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**CONFIDENCE**  
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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

**Parent Bulletin**  
**Monday 18th July 2022**



## Learning Tip

To keep your child's brain active over the summer, encourage them to journal, write postcards from the places they visit or even organise their GCSE Revision notes ready for Year 11.

## Diary Dates for Next Term

### Tuesday 6th September 2022:

Year 7 return to school  
Year 12 return to school

### Wednesday 7th September 2022

ALL students return to school

### Friday 9th September 2022

Individual school photos  
(Active Photographic)  
Year 12 University of Gloucestershire  
visit - more details to follow

### Wednesday 14th September 2022

### Thursday 15th September 2022

### Friday 16th September 2022

Year 7 and Year 13 Students  
Induction - more details to follow.

Thank you for your support and engagement over the last year. It has been a very busy one, during which I have learned lots about our school and spent time with staff, students, parents and Governors to create a vision and plan to develop Chosen Hill. There are many excellent aspects to our school and other areas that need to be further refined and/or reimagined to adapt to the needs of our students and community. Over the last year we have put in place a number of new initiatives and made changes to how we provide a brilliant curriculum and fantastic pastoral and learning support for students. Our focus for next year is to make sure that our best practice becomes common practice across the school.

I have been very grateful for the communication that I have had with students and parents about the school over the last year and appreciated the recognition when things have gone well, as well as the chance to learn and improve when they haven't. Good communication is at the heart of our drive for Honesty (one of the WATCH words I shared in last week's bulletin) and I look forward to building on this further next year. In this regard, I am delighted to have launched our updated website this week. I hope that you find it easier to navigate and that it gives you the information and insight into life and learning at Chosen Hill. Please bear with us as we update some of the content over the coming weeks but any feedback on the accessibility, look and usefulness would be much appreciated.

Connect with us on Social Media:



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[www.chosenhillschool.co.uk](http://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk)

Before I sign off for this year and wish you all a fantastic summer, I would like to say a very special thank you to the amazing staff at Chosen Hill who tirelessly and relentlessly support your child/children to have the best possible education every day. I feel privileged to work with them and witness the work they do to improve themselves and their students.

I am really excited about what the new year will bring and the plans for making Chosen Hill an even more amazing place to work and learn...but before that, a well earned rest.

I look forward to welcoming you back on the 6th (Year 7 and Year 12 only) or the 7th September (all students).

Mr Pauling  
Headteacher

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### **Last and First Day Arrangements, Summer Term and Autumn Term 2022**

We have reached the end of the school year, a year when Covid restrictions were finally relaxed allowing us to, once again hold many team and celebratory events. We would like to reiterate Matt Pauling's thanks to all parents and carers, staff and students with their ongoing support for the adjustments made throughout this year.

The school year will end tomorrow at 13:15 for all students, the bus companies are aware of our finish time.

There will be a skeleton team in the school during the summer, should you have any questions please contact [office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk) who will forward your query wherever possible.

**Exam Results Days** - you will be contacted with specific arrangements.

Thursday 18th August 2022 - A Level and Vocational Results Day

Thursday 25th August 2022 - GCSE Results Day

#### **Start of Autumn Term 2022**

Monday 5th September 2022 - INSET Day

Tuesday 6th September 2022 - Year 7 and Year 12 students in school

Wednesday 7th September 2022 - ALL students return to school

Please remember the uniform requirements for the Autumn Term - Blazer, shirt and tie, NO POLO SHIRTS. ([See Dress Code 2022/23](#)).

**Friday 9th September 2022** - Whole school photographs (Active Photographic), your child will be given a 'PROOF' at the time of having their photograph taken which you will then be able to purchase directly through the company. As with this year, we will not be taking group photographs, e.g. siblings.



We hope that you all have a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn Term.

## 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 early last week, 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](mailto:publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk). In the meantime please use the link below to complete the form:

### [Photography Consent Form](#)

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.

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## Donations of Second Hand Uniform

We would be grateful for any second hand uniform donations from students who have outgrown some of their uniform. Please pass any clean donations to Reception. Many thanks.

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## 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 us on our 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.

## Subsidised Food and Free Activities for Students During the Summer Break

With the current cost of living crisis many families may struggle with planning activities to entertain their children during the summer break.

Fortunately some supermarket cafes and restaurants are now offering discounted deals that allow kids to eat out for free or for as little as £1.



### Morrisons

Kids eat FREE at Morrisons cafe when an adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal. This is an ongoing offer.

### ASDA café

Children across England and Wales can eat for just £1 in Asda Cafés and there is no minimum spend for adults.



This scheme starts from 25th July and goes on until 4th September and is valid at any time of day, seven days a week.

Children aged 16 and under can access hot or cold meals which include mac 'n cheese with a salad, chicken nuggets and chips, full English breakfast, pancakes with maple syrup and a cold selection of sandwiches, fruit, drinks and more.



### Beefeater and Brewers Fayre

At Brewers Fayre, up to two children can receive a free breakfast with one paying adult.

The All-You-Can-Eat buffet costs £9.50, with two kids under 16 eligible to fuel up with every adult breakfast purchased.

The full link is here, however I suspect some of the outlets are likely to have less interest to most parents:  
<https://kiddoadventures.com/2022/07/01/summer-holidays-2022-21-restaurants-cafes-where-kids-can-eat-for-free/>

### Holiday Activities

This link details the government provision for holiday activities and associated free food for FSM eligible pupils: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2021#the-core-offer>

Other websites that highlight free children's summer activities include:

<https://www.wherecanwego.com/>

<https://gloucestercityhaf.co.uk/daily-activities/>

This streaming site apparently enables viewers to watch 600 West End & Broadway musicals for Free!

<https://www.scenesaver.co.uk/> You will need to register to use this site.

## Enrichment Week

We hope that your child enjoyed their first enrichment week since the pandemic.

Beth Hesling and Chloe Davies were our roving reporters during enrichment week, taking photos and putting together our first student newsletter, which will be available on our website.

Here is a selection of photos of some of the activities enjoyed by both staff and students on their various camps.



