



# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 17th June 2022



### 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.

### Diary Dates for Next Week

**GCSE/A Level Exams all week**

**Year 10 mocks all week**

#### **Thursday 23rd June:**

Year 12 Geography trip

Year 5 MFL primary visit

#### **Friday 24th June:**

Year 12 Induction Day

DofE Parents Evening (6pm)

Official leaving date for year 11

In the week that summer has finally, and fully, arrived we gave students dispensation to not have to wear blazers whilst the weather is hot... the weather forecast for next week looks like things will be more normal, so please can students wear their blazers to school on Monday.

We are entering the last week of GCSE and A Level exams and would like to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour whilst exams have been going on around them. I am sure the year 11 and year 13 students will be relieved to be entering the final phase of their exams. I would also like to thank the staff for their support of students whilst they have been going through the exam period.

One of the most important changes we have made this week was to agree the updated Uniform Dress Code which will be effective from September 2022. Thank you to the parents and carers that participated in the valuable feedback session earlier this year.

I was pleased to have positive feedback from the Science Festival last week as year 8 students were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Let's hope the sunny weather continues throughout the weekend.

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

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# Year 11 - 2022 Exam and Study Programme for Next Week

	Monday 20 June	Tuesday 21 June	Wednesday 22 June	Thursday 23 June	Friday 24 June
1					Year 12 Induction Day
Break fast					Year 12 Induction Day
09:00	Chemistry Triple (10:45 finish) Chemistry Combined (10:15 finish)			Physics Triple (10:45 finish) Physics Combined (10:15 finish)	Year 12 Induction Day
1	Hill: Physics (Online Revision)				Year 12 Induction Day
2	ALL GO HOME EXCEPT FOOD STUDENTS			ALL STUDENTS GO HOME	Year 12 Induction Day
3	Food Revision in D11	Hospitality & Catering Revision in D11			Year 12 Induction Day
4	EARLY LUNCH FOR Food Students	EARLY LUNCH FOR Hosp & Catering Students	Science (Physics) (Online Revision for all)		Year 12 Induction Day
13:30	Food Prep & Nutrition (15:15 finish)	Hospitality & Catering (resit) (15:00 finish)			Year 12 Induction Day
5		Chosen: Physics (Online Revision)			Year 12 Induction Day



Exam



Revision in lesson



Out of normal lesson Revision



Early Lunch



No Lessons



Online Revision

## Sixth Form Exams for Next Week

Date	Start	Length	Board	Subject	Component Title	Level
Mon 20 Jun	09:00	02:15	OCR	Chem	Chem A: Synths & Anlytcl Tchnqs Wtn	GCE/A
Mon 20 Jun	13:30	02:15	EDEXL/GCE	English Lit	Poetry	GCE/A
Tue 21 Jun	13:30	02:00	EDEXL/GCE	Maths	Statistics & Mechanics	GCE/A
Tue 21 Jun	13:30	00:00	EDEXL/GCE	Maths	Statistics	GCE/A
Tue 21 Jun	13:30	00:00	EDEXL/GCE	Maths	Mechanics	GCE/A
Tue 21 Jun	13:30	01:00	OCR	PE	PE: Socio-Ctrl Physl Actv Sprt Wtn	GCE/A
Wed 22 Jun	09:00	02:15	EDEXL/GCE	History	Change & State in Britain	GCE/A
Wed 22 Jun	13:30	01:30	EDEXL/GCE	Maths	Further Mechanics 1	GCE/A
Thu 23 Jun	09:00	01:30	AQA	Applied Science	Applied Science Unit 4	APG/B
Thu 23 Jun	09:00	01:30	OCR	Chem	Chem A: Unified Chemistry Wtn	GCE/A
Fri 24 Jun	09:00	02:00	AQA	French	French ADV Paper 2 Writing	GCE/A
Fri 24 Jun	09:00	02:00	AQA	Biology	Biology ADV Paper 3	GCE/A
Fri 24 Jun	09:00	02:30	OCR	Computer Sci	Comp Sci: Algrthms & Prgming Wrtn	GCE/A

### MFL Year 10 Speaking examinations - 4th and 6th July

Please be aware that our Year 10 MFL students will be completing their Year 10 speaking exam on the above dates. Please check your child's SMHW to see the exact time and date that they will be examined. You can support your child by ensuring that they are practising their Theme 1 & 2 speaking questions and are revising the vocabulary for these units. Many thanks in advance for your support.



### Help for Hardship

"Citizens Advice and the Trussell Trust have come together to develop a free helpline for people struggling to afford the basics. Operating in England and Wales, the helpline offers personalised advice and support to help address the underlying causes of the hardship, as well as a quick and seamless referral to a food bank for people, if required."

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/our-work/advice-partnerships/help-through-hardship/>

We are aware that not all referral agency colleagues can offer support for people over the summer months. You are very welcome to contact the Help for Hardship contact number if you think may struggle during this time.

People who call 0808 2082 138 will be able to speak confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice advisor (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday), who can issue a foodbank voucher and provide other information as needed.

### Parking Reminder

Please be considerate when dropping off and collecting your children by car. We have had numerous issues with parents/carers parking on pavements causing pedestrians to walk into the road, risking an accident, as well as parking across driveways preventing our neighbours from leaving their properties.

The issue has been exacerbated since the Brookfield Road closure, with the volume of traffic increasing dramatically due to cars turning around to go back the way they came.

Mindful parking not only decreases the volume of traffic, ensuring the safety of the students, but also decreases the inconvenience that is often caused to our neighbours.

**Please do not park or turn in the areas in front of the school gates. There are signs in place as reminders, using the deltas as parking/turning areas causes congestion and risk of accidents during busy periods.**

## Confiscated items

We have accumulated many confiscated items which we are holding at reception. Parents have been contacted to collect the items as students will not be permitted to do so. If you have been contacted, and have not collected these items yet, please could you make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. We will be disposing of the items during the summer holidays if they are not collected by the end of term.

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## Hayfever

If your child suffers with hayfever please could you remind them to take their medication/sprays/eye drops in the morning before they leave for school. If there are any issues during the school day, then there are a couple of things they can do to help lessen the effects.

Use Vaseline just under the nose as this helps stop pollen/spores entering the nasal passage.

Bathe eyes with a cloth or toilet role that has been soaked in cold water as this helps to remove any pollen/spores around the eye area.

Please remind your child, unless the symptoms are so bad that the student is too ill to continue with the school day, not to go to First Aid for hayfever treatment as we are not permitted to dispense Antihistamines and therefore do not store them.



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## Chosen Hill School Dress Code Policy 2022-2023

As many parents/carers will be aware, a new law was passed in Parliament which required schools to follow new statutory guidance set out by the Department of Education concerning school uniform.

The school has now implemented a new dress code for the academic year 2022-23. The new dress code is gender neutral with compulsory and optional uniform items.

The purpose of the new dress code is for our students to feel comfortable and able to fully participate in school life. The school understands that there is no constructive or sensible reason why the student population should wear different clothes. Research shows that gender stereotypes can restrict the access to learning and physical activity of some students.

Chosen Hill is an inclusive school that treats students as equals. This means the school actively challenges all gender stereotypes and fixed ideas about what students can do/achieve/enjoy/express. The school reflects society and has a LGBTQ+ community. It is important that students can wear clothes that make them comfortable. The main goal is for every child to feel a sense of security and belonging at school.

The school is helping to keep the cost of uniform down, by reducing some of the branded items as compulsory uniform. This means that although many of our parents will use the school's uniform supplier, other high street options such as supermarkets are available.

Details of the new policy can be found on the [website](#).

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information you need for Back to School:**

[www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)

**Don't leave it late - shop early!**

# What information is available on **monkhouse.com**?



Prices of your compulsory & optional uniform



Offers and deals to help you with the cost of school uniform



How to book a personalised 1:1 store appointment with our expert staff



One-stop-shopping, everything you need for Back to School



Weekend shopping times



Brand new size guide videos



Quick and easy web ordering instructions



Parent newsletter sign-up



Extended free returns



Click and Collect options



## It saves to shop early...

Shop in June and July to avoid the queues and get everything you need for Back to School. Sign up to our newsletter to unlock your school information and access your exclusive offers.  
[www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)

Our advice this year is to **shop in June and July**.  
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## Virtual London Marathon, Sunday 2nd October 2022

Would you like to take part in the Virtual London Marathon and raise vital funds to TIC+?

When? Sunday 2nd October 2022

Where? You choose - your route, your way

TIC+ offer free counselling and mental health support to children and young people aged 9-21 and their families in Gloucestershire.

There are 10 virtual marathon places available this year on a first come, first served basis (more places available in April 2023 should this suit you better).

Would you like a place for yourself, or perhaps you would like to do it in stages throughout the day.....maybe even in a relay as part of a group? From 1 person....up to 26 if you fancy all taking part and doing a mile each!!

As long as you hand the App to each other and/or you complete it within the official 24 hour time period on 2 October then you will have accomplished a fantastic fundraiser for our amazing charity.

Please do get in touch with Debbie Evans at TIC+ if this is something of interest to you or your club.

[debbie.evans@ticplus.org.uk](mailto:debbie.evans@ticplus.org.uk)

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## P.A.T.C.H. Event - HELP REQUIRED



We are supporting Hucclecote Football Club with parking for their tournament on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June and would welcome anybody who could give up a couple of hours to help us man the car parking at Chosen Hill School. We will need volunteers from 07:30am to 1pm and 1pm to 5:45pm on both days. Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated. Hucclecote are making a donation to P.A.T.C.H. for this event.

Please email [P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:P.A.T.C.H@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk) if you are able to help,.

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## Year 10 Work Experience Week - Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022

Year 10 Work Experience Week is fast approaching. We hope that your child is excited about this opportunity. We are so pleased that the majority of year 10 have found a placement especially as employers are still nervous after the pandemic. You will be receiving information from the Careers Team in due course regarding what your child needs to do next.

If your child has found a work placement, but has not handed in their completed form, this needs to be handed in by Friday 24th June 2022. This is the final date. Any forms received after this date will be unable to have the relevant health and safety checks completed in time.

Please email Mrs A Selwyn, Careers Lead, if you have any concerns - [as@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:as@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

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# RAF WORLD

ACCESS ALL AREAS

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
JUNE 2022  
18:00-20:30**

**Join us for our new virtual event RAF World, to explore where we could take your future with an exciting career with the RAF. From the comfort of your own home, you can immerse yourself in the following:**

- 🎯 Explore interactive, 360° global operations and see how we offer support all over the world
- 🎯 Tune into the Main Stage show, to watch Live from the RAF Panel, where they will be chatting about life in the RAF, how to apply and what's next for you
- 🎯 Nine must-see areas to learn about the different professions across the RAF, unique lifestyle and benefits that accompany a role and more. These will be packed with tonnes of info and videos to help find a career for you
- 🎯 Speak to an RAF recruiter. Our experts in the field will be there to answer all your burning questions about life in the RAF and how to apply
- 🎯 And lots more!



# Summer Discovery Workshops

Wondering which career path to follow?

Need more information about different job roles?

Why not book some of our discovery workshops to find out more?

A Discovery Workshop is a 1-2 hour session with live employer interaction.

Teachers can browse all our opportunities [here](#)  
and book for groups of students using this [online form](#).



**Harper Adams University**

**23rd June**

**Women in engineering**

Mechanical, Automotive or Agricultural Engineering? Your students can hear from a current student and find out about engineering choices.

**eco<sub>2</sub>solar**

**23rd June**

**Renewable energy**

This workshop will look at roles in greenskills, renewable energy and construction and showcase how women are making a difference in our business.

 **WORCESTER**

 **BOSCH**

**28th June**

**Thermotechnology**

This is a chance for your students to learn how homes are going to be heated in the future and the use of thermotechnology to make the world a greener place.



**28th June**

**Intelligent energy**

This is a masterclass on the ground breaking technology and intelligent energy that will be used to heat homes, offices and schools in the future!



**28th June**

**Banking**

This discovery session will allow your students to understand more about the roles and opportunities in the world of banking.



**Harper Adams University**

**29th June**

**Food science**

Register your students for this session to discover how to start their career in the food industry and the courses available.

**BBC ACADEMY**

**1st July**

**Media**

Find out about the range of Business, Technical, Journalism and Production schemes we have on offer and what doing an apprenticeship at the BBC could mean for your students.

**Cadent**  
Your Gas Network

**1st July**

**Gas industry**

Suitable for KS3 - join this workshop to hear more about how Cadent is testing Hydrogen as a replacement for gas



**Harper Adams University**

**7th July**

**Why university?**

During this session, students can find out more about this important life choice and different aspects of university.



**8th July**  
**Banking**

Suitable for KS3. join this discovery session to understand more about the roles and opportunities in the world of banking.



**8th July**  
**Gas industry**

This is an opportunity to meet people who work at Cadent, from IT to engineering and our newest area of Hydrogen.



**12th July**  
**Digital forensics**

Join in our Discovery session to uncover the facts behind the mystery. Find out how digital forensics helps to bring criminals to justice!



**12th July**  
**Accountancy**

In the session your students will hear from several of our current trainees for a Q&A session, and provide an overview of the types of work they could do.



**12th July**  
**Sustainability**

Join us for an interactive, informative session and find out what you can do to help the environment or join our team of Young Co-operators to help build a better future



**14th July**  
**Rail industry**

Understand how light rail provides sustainable public transport solutions to help communities connect and give local people access to work.



**14th July**  
**Working with animals**

Your students can discover how they can start a career working with animals and find out about the different courses on offer.



**19th July**  
**Environment and agriculture**

Your students can discover how to start a career in the agriculture and environment sector and find out about the courses on offer.



**20th July**  
**Charity sector**

Join for us for this workshop to find out more about the charity sector, the roles available, volunteering opportunities and the services provided by Living Well.

## What can I expect from a discovery workshop?

Employers deliver a variety of light touch content about their organisation, sector, career pathways, job roles and hot topics via presentations, video content, panel discussions, virtual workplace tour, Q&A sessions etc. All workshops are designed to deliver Gatsby benchmark 5 and some support curriculum learning for benchmark 4. Employers tailor content to the age group specified in the advert so teachers can chose the right option for their students. Teachers will stream the session to their class on the day and can support their students in the Q&A opportunities with the employer.



# Looking for work experience this summer?

## How can I apply with Speakers for Schools?

1. You can view all our local work experience opportunities below and on our website by clicking [here](#) or go to [speakersforschools.org/experience-2/work-experience](https://speakersforschools.org/experience-2/work-experience).
2. You can create your account in two simple steps. On the sign-up page ([click here](#)) you need to select your school's name and click proceed. Ensure you find the correct school or college and have consent from your parent or guardian.
3. When you have applied for an opportunity, your teacher will need to approve your application before it is sent to the employer.

### How can work experience help?

Meeting employers through work experience helps you to improve your understanding of the different careers available and the different pathways into various professions.

It also develops your knowledge, skills and confidence and could lead to future employment opportunities.

### What young people have said about our experiences:

“  
*They explained more about this career sector which is very interesting and they opened my mind about another jobs.*  
”

“  
*Gave me more insight in the careers I am interested in. Furthermore, the other options related to my interest.*  
”



**30th June**

#### Technology in construction

Technology has made construction safer and workers more efficient. Learn from our Digital Engineer about how some of the technologies we use and why it is important.



**4th July**

#### Nursing and midwifery

Join NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly for this Virtual Insight Day and let us show you what different careers in midwifery or nursing (from Mental Health to Paediatrics) can look like!



**7th July**

#### Alternative NHS careers

Do you like the idea of working in healthcare but don't necessarily see yourself as a typical doctor or nurse? Then come along and engage with a range of different NHS specialisms.



**5th July**

#### Community healthcare

This 3-day placement will involve a range of sessions when you can meet staff working across different fields of nursing/community healthcare and in different roles.



**13th July**

#### Dental services

This session will focus on dental health and the services and provision we offer in the community. You'll hear directly from staff, some of whom are still in training or newly qualified



**19th July**

#### Construction for everyone

Construction is a very exciting career with lots of opportunities to discover. There is a role in construction for every subject delivered in school. - come and discover what jobs are out there!

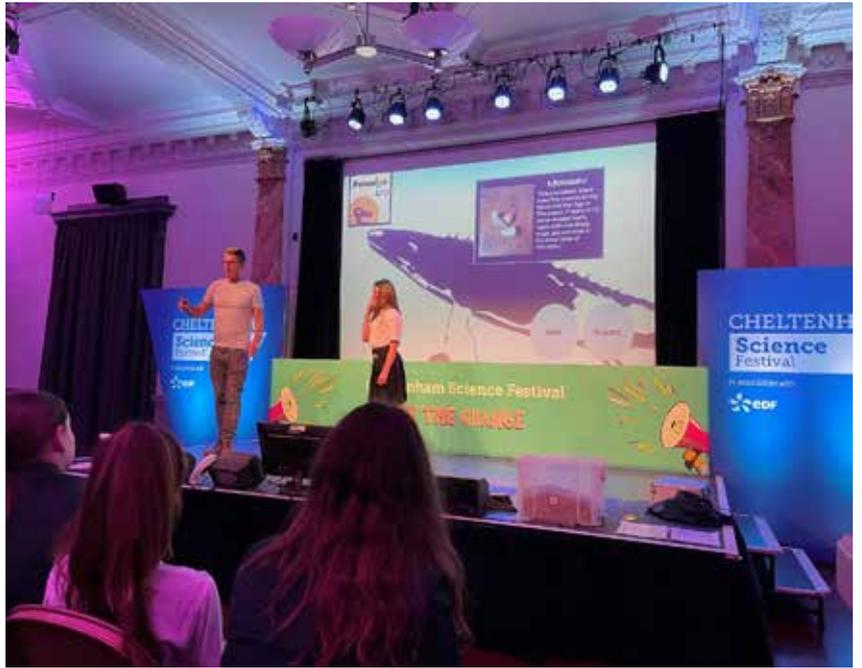
## Science Festival

The Science festival was back live on stage! The Science department took three trips for years 7 to 10 to experience the sights and sounds of cutting-edge technology and scientific advances.

On Tuesday, Year 7 students were treated to a live show about 'The Physics of Life' and a workshop 'Digging for Fossils'. Year 8 students on Wednesday became cyber security experts, discovered the world of nanotechnology, and cracked codes in the Digital Detectives workshop. Friday was the turn of years 9 and 10 who experienced a stunning STEM showcase headed by Stefan Gates and a giant whoopee cushion!

Staff at the Science Festival made a special mention to our staff of how kind, polite and motivated all our students were during the workshops and live shows. Thank you to our students for this glowing report. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped to organise and to those that went on the trips to supervise students. All the students came back full of enthusiasm – we are already looking forward to going again next year.







## HOUSE COLOURS

With the relaunch of the house system at Chosen Hill and the first full sports day in 3 years we want this year to be the biggest and brightest. The 6th Form are already collecting names of competitors. Please encourage your child to take part, as events like this help to foster the togetherness and community that we are striving for in school.

This year's sports day is in the afternoon of 5th July (with prelims on 28th June). All students (both competitors and spectators) should bring clothes in their house colours to change into at lunchtime. Face paint and house banners are also encouraged. The 6th Form House Captains will be organising decorations during the early lunch before the event.

It is often difficult to source clothes of the right colour so the house team have organised the sale of house T-shirts. These are 100% cotton. Please see the size guide below to allow your child to ask for the correct size, once the T-shirt has been purchased it cannot be refunded or exchanged. There is limited stock so they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Thank you for helping us to make this the best and brightest sports day ever.

*Chosen Hill House team*

### T-Shirt FAQ

**How much are the T-shirts?** - we have organised the discounted price of £4 each. This should be paid in CASH as there are too many options for size and colour to use the School Gateway.

**Where do they buy them?** - The student finance hatch by the year 9 canopy. It is open at break and lunch time.

### Which house is my child in?

Learning Mentor Group  
House  
Colour

<b>CC &amp; HC</b> <b>Carne Yellow</b>	<b>CM &amp; HM</b> <b>Masefield</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>CS &amp; HS</b> <b>Scott</b> <b>Blue</b>	<b>CW &amp; HW</b> <b>Whittle</b> <b>Green</b>
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**Which size does my child need?** *These are the type of t-shirts that can be worn oversized.*

Size:	XS	S	M	L	XL
Chest Size (inches):	35 / 36	36 / 38	38 / 40	41 / 42	43 / 44

# LEAVE YOUR MARK ON CHOSEN HILL



Logos may be digitally made or hand drawn.

Winning logo will be used in assembly presentations, newsletters, notice boards etc.

Additional details can be found on Satchel One

*Entries close 8th July 2022*

*Calling all artists!*

Leave your mark on Chosen Hill - we are looking for 4 new logos for our relaunched house system. Design the logo sets that will be with Chosen Hill School for years to come. The competition will run until 8th July.

There will be house points awarded for all entries and the winning set will be used on the new website, in school presentations, assemblies and official documentation.

The art, tech and IT departments are happy to support ideas and designs and the full information can be found on Satchel one.

Any questions email the house team on [houseleaders@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:houseleaders@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Sporting News

### Race4Life Returns to Chosen Hill School

On Friday 15th July Chosen Hill School will be hosting their own Race4Life where students and staff will walk, jog or run the cross-country course to raise money for Cancer Research. Donations can be made in three different ways:

Set up an individual Just Giving page for friends and family donations - students should keep learning mentors updated.

Donate on the School Gateway to go towards school donation.

Bring cash to donate on the day itself.

Students will be encouraged to dress up for the event with further details being given in assemblies in the build up to Enrichment Week.

There will be training sessions on Friday 24th June and Friday 8th July for students and staff to develop their fitness or have a sense of community to prepare for the 5k challenge. Students should meet outside PE changing rooms on the above dates and can be picked up from 16:15 (4:15pm).

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U15 Cricketers in action v St Edward's School this week, with another good win.



A very enjoyable game of U12 Cricket v Tewkesbury School. For some a first chance to experience a competitive game. Great fun all round.



## Cricket and Athletic Summer Fixtures 2022

### Date

Wednesday 22nd June

Thursday 23rd June

Thursday 30th June

U12 & U13 Boys' Athletics Championships

U13 Cricket v Pittville School (A)

U13 Cricket v The Cotswold School (A)

## Latest News

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

Twitter, @ChosenHillPE

Instagram, chosenhillpe