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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin Friday 16th September 2022



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Please DO NOT park on neighbour's driveways, particularly on Brookfield Road, opposite the school. Please be kind and considerate.

### **Diary Dates for Next Week**

**Monday 19th September 2022:** SCHOOL CLOSED - NO STAFF OR STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.

**Tuesday 20th September 2022:** Open Morning

Wednesday 21st September 2022 Open Morning

**Thursday 22nd September 2022** IOpen Evening - School finishes at 1:20pm

**Friday 23rd September 2022** INSET DAY - Students DO NOT attend on this day.

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Thank you for your support. We are now back up to full speed with the first full week of the new year. It has been a week in which we have reflected on the reign and impact of the Queen on our community and on the ceremonies that will follow over this extended weekend.

It was fantastic to be able to acknowledge the amazing outcomes of over 100 students form Y11 and Year 13 last night at the Celebration of Success evening.

This week sports fixtures and clubs were back up and running and it has been great to see how many students have got involved and been proud to represent the school from outset.

One of the key areas of focus this year is consistency – we have made a really positive start to the year but it is as important as ever for all of us to ensure high standards in behaviours, attitude and uniform. Thank you for ensuring that your son/daughter attends school appropriately dressed and ready to learn.

Next week is a short week for the students, with the school closed for everyone on Monday for the bank holiday, the lunchtime finish on Thursday (1:20pm) and the INSET on Friday (students not in school).

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Next week we will be hosting open mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday and our Open Evening on Thursday. We are really grateful for the large numbers of students that have volunteered to help out in subject areas and as guides for these events and the pride with which they represent the school.

Thank you for your support - have a restful and reflective weekend.

Mr Pauling Headteacher

> The Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Monday 19th September 2022 Staff and Students DO NOT attend school on this day..

# INSET, Friday 23rd September 2022 Students DO NOT attend school on this day..

# Learning Tip:

### Making Mistakes is Part of Learning

Did you know that everyone that learns to become good at something has made lots and lots of mistakes? Michael Jordan, former basketball player famously said:

'I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.'

Let your child know that making mistakes is normal and part of learning. They might fear looking foolish or are nervous about getting things wrong in front of others. Reassure your child and encourage them not to give up when things get hard.

# Student Absence, Reminder

To report your child's absence from school, please use one of the following methods:

- Log in to School Gateway https://login.schoolgateway.com, or use the App
- Telephone: 01452 713488 and choose option 1
- Email: <u>attendance@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk</u>
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You can use any of these methods to report any absence, students arriving late or medical appointments. Please ensure a copy of the medical appointment is emailed to <u>attendance@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk</u> wherever possible. We appreciate that emergency appointments are generally a last minute phone call and, as such you will not have an appointment card/letter. Planned medical appointments should be reported in advance of the date.

# Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

The Year 7 Parents' Information Evening has been postponed next week. This is now rescheduled for Wednesday 12th October 2022.

# **Open Mornings and Open Evening**

This year's Open Mornings and Open Evening are just a couple of weeks away:

Tuesday 20th September 2022 - Open Morning Wednesday 21st September 2022 - Open Morning Thursday 22nd September 2022 - Open Evening

#### Please be aware that students will finish at 13:20 on Thursday 22nd September 2022.

Students who are eligible for for free school meals will be able to collect a pre-packed lunch at breaktime on Thursday 22nd September 2022.

Eagle Line, Stagecoach and John Dix bus services will be at the school fo collect students at 13:20.

### **Cologne Christmas Markets Trip 2022**

We are excited to be able to launch a new Chosen Hill School Trip to Cologne. The trip will take place 25th to 28th November 2022. Letters should have been received and places are still available for German students years 7 & 8.

Please return slips and deposits as soon as possible. Email <u>lpk@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk</u> for any queries.

## School Photography and Use of Student Photographs

With the new website now live, we will be creating an ongoing programme to create a visual representation of day to day life at Chosen Hill School. The photographs will be used by our publicity department to showcase the amazing things that we do as a school.

In line with GDPR rules, it is necessary to update the parental consent form which allows us to take and use photos of your child.

An updated form was sent out via Schoolcomms toward the end of last term, which included the section directly related to social media and the various platforms that we may use. Please ensure that you have completed the form by the end of July to enable us to update your child's school record.

If you have not received a communication regarding the consent form please let us know by emailing: publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk. In the meantime please use the link below to complete the form:

#### **Consent Form**

If you have already completed the form, thank you, you do not need to do anything else. If you have not been able to complete the form and need a printed copy please email <a href="mailto:publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk">publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk</a>.

Please remember we cannot use any photos of your child without your consent. This applies to all events, including sports fixtures, house events, school productions, etc. It would also mean that, if your child were in the school production we would not be able to allow anyone to take photographs during the production, including parents/carers of other students, which would be unfair to those who have completed their forms.

Currently we have had only 726 responses - we have almost 1400 students in the school - still a long way to go.

## **New Caterers - Innovate**

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Innovate to provide our school canteen services with effect from 1st September 2022.

Innovate are very keen to work with us to offer a wide range of nutritious food with a restaurant style service. There is a breakfast service that includes free porridge every morning for all students and at a nominal fee for staff. Break options that include freshly cooked hot and cold deli items and lunch options that will include soups, salads and main meals. There will be options for vegans and vegetarians and a special offer for the sixth form. Please see the menus for options. Menus are on a 3 week rotating basis.

If you have any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, please let them know so that we can cater for any special requests.

Please see the following menus and offer on porridge at the start of the day! (enlarged on the next few pages).

Deli Menu



# **Restaurant Menu**

The following areas are available for students to purchase food:-

### **Break Time**

Year 7 - Canteen Year 8/9, Jubilee pod Year 10/11 Back of LM5

### Lunch Time

As above but all year groups will be able to go to the canteen for hot meals. There will be hot deli and sandwiches, etc available in the pods as well, so they should only be going to the canteen for a main meal.

Those year 7's (only as the others should be at their pods) who just want a drink and something cold from the chillers can go straight to the chiller cabinets rather than having to queue along the main hot counter – they will access the chiller via the normal queue , but staff will call these students to the front to reduce queuing.

Pre-orders will be available in each year groups area.

# START YOUR DAY WITH A FREE BOWL OF PORRIDGE

Also available to staff with the purchase of any hot drink, or **£1.00** without a drink

# ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS 35p

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

Proven to help lower high blood pressure and reduce bad cholesterol – not to mention a packed portfolio of vitamins, minerals, and fibre. Oats are the go-to fitness food for beginners and athletes alike, due to their slow-releasing, wholegrain goodness!



WEEK 3



# COLD

NATURally	MARINATED	GREENS & GRAINS	VEGETABLE	GREEK SALAD	MEZZE BAG WITH	
	EDAMAME BEANS	2	SUSHI		HUMOUS POT	
WRAPS	BBQ CHICKEN	CHICKEN CAESAR	VEGAN FALAFEL & HUMOUS	HAM ሬ CHEESE	VEGAN ONION BHAJI	
	CHOICE OF BAGUETTES. ROLLS & PASTA POTS					





# **Help Your Child** at School for **ESOL** Parents

A free\* online course



Rearn English Find out how to help your children Ruild your skills

# Wednesdays

# 9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30

The course is being delivered via Zoom

To book a place, please contact fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

\* The course is free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK for 3 or more years, have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £18,525 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.





# Upgrade Your Maths



Gloucestershire

A free\* course for parents/carers or grandparents to build their own skills and help them support their children in school

The tutor, Richard, will explain the building blocks of maths. You can:

- Take the stress out of maths homework
- Boost your children's maths skills
- Refresh your own skills

# Thursdays 10:00-12:00

# 22 September- 20 October

# If you worry about maths this course is for you!

The course will be delivered via Zoom

To book a place please email <a href="mailto:fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk">fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>

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# **Cycling to School Protocol**

Cycle safety continues to feature prominently nationally, with the increase of the number bicycles on the roads and changes to the <u>Highway Code</u> that include new rules for all cyclists.

There is a significant group of students who cycle to and from Chosen Hill school. We routinely speak to those students about cycle safety, for example, individual students who choose to cycle without a helmet. We are also conscious that members of the public have been in contact in the past about the conduct and safety of individual students cycling on the roads outside of school.





A letter will be sent shortly outlining the Chosen Hill School Cycling to School Protocol. If your child wishes to cycle to school parents/carers will need to sign the consent form at the end of the protocol.

The protocol outlines the procedures that we have in place to ensure the safety of our students, including a Level 3 Bikeability course for students in Year 7.

We take the safety of our students seriously and hope that you will support us to keep your child.

If you have any question please email Mr Bardgett, Deputy Headteacher: jb@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

# **Celebrating Success**

# Lewis Stalley - England Schools Golf Player

Earlier in the year, former Chosen Hill pupil Lewis Stalley qualified to represent England Schools in a match against Wales at Chesterfield Golf Club.

After scouting the course out on the Monday, Lewis was involved in both matches against the Welsh team. He combined beautifully with his fellow England player to handsomely win their foursomes match 6&5, before completing a perfect performance with a gritty 3&1 victory in the afternoon singles matches, helping England to a 16 ½ to 4 ½ victory.

Lewis has since gone on to retain his Junior Club Champion title, to go with the Men's Club Championship he retained earlier in the season. He will also go on to represent England again in a fixture against Scotland that will be arranged later in the year.





The England and Wales Schools Teams - Lewis is on the back row, second from left.





# Jaz Brain, County Championships/Intercounties Archery

Congratulations to Jaz Brain for participating in the County Campionships/Intercounties Archery competition in Burnham-on-Sea. Out of six opponents, Jaz came second in her age group and bow type with a score of 1058, 50 metres, 40 metres, 30 metres and 20 metres. She did really well despite the gruelling 12 hour day before she finally got home.





#### Jack Kirsch, Junior Supersport at BsB

Jack is doing really well in his first season racing in Junior Supersport BsB. A huges step up for him but with the team and his effort he's currently 6th in the championship out of 40 riders after just 4 rounds and best rookie.

During the holidays he attended Thruxton circuit where he came 3rd in both weekend races appearing on the podium and also broke the lap record in class.

We are really proud and impressed with Jacks season so far.





# **Teaching and Learning Council**

Following interviews in the summer term, the following students have been chosen for the student Teaching and Learning Council (TLC).

Teaching & Learning

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Dona Mohamed, C6LL Zuzanna Rybska, 10HS Connor McLean, 10CW Alex Gardner-Wilce, 10CM Larissa Gurung, 9HW Jessica Walton, 9HW

### Lily Brown, Council Leader

Rafal Zielonka, 9HS Jayden Campbell, 9HC Sophie Sysum, 9CM Kitty Kerr, 9CC George Burton, 9CC Amie Davis, 8HS Geoffroy Chagneau, 8HS Matthew Standing, 8CW Lucy Mason, 8CW Evan Counsell, 8CM Arabella Hemming-Henry, 8CM Hailey-Marion Kwakye-Maafo, 11CW Seb Loveride, 11HW



We are pleased to announce that in August Chosen Hill School was awarded the second strand towards gaining the Rainbow Flag Award.

We were accredited with the 'Student Voice' section of the award. This now means that we have shown evidence of student-led initiatives being valued and supported to create an LGBT+ inclusive and positive environment. This includes the set up and running of our LGBTQ+ support group PRISM.

The Rainbow Flag Award is an initiative the school is working towards, focusing on positive LGBT+ inclusion (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), which demonstrates a commitment to improve the lives of all young people that we work with, including those that are LGBT+, those from LGBT+ families, as well as the LGBT+ sta members that we have. We are now working towards the 'Supportive Governors and Parents' section of the award.

If you would like anymore information about the Rainbow Flag Award please contact either:



Miss Hall - <u>eh@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk</u> or Mrs Critchley - <u>fc@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk</u>

There is more information available about LGBTQ+ on the school website under the Wellbeing tab.

# **Important PE Kit Information**

Thank you for your patience regarding which PE kit to bring for the start of term.

Year 7 Boys - all lessons for the first couple of weeks will be in their outdoor games kit (rugby shirt, black shorts, rugby socks & boots)

Year 8 - 11 Boys - all lessons please bring their outdoor games kit for the first lesson - we will then tell them what kit they will need for the following lesson.

Year 7-11 Girls - all lessons for the first couple of weeks will be white polo shirt, skort/leggings, white trainer socks, white chosen hill hoody, trainers - for all lessons.

Year 10 & 11 GCSE/CNAT practical - Boys - white kit / Girls - as above.



# **Sports Clubs, September to December**

Please see below our sporting clubs which are now available to students. Please contact your child's PE teacher for further details.

	<b>Before School</b> 08:00 - 08:25	Lunchtime 13:25 - 14:00	After School 15:10 - 16:15
Monday		Year 7 Hockey	
Tuesday		Years 10 & 11 Boy's Basketball	Year 8, 9, 10, 11 Netball All Years, Boy's Rugby
Wednesday	Functional Fitness - Girl's Gym	Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 Hockey	Girls Football Year 7 Rugby
Thursday		Years 7, 8 and 9 Boy's Basketball GCSE Trampolining	Year 7 Netball Boy's Rugby
Friday		Girl's Basketball	All Years Badminton



Year 10 vs Five Acres School Netball. Preparation is key!

U15s Rugby won 19-17 in very competitive game against Five Acres School this week.

