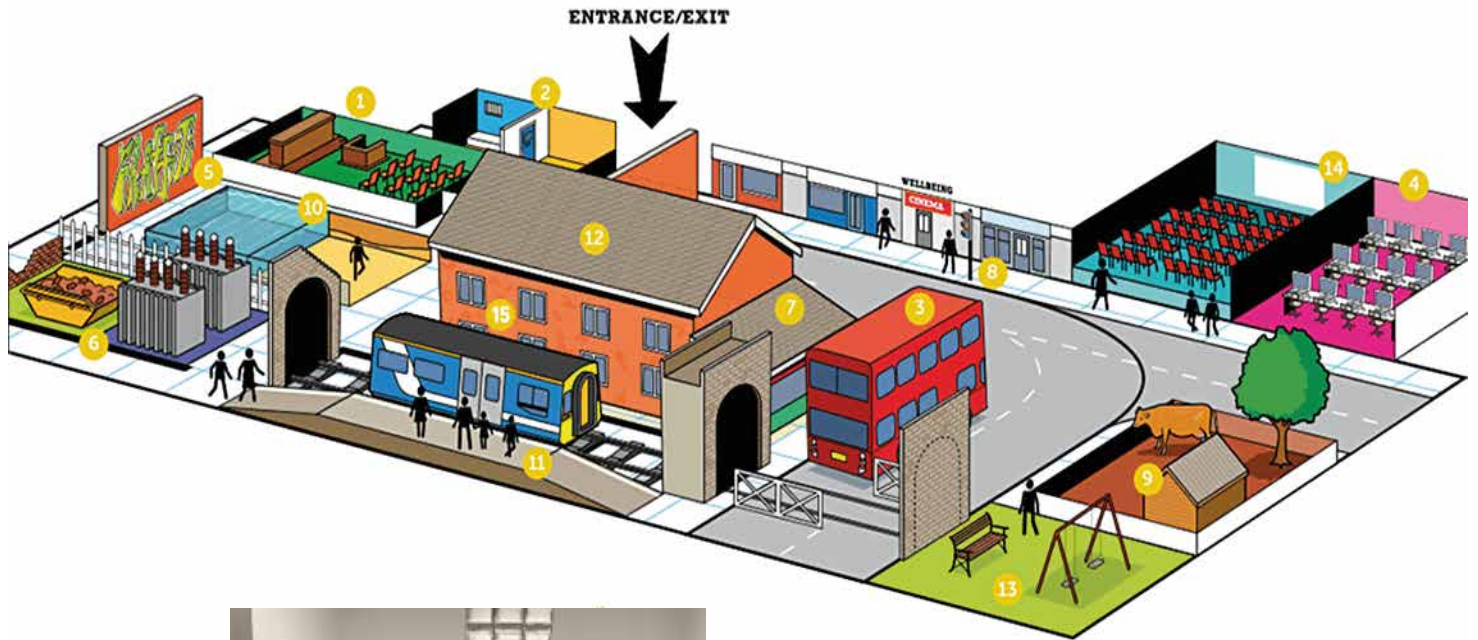
Just a reminder to use the Giving Machine when you are making online purchases. Every time you use the Giving Machine to go to a shopping website and make a purchase, the school will get a contribution. So far we have raised £83.86, with no additional cost to supporters. Shops include Amazon, Argos, ebay, John Lewis,

Clarks, M&S, Boots and loads more. It doesn't cost you a penny extra and you get all the same discounts and offers, you just need to go to your chosen site via the Giving Machine page. The link to the page is here for you to sign up if you haven't already.

<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/chosen-hill-school/>

Skillzone

Last week the final learning mentor group in Year 7 completed their visit to SkillZONE in Tuffley. SkillZONE is Gloucestershire's life-size safety village where learning to stay safe is never dull. There are 15 different zones inside the life skills village which our students visited. At each zone they learned about and discussed making safer choices in different scenarios, whether that is at home, while travelling or taking part in activities. Zones that students visited included the magistrates court, custody suite, dark alley, making 999 calls, the house, the park, and the bus and road safety scenarios. All the students really enjoyed the trip, and it has given students the skills to recognise dangers and dilemmas in everyday situations and empowers them to make good choices about their own safety.



IET Engineering Challenge Day

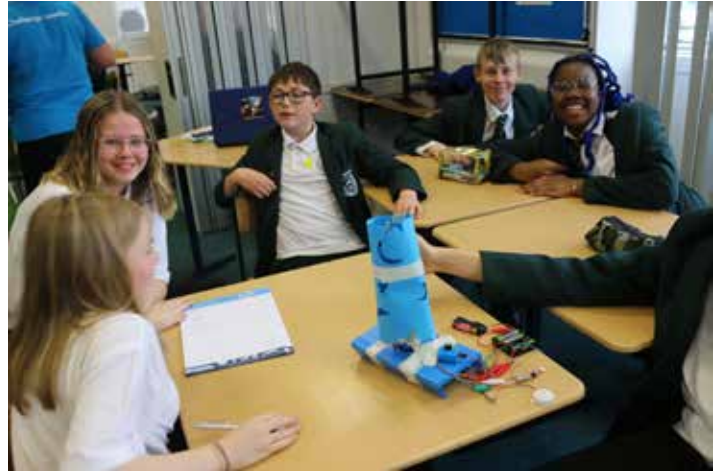
On Friday 6th May, six teams of year 8 students competed in the Institute of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge. This is a national competition aiming to promote engineering careers to young people.

The students were asked to design an item that could help with the comfort of patients and visitors in a children's hospital. They were given no other instructions and had to use their own design skills and creativity to solve the problem. Students had to design and make a prototype that had to include electrical components and then present their ideas to a panel of industry experts from IET and IHEEM (Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate management). Keira Sewell from the IET commented that she was "impressed with how the students were so encouraging to their peers" and how "this says a lot about the positive attitudes these students have and speaks volumes about the school".

The eventual winners of the competition for Chosen Hill were the team from 8CS, Jordan Bewick, Evie Rees, Connie Rees, Alex Dupree, Megan Hunt and Evie East, who showed excellent teamwork skills and great design of electrical circuits. Their final score will go onto the Faraday challenge leader board in the next week. This can be seen at the following link: <https://education.theiet.org/faraday-challenge-days/league-tables/>

Huge congratulations go to all the competitors who worked extremely hard, were creative and impressed the judges from IHEEM who commented on how positive the day was. We are looking forward to hosting the event again next year.





The Platinum Jubilee

DESIGN A BOOKMARK COMPETITION



- **House Points** for every entry
- **Prize** for best book mark design
- Hand into Mrs. Gardner or Mrs. Knight in the Library
- Make sure **name and tutor group** are on the back of the entry
- Suggested size = **17cm x 5cm**
- Competition closes on:
16th May 2022

Bookmark competition



Cricket and Athletic Summer Fixtures 2002

Date

Thursday 5th May	U15 Cricket v Tewkesbury (H)
Tuesday 10th May	U13 Cricket v Pates (H)
Tuesday 24th May	U15 Cricket v Balcarras (H)
Thursday 26th May	U13 Cricket v St Edwards (A)

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Wednesday 8th June	U14 Athletics District Championships
Thursday 9th June	U15 Cricket v Winchcombe (H) U14 Cricket v Tewkesbury (A)
Tuesday 14th June	U12 Cricket v Tewkesbury (H)
Thursday 16th June	U15 Cricket v St Edwards (A) U13 Cricket v Bournside (H)
Wednesday 22nd June	U12 & U13 Boys Athletics Championships
Thursday 23rd June	U13 Cricket v Pittville (A)
Thursday 30th June	U13 Cricket v Cotswold (A)



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