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**CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM**



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Production of

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ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

PARENT BULLETIN

TERM THREE

Friday 19th January 2024



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HEADTEACHER'S COMMUNICATION

A delayed welcome back to school and Happy New Year - apologies that we were not able to publish our weekly parent bulletin last week – so a bumper edition this week.

Firstly a huge thank you for your support with attendance over the last two weeks of term and at the start of 2024 it meant that we both finished last term and started this one really positively.

This is a relatively short but incredibly busy term with Year 13 mocks, Year 9 options, BTEC and GCSE assessments, Careers Fair and our school production of Matilda to name just a few things alongside the core focus on learning over the next three weeks!

Whilst we are not blessed with a huge amount of covered outdoor space we are using classrooms and dedicated warm spaces for students to use during break and lunchtime alongside the extra-curricular activities running this term.

With the additional roadworks in the village we appreciate that many parents and students are adjusting their travel plans to ensure that they are at school in time to start the day. This has meant that we have a number of students arriving very early. As the school is not technically open until 8:00am any student arriving before this should go to the lower school canteen, which is a warm, staffed space - with the added benefit of hot snacks and free porridge.

Dates for your Diary:

Next week is week two.

Monday 29th January 2024:

- Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 31st January 2024:

- Maths Challenge

Friday 2nd February 2024:

- Careers Fair

Connect with us on Social Media:



Tickets have gone on sale for Matilda and going fast – I know how hard the staff and students have been working to make this an incredible show and encourage you to not miss out (further details in this bulletin)
Thank you again for your support

Mr M Pauling
Headteacher

Vacancies

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Teacher of Mathematics

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Closing Date for Applications

Thursday 1st February 2024

School Calendar 2024-2025

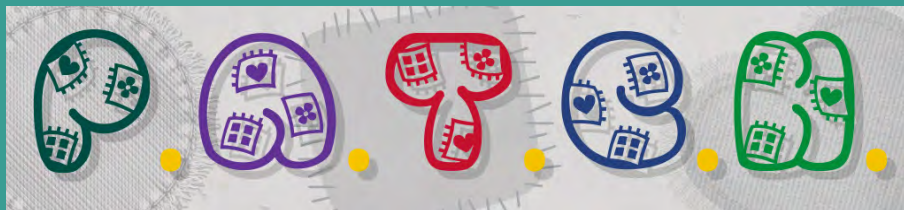
The Term Dates for 2024-2025 have now been published. Please see [here](#) for details of term dates, INSET and holidays for academic year 2024/25.

Student Information

We would be grateful if you could please keep us informed of any changes relating to your child, e.g.:

- Change of Address
- Medical Details (new allergies)
- Change of phone number
- Change in family circumstances
- Court Orders
- Names changes etc

It'll be up to you to keep us informed of any changes, you can do this via the [School Gateway App*](#) ([instructions here](#)), which is our preferred method, or emailing the school office office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



P.A.T.C.H. General Annual Meeting

The next General Annual Meeting for P.A.T.C.H. will be held at The Elm, Churchdown on Monday 22nd January 2024 at 5:30pm. Anybody wishing to attend should contact us via the P.A.T.C.H. Facebook page.

HOUSE POINTS

All the results from House Music and Sports Day are now in and SCOTT still remain the leaders, with Masefield 2nd, Whittle 3rd and Carne 4th. What will 2024 bring? Can anyone topple the mighty Scott from the top of the leaderboard? Or will they they finish the 2023/2024 academic year at the top the leader board?



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House points correct at time of printing.

Community Cafe - Friday 2nd February 2023



As a school and a group of staff, we are very aware of the demands placed upon all of us at this time. Pressures of finances, inflation, rising food costs, the spiralling costs of living and the demands placed upon working parents all play a significant part of our daily lives. While there are many things that we can do here at Chosen Hill to support children, parents and families, there are also many things that are more difficult for us to target. With this in mind, we have worked with colleagues in other local schools (Churchdown Village, Churchdown Academy, Denmark Road, Longlevens

and Parton Manor) to hold a 'Community Café'. This event will take place at Churchdown Community Centre from 12.30pm until 4.30pm on Friday 2nd February 2024. It is designed to be a drop-in for parents to enable them to see the type of support that is on offer within the local area. There will be 10+ external groups at the event and the aim is simply for parents to find out a bit more about what is on offer to support families. A full list of the external groups attending will be available shortly, but for now please do save the date. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with us.

Life at Chosen Hill School

We generally have so many wonderful activities at school which we would like to showcase through the use of digital marketing and publicity as well as displays around the school. We can only do this with your permission. Please can you take a few minutes to complete the form below:

[Photography Consent Form](#)

Should you have any queries about photography at Chosen Hill School please do not hesitate to contact publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



Thank you!

A huge thank you to Michelle West-Wiggins who has done an amazing job as Chairperson of P.A.T.C.H. Sadly she will be stepping down due to personal circumstances. This leaves us looking for somebody to step in to this vital role of Chairperson.

We have had lots of fun this year planning and enjoying events alongside a fantastic PATCH team of parent volunteers, teachers and school staff. We are busy planning exciting events for next year, so we still need your help, whether supporting events or coming along and being part of PATCH. If you have some time to spare and would like to get involved please email dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

If you feel that you would like the opportunity to join P.A.T.C.H. as our next Chairperson please contact dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please visit the PATCH facebook page for updates on events and meetings.

Donations

Presents around the Christmas Tree were opened on Christmas Day, some exciting, some useful and some will never get used.

Do you have any unwanted gifts that you could donate to us as raffle prizes to be used throughout the year?

We would appreciate any non-perishables such as toiletries, makeup sets, toys and, yes, even hankies and socks!



Shop & Give - Thank You!



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We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who is using Shop&Give to shop online. Together we have raised £105.50 just by shopping via Shop&Give. Plus, it didn't cost you, or us, a penny!

If you've not signed up yet, but would like to help us raise even more, just find Chosen Hill School on Shop&Give: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/chosen-hill-school>

Remember to shop via Shop&Give whenever you shop online!

Modern Foreign Languages at Chosen Hill School

STAR of the Week

In the MFL department, we want to highlight the hard work that our students are putting in to their languages lessons so, we are introducing our MFL Stars of the Week! Our Stars are:

Chosen Hill School's

MFL Star of the Week

Awarded to:

Year 7- **Rafferty Diett**
Year 8 – **Sophia Pinless**
Year 9 – **Caitlyn Stephens**
Year 10 – **Ellie Hampton**
Year 11 – **Lewis Flynn**
Year 12 – **Roman Wardle**

Chosen Hill School's

MFL Star of the Week

Awarded to:

Year 7- **Keegan Hancock**
Year 8 – **Lacey Cross**
Year 9 – **Lily Clark**
Year 10 – **Jayden Campbell**
Year 11 – **Leon Le Feuvre**

Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

**HOLIDAY
FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS**



We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for February 2024 Half-Term will be open from midday 16 January until midday on 30 January. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 5 February. Please check your junk/spam folders

during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If vouchers have not been received by 7 February, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

This Winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. **The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.**

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. They are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, please visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for February 2024 holiday vouchers- they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact Glos CC with any changes to circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure they reach all those who are eligible as they are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals page](#).

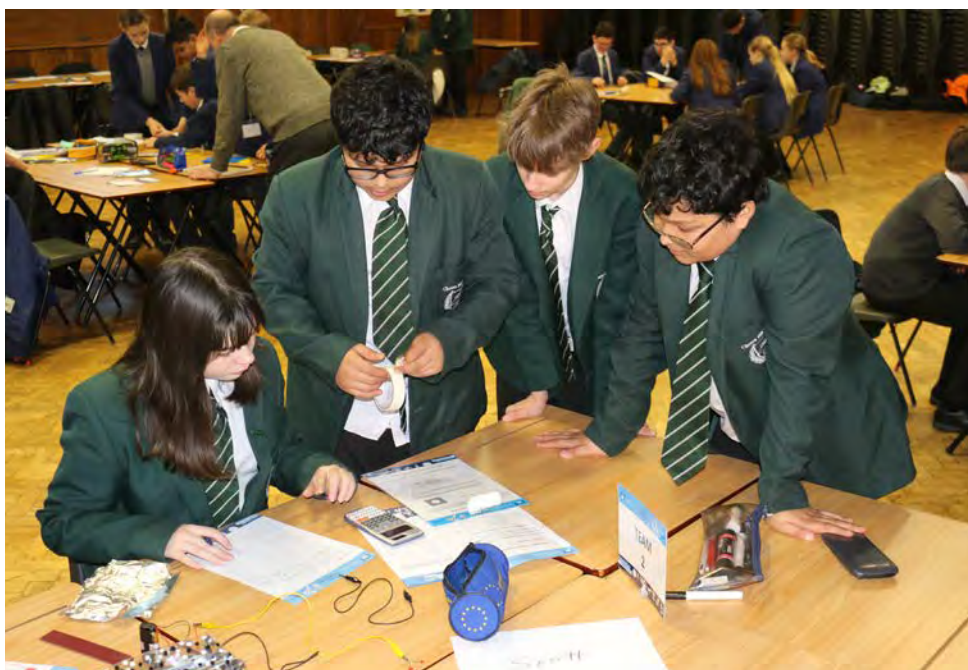
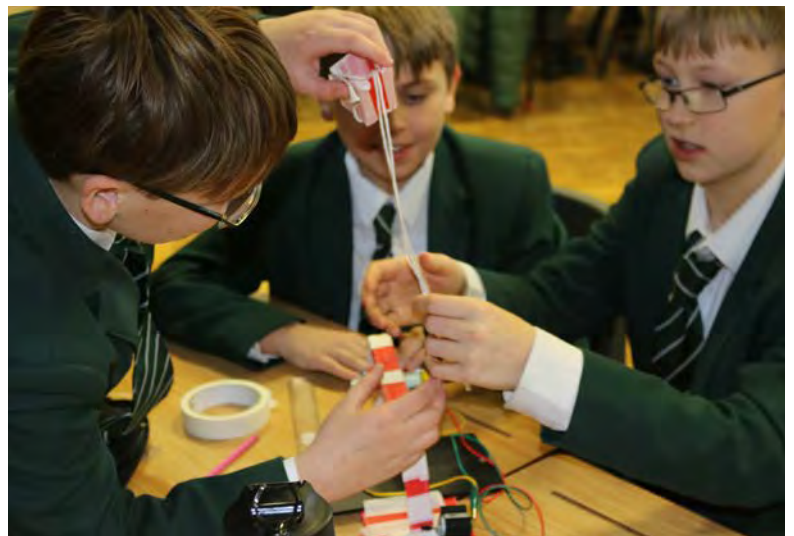
Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via email to childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk by the end of the holiday period.

To update details of an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so they can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.

The Faraday Engineering Challenge

On Tuesday 16th January Chosen Hill school hosted the National competition - "The Faraday Engineering challenge". Year 8 students from Cleeve school also attended to compete against Chosen Hill students to design a solution set by Highways England. Students were given a project brief, asked to plan, design, budget and make a prototype. At the end of the day they were asked to give a presentation to the external STEM judge and were asked questions on how they worked as a team and the challenges they had to overcome. The competition was very close, but Chosen Hill Carne Team were crowned the winners.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and also to the winners of the event. The students worked hard all day and came up with some amazing and ingenious design solutions. We are already planning the competition and look forward to the re-match with Cleeve school.





Roald Dahl's MATILDA JR The Musical

Join us for a magical evening as we proudly present our production of Matilda Junior! For months, our dedicated cast of 60 talented students has poured their hearts into encapsulating the beloved characters and timeless story of Matilda, and the result is nothing short of extraordinary. From enchanting musical numbers to captivating performances, Matilda Junior promises to be a spectacle that will leave you smiling and tapping your feet. Your support means the world to our performers, so don't miss out on this unforgettable experience – grab your tickets now and join us for an evening of laughter, music and pure theatrical delight!

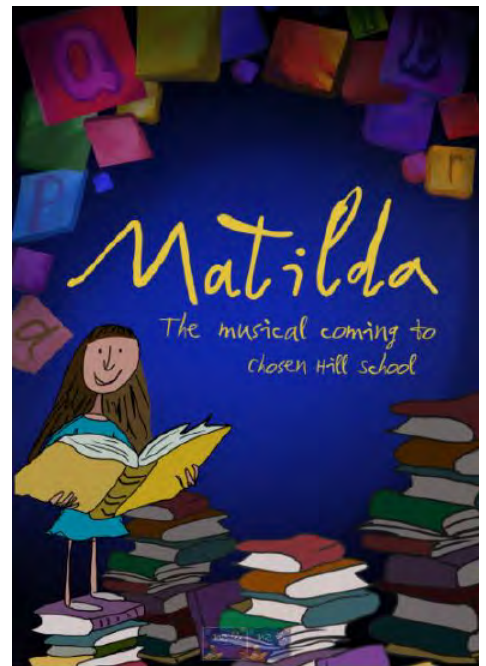
Tickets are £7 and can be purchased at the link below (please note that the show starts at 7pm):

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/chosenhillschool/1078290>

Matilda Artwork Competition

Last term we launched a competition for students design a poster for this year's school production Roald Dahl's Matilda JR The Musical. We had numerous entries for not only the poster but individual design aspects to incorporate in our marketing. All prize winners will receive their prizes this week.

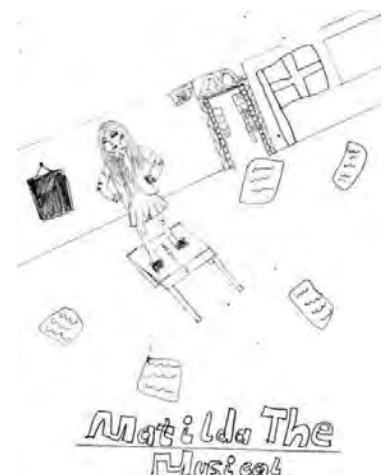
We are pleased to announce the winner of our competition is Jess Pyrka with her entry of an advertising poster:



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REVOLTING
CHILDREN



Congratulations also go to our runners up. Aspects of their artwork will be used in our marketing materials.





Chosen Hill School
Presents

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

BOOK
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC & LYRICS
TIM MINCHIN

6th - 8th February 2024
7PM

Tickets are now on sale!

Ticket Price: £7

You can buy tickets via

<https://buytickets.at/chosenhillschool/1078290>

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk



Sixth Form Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome year 11 students from Chosen Hill and a variety of other local schools to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Monday evening. Parents, Carers and students had the opportunity to talk to staff and current Sixth Formers about our curriculum offer and life in Chosen Hill Sixth Form. It was fabulous to see so many people touring our new Sixth Form Study Centre and Cafe. We look forward to talking further to our applicants at our Guidance meetings held towards the end of February. Applications can be made via our website. If you have any further questions regarding Sixth Form please contact Mrs Bowden at cb@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



Metamorphosis, The Bristol Old Vic

We took 20 students across year 10-13 to see Metamorphosis at The Bristol Old Vic.

The show was stunning, challenging and surreal. Our students behaved in an exemplary manner.



Keeping Safe on Expedition

Chosen Hill School DofE Award Participants Learn the Basics of Outdoor First Aid



The 2023-24 Silver and Gold DofE Award expedition teams being taught basics in First Aid

Chosen Hill School's DofE Award Scheme participants have been learning what to do in the event of an emergency whilst on their remotely supervised expeditions this summer.

On Saturday 13th January 2024 the Silver and Gold DofE Award participants took part in a 1-day training course organised and led by the School's Medical Officer, Mike Hemming and supported by Mr. I. Bird, DofE Manager and Gold Award Leader, and Mr. A. Differ, Silver Award Leader. The participants learnt about how to safely and effectively deal with a range of probable injuries that could occur whilst conducting their summer expeditions. As a result, not only do they have the skills and confidence to keep safe whilst on expedition, but the School and local community now have an additional 22 young people capable of saving a life.

Later on, in May, we will be running a second course, for the 52 Bronze Award participants, ahead of their 2-day expedition in Term 6.

A massive thank you to the adult instructors for volunteering their time to organise and run this training day and to the participants for engaging in the training with enthusiasm - working hard to successfully learn these vital skills.

The DofE Award was re-introduced into Chosen Hill School in 2013. In that time over 450 students have participated in the scheme with us. Participants currently volunteer for over 40 local organisations and international links continue with Thanthwe Primary School, Malawi, Africa, through ongoing efforts to raise the funds needed to complete the build of two additional classrooms.

Currently, students have the option to enrol on the Bronze Award in Year 9, the Silver Award in Year 10 and the Gold Award in Year 12.

To find out more about the DofE at Chosen Hill School, please email **Mr. I. Bird**, Assistant Head of the BUSIIT Faculty and International Dimensions Lead, DofE DLC Manager, using IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GCC School Transport Newsletter

Welcome to the first GCC School Transport Service newsletter, the aim of the newsletters is to keep you updated with what is happening and remind you of what we can do to help you provide safe, efficient, cost effective travel to the children in our county.

Who are we and what do we do?



Faye Williams
01452 425643
Our Team manager, years of experience and well known to all our service providers.



June Patterson.
01452 525968
June deals with the Taxi contracts and works tues/weds/thurs



Sam Westwood.
01452 427004
Our details and technical expert with a wide knowledge of schools transport.



Miles Savell.
01452 426232
Miles looks after school bus passes and allocating pupils routes.



Michael Dee.
01452 324023
Tries to keep operators updated with Road works and closures and collates CCTV data

Contact us

mainstream@gloucestershire.gov.uk

This is the generic email, the most effective way to contact us.

Telephone 01452 425387

(this number can be given to parents)

Buckle Up!

The Law states that seat belts **MUST** be worn if they are fitted to a coach or bus. This will be relevant for School trips and private hire for events. We realise how difficult it is to get teenagers to do this but due to the recent coroners report into the Wirral Bus Incident there will be increased focus. We will be reminding operators, schools, parents and students with a campaign in the new year.

Bus Passes

Students must scan their passes at the beginning of all journeys. This prevents ineligible students from travelling and it also checks student use. If a student's pass does not scan in the morning, they may still be taken to school. The Student should go to reception by mid-morning break to have the pass visually checked for damage, (cracks and scratches). If the pass is damaged or lost, then the parent/carer will need to purchase a replacement online. The School should email us by lunchtime to request an authorisation letter to allow afternoon travel.

Process for Bus Discipline

CCTV is a requirement on all Gloucestershire County Council contracted routes for schools transport use. We have rules and processes laid out in the code of conduct that all parent / carers must sign up to.

With Stagecoach Buses the process is different to our operated routes as they control the access to CCTV.

When an incident occurs on a Stagecoach route that involves a student we provide transport for, it may be reported to a member of school staff, the school must then contact us to report the incident. We will then ask Stagecoach to investigate the CCTV for evidence and agree with the school and stagecoach a suitable course of action to resolve the behaviour issues.

Because the Stagecoach routes are a public transport service we have no direct control over who is able to access these services, we only control the use of Council funded transport passes.

Code of conduct

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/4e5esnos/20230201-code-of-conduct.pdf>

Sporting News!

Well done to the Year 7's playing rugby against Leckhampton High School.



Year 7 Girl's Football



Year 7 Football Training



Year 9 Football Tournament



Year 9 Football Tournament



Year 10 Football Tournament



Year 10 Football Tournament



Sports Clubs

Lunch

Afterschool

Monday

Y8&10 Rugby Skills

- Sportshall



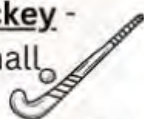
Tuesday

Senior Boys Rugby -

Field

Y7&8 Hockey -

Sportshall



Y8/10 Boys Rugby -

Training/Game - Field

Y9 Boys Rugby Training - Field

Y7&8 Girls Netball - Courts

Wednesday

U16 Boys Basketball

- Sportshall

Self-Choreo Dance -

Girls Gym



Y7-10 Girls Football -

Field



Thursday

Group Choreo

Dance - Girls Gym

Y8/10 Boys Rugby -

Training/Game - Field

Y9-11 Girls Netball -

Courts

Friday

Y8/9 Girls Basketball

- Boys Gym

Y8 Basketball - Boys

Gym

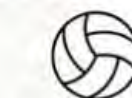


Y7 Boys & Girls Rugby -

Field

KS3 Badminton -

Sportshall



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