

# **Chosen Hill School**

#### Learning Tip

#### **Flying Starts**

Well organised students are confident and make a 'flying start' to each lesson. Remind your child to pack their 'Top 10' equipment and books so that they take ownership of the day ahead. If students are missing equipment, it can be purchased from Student Services.

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## Parent Bulletin - Friday 21st January 2022

This week saw the first, though admittedly sudden, change in guidance from the Government towards an easing of the Covid related restrictions in school. I do, however, think that whilst the infection rates locally remain at a high level we should proceed with caution at Chosen Hill School. Students are not required to wear masks in classrooms but the option to wear one by personal choice will be supported. Masks are still required to be worn in corridors and indoor social spaces and on school transport, though the rules on this will be changing towards the end of next week. I am very grateful for your support in helping to give a consistent message to your child to help keep our community safe.

As we start to transition more to 'normal' school, I know how excited staff are to schedule in trips, fixtures, clubs and external speakers, as well as the opportunity to run more 'face to face' activities, which we have not been able to run in recent months. In the interests of running these in a responsible and safe way, we will be retaining some of the Covid restrictions. Please work with us to support these.

On a personal note, I am very much looking forward to seeing the students performing Grease in the last week of term. The staff and cast have worked extremely hard under some significant restrictions and some uncertainty about whether they would be able to perform. Congratulations also to all the students that have represented the school in the extensive sporting fixture list last week. It's great to see so many students taking up the opportunity to get involved.

Thank you

Matt Pauling Headteacher

#### **Canteen Price Increase**

There have been some price increases to food in the canteen due to the increasing cost of supplies. The cost of a meal deal is now £2.31 and the value of a free school meal has been adjusted to reflect this increase and allow FSM students to still buy a meal deal.

#### Top 10 - Equipment

At Chosen Hill School we ask that students come to school prepared for the day ready to learn. This means that students bring not only their books, but their Top 10 Equipment. Being prepared ensures that lessons begin with a 'flying start' and time is not wasted. Students can purchase equipment from Student Finance if needed.



## **Chosen Hill School Performing Arts Department Presents....**

We are delighted to announce that the Chosen Hill School musical this year, is the smash hit musical, Grease. It is probably best known from the 1978 film adaptation starring John Travolta as Danny and Olivia Newton John as Sandy. The musical is named after the 1950s United States working-class youth subculture known as greasers. Set in 1959 at the fictional Rydell High School, it follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of peer pressure, personal core values and love, and explores social issues such as teenage pregnancy, peer pressure and rebellion.

The score borrows heavily from the sounds of early rock and roll, with memorable songs such as 'Summer Nights', 'You're The One That I Want' and 'Greased Lightning!' It is a feast for the senses with riotous dance, toe tapping songs and a unique blend of comedy and pathos. Our students have been furiously learning lines, choreography and song lyrics – overcoming the added challenges presented by the global pandemic. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work – all they need now is an audience! *Well-a, well-a, well-a, UH! Tell me more, tell me more!* 

Tickets available from Monday 24th January 2022 via the School Gateway.

**Performances are on:** 

Tuesday 15th February 2022 7:30pm

Wednesday 16th February 2022 7:30pm

Thursday 17th February 2022 7:30pm

**Ticket Prices:** 

£10.00 (Concession £8.00)



Get your tickets now for an unforgettable journey back to the summer of 1959!



## Tickets on sale Monday 24th January 2022 via the School Gateway







Young people are growing up in an ever changing and increasingly diverse world, which is increasingly influenced by the digital world and social media. At Chosen Hill School we feel that it is important to value, celebrate and be inclusive of everyone regardless of their identity, diversity or background. As part of this we want all students to feel accepted and supported to express their gender and/or sexuality.

The increased risk of poor mental health and being LGBTQ+ is well documented. Being LGBTQ+ doesn't cause these problems. But some things LGBTQ+ people go through can affect their mental health, such as discrimination, homophobia or transphobia, social isolation, rejection, and difficult experiences of coming out.

Embracing being LGBTQ+ can have a positive impact on someone's wellbeing. It might mean they have more confidence, a sense of belonging to a community, feelings of relief and self-acceptance, and better relationships with friends and family.

In response to these issues Chosen Hill School is aiming to become a positive LGBTQ+ inclusion school. To help us achieve this goal we are excited to announce that we have enrolled on the Rainbow Flag Award. This is a quality assured whole school approach framework towards LGBTQ+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBTQ+ phobic bullying. It is aimed at improving the lives of all the young people within the school, as well as the LGBTQ+ young people in our care, those from LGBTQ+ families, and LGBTQ+ staff members.

If you would like more information about the award or how the school is implementing it, please contact the staff leading the award:

#### Miss E Hall, eh@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk Mrs F Critchley, fc@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk



#### Year 13 Revision Cafe



For Year 13 Mocks there is a revision cafe running in the mornings with coffee, hot chocolate and porridge, available daily from 7:20am in the Sixth Form Study areas.

#### World Challenge



A huge thank you to all who purchased our hot chocolate with marshmallows or fizzy drinks.

This proved to be a popular event with students queuing out in the corridor.

A grand total of £215 was raised which will help World Challenge students towards their trip to Namibia where they will be supporting a wildlife charity with conservation work.







#### **Student Support**

Please take a look at the schedule for after School Support sessions for Year 11, from 15:15 to 16:00.

\*Please note that Languages, Speaking Support takes place at Lunchtime and not after school.

Monday

L20 French

#### Tuesday

- U10 Silent Supported Revision
- P1 Business and ICT Coursework
- M37 Maths (Grade 4-7)
- D7 Art

#### Wednesday

- L24 Languages, Speaking Support (Lunchtime)\*
- U10 Silent Supported Revision
- L16 Geography
- M39 Maths, Higher (Grade 6+)
- M33 Maths, Foundation (Grade 1-5)

#### Thursday

- U10 Silent Supported Revision
- M20 Science
- L21 German
- G20 GCSE Business
- G10 Health and Social, Coursework
- D1 Product Design, Coursework and Practical



Congratulations to former student Sarah Woodman, a former Deputy Head Girl, who left Chosen Hill School in 2017.

Sarah studied at Reading University, achieving a First Class BA (Hons) Degree in Film and Theatre Studies. She then stayed at Reading University and completed her PGCE with QTS in Drama.

Sarah is now working as a Drama teacher at a secondary school in Oxfordshire. During her time at Chosen Hill School, Sarah appeared in all of the school productions and will now be creating them herself for students.

We are proud of her success and wish her well in the future.



#### **Sharing Brilliance**

We have many amazing, brilliant students and staff at Chosen Hill School, both current and former, and would love to hear of their achievements either academically or general successes. For example:

- Graduation
- External exams, for example, music, languages, etc.
- Sporting achievements

If you would like to share any achievement news with us, please email, along with any photographs that you would like adding, to:

publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk







#### Primary School Marble Run Competition

On Friday 28th January 2022 the DT Department are hosting a primary schools marble run competition. The following DT ambassadors will be supporting the event throughout the day:

Brunel Lee Ellena Evans Jake Richards Toby Moulder Noah Selby Finlay Kear Lewis Chandler-Johnson Mackenzie Morris



The DT Ambassadors are working on designing and making trophies for the event and they will also be making their own marble run so that they can fully support the primary school students on the day.

The primary schools have been designing marble runs within school to work out which group of students they will send to us to compete against the other 3 schools on the day.

We are all looking forward to the event



Balcarras Teaching School Hub



# Interested in Teaching?

Train To Teach Gloucestershire at Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham.

4.30pm to 7pm on 27th January 2022

Explore how to get into teaching and how to apply for training in Gloucestershire. Meet experts, current teachers and trainees. Drop in anytime to:

- Discover the teacher training options available in the county
- Talk to teachers about real life in the classroom
- Hear the advice & experience of current trainees

Whether you're ready to apply or just starting to explore a teaching career, don't miss this opportunity to meet representatives of local providers in and around Gloucestershire to find out about their courses and entry requirements.

#### To register: email jwiles@odysseytsh.org

For information: call Jane Wiles on 01242 538276 Website: www.odysseytsh.org





Gloucester City AFC will be welcoming Rugby for Heroes to New Meadow Park for a Legends Charity Football match on Sunday 30th January 2022.

Kick off will be at 2pm with entertainment, food, drink and auctions happening throughout the event.

Participating in the event is our very own legend, better known to Parents, Carers and students as Mr Webb - Head of Year 10.

For more information and to purchase tickets click on the link below:

https://www.gloucestercityafc.com/post/gloucester-s-battle-of-the-balls

https://twitter.com/GCAFCofficial



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#### **Clubs and Fixtures Gallery**

Year 7s working really hard at netball training this week!





Social Media Follow us on social media to keep up to date with the latest Chosen Hill School sports news.

Instagram: chosenhillpe Twitter: @ChosenHillPE

Great evening of U14 Basketball vs Pittville. A one point game in the end played in great spirit.



2-0 win for our fabulous U14s v Balcarras this week



#### **Clubs and Fixtures Next Week**

Girls	
Monday (lunchtime)	Year 9 Hockey
Tuesday (after school)	Year 7 Netball
	Year 8 and 9 Football
Wednesday (after school)	Year 8 and 9 Netball
	Year 7 Football
	Year 7 and 8 Cheerleading
Thursday (lunchtime)	Year 7 Hockey

#### Boys

Tuesday (lunchtime) Tuesday (after school) Wednesday (lunchtime) Wednesday (after school) Year 7 Football Training

Year 9 Basketball Year 8, 9 and 10 Football Training U14 Football Match v Cotswold (A) U16 Football Match v Cotswold (H) Year 11 Basketball U15 Football Match v Balcarras (H)



