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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 7th July 2023



Diary Dates for next week:

**Monday 10th July to Friday 14th
July 2023:**
Enrichment Week

Thank you for your support on what has been another busy but regrettably disrupted week. I recognise the impact of the partial closures on Wednesday and Friday has on families, whilst I am grateful for your understanding and support to help with home learning it would be inappropriate not to acknowledge the intent behind the industrial action to ensure schools are resourced appropriately to continue to offer an effective education for their communities over the coming years.

Unfortunately we were beaten by the weather on Tuesday and have subsequently rearranged our Sports Day to Tuesday 18th July.

Fortunately the rain didn't dampen the excitement of the Year 11 Prom with a fantastic night had by all – a lovely send off and celebration of their time at Chosen Hill.

On Wednesday evening we recognised the amazing work of our successful Duke of Edinburgh Awards students under the leadership of Mr Bird and his team. The DofE scheme really is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop so many life skills - it was great to celebrate the commitment of so many Chosen Hill students in completing their awards.

On Thursday we welcomed the new staff that will be joining us in September as part of our induction process. We also welcomed over 200 students that will be starting their Chosen Hill journey in Year 7

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next year. It was a fantastic day, finished off with a parent BBQ which has given them confidence and excitement about starting their new school in September.

Next week is our Enrichment Week with a wide range of different learning experiences planned for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 with support from some of our 6th Form students. We wish Year 10 our best as they have a week of work experience.

Many thanks

Mr Pauling
Headteacher

Learning Tip:

Self-reflection

Encourage your child to reflect on their learning and think about beliefs that may constrain them. Having self-awareness is a useful tool as it helps us to identify the areas we do well and those we need to work on.

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy
Finance Officer

Link to Advert
[Eteach](#)

Closing Date
9th July 2023

Chosen Hill School Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Governors of Chosen Hill School will be holding their AGM on Monday the 10th July at 6pm. The meeting will be held virtually and if you would like to join the meeting, the teams link is [here](#)

School Run

Please be considerate when dropping off and collecting your children. Be mindful of the needs of our local residents when parking during these times

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Uniform Suppliers: Monkhouse

Monkhouse, our school uniform supplier, has notified us that the new PE kit has now arrived and is available online and in the shop for you to purchase.

Please remember the new PE kit is compulsory for the new Year 7s in September, existing students will continue to wear the current kit until replacements are required - then you will need to purchase the new kit.

Private Peripatetic Teachers in School

From September we will have the following teachers in school:

Singing
Guitar
Drums
Piano/Flute.

If you are interested in your child having lessons please fill in the form and return to Mr Aston (Head of Performing Arts Faculty) or Miss Hiley (ahi@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk), who is organising the lessons, as soon as possible.

More information can be found on the school website using the link below:

[Music Tuition Letter 2023](#)

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is returning this summer for children and young people in reception to year 11, who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

The programme runs during the summer holidays. Online activity bookings for the HAF programme open at 12pm 5 July. Bookings usually go very fast after launch, so it is important to ensure you are informed of this before the date. Families can make sure they are HAF ready by registering on our Children's Activity Booking System (CABS).

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive 2 weeks of vouchers for the summer holiday at £15 per child per week. For the remaining 4 weeks of this holiday period, the HAF programme provides a meal for children attending the activities they are booked onto. For more information, please visit Gloucestershire HAF where you can also sign up to the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS).

If you require some additional support to attend HAF, we now have 6 HAF Community Connectors in place, for each district of Gloucestershire. All information on how to get in contact with your local HAF Community Connector is available on our website at gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

For any queries relating to HAF this summer, you can get in contact with us at:

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Donations of School Uniform and Equipment

We are looking for donations of school uniform that your child has outgrown and no longer needs. In particular those students who have finished Year 11 and looking to move onto the next phase of their education.

All school uniform in good condition would be greatly appreciated, including blazers, tie's, trousers and skirts.

Any equipment that your child will no longer need, such as calculators will also be welcome.

Thank you.

Saving the World *(one lightbulb at a time)*

On Wednesday 28th June members of the School Eco Group took part in the Climate Action Conference at Benefact House in Gloucester. The day involved working with other schools from across the UK, business leaders, climate experts and environmental charities to look for more ways we can improve the quality of our school environment and bring about more positive change in our local community. Students presented the work they have been doing so far this year, engaged in a number of workshops to support climate awareness, and then prepared and presented a pitch to a Dragons Den style panel of climate experts. All involved represented Chosen Hill with skill, style and confidence.

We are always on the lookout for more members from across the school community if anyone would like to join our planet saving journey next term.



Race4Life

During enrichment week on Friday 14th July students will be running our Race4Life course to raise funds for Cancer Research. Our Student Leadership Team will be running an assembly to Yr7, 8 and 9 next week. If you are able to donate there is payment option on gateway. For the event itself students will be encouraged to wear pink or blue and there will be message signs and medals available for all students. If you have any questions about the event please contact Mr Pettifer on jpe@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

GCSE Spoken Word

Year 10 are currently working on their GCSE spoken word. Katie Short spoke about a charity close to her heart - The Brain Tumour Charity. Her mother tweeted about her speech which @BrainTumourOrg retweeted.

Well done Katie for raising awareness of this terrible disease.

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Tweet



The Brain Tumour Charity
@BrainTumourOrg



Wow, what an innovative way to raise awareness of brain tumours! Thank you for all you are doing, by working together we can [#AccelerateACure](#) for this terrible disease

Super proud of my daughter using her GCSE speaking exam to raise awareness of great work @BrainTumourOrg do! She's included Laura @scaredmum and Tom Parker @TomParker as well as her beautiful Nan who we lost to a GBM



Tweet your reply



PRIDE Day 2023

Our young people are growing up in a constantly changing and multi-cultural society. At Chosen Hill School we have the school ethos of being inclusive and accepting of everyone. This then enables all our students to feel like they belong to the school community and are valued.

We were excited to deliver our annual PRIDE Day again on Monday 3rd July to Year 9. The day had a main focus of educating our students about the importance of being tolerant and accepting to those who are different to us, including developing some understanding of issues faced by those who are part of the LGBTQ+ community, reinforcing the message that tolerance and diversity is not just about sexuality but an important conversation for all who make up our cosmopolitan community.

Students attended 4 different workshops delivered by staff from across the school. This really helped them to develop a sense of how not accepting others differences can impact them. The workshops ended with a short performance and Q and A session from two local drag queens, who shared their personal experiences of issues they have faced within the industry and personally. The students asked some great questions and represented Chosen Hill School proudly.

The day had a real buzz about it and was enjoyed by all those that attended. PRIDE Day complemented and developed what students have been learning in their statutory Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum lessons. We look forward to running the event again next year.



House Gaming

Last week students had an enjoyable week of House Gaming during their lunch breaks. Mario Kart and FIFA were the games chosen and the results are as follows:

Mario Kart was won by Thomas Penrose (9HS) **SCOTT** House

FIFA was won by Thomas Room (9CM - stepping in for Ruben Burr) and Owyn Simmons-Figueroa (9HM) - **MASEFIELD** House.

We're all looking forward to our next House Event, SPORTS DAY!










Sports Clubs

April to July

Boys Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday		Year 8 Cricket: Sports Hall 	Year 7 Cricket 
Wednesday			All Years Athletics: School Field 
Thursday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts	Years 9 & 10 Cricket: Sports Hall
Friday		All Years Tennis: Tennis Courts 	Year 9 Softball 








Photography at Chosen Hill School

We will be taking photographs of sporting fixtures. These could be used for display purposes within the school, on our website and social media platforms (these include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and LinkedIn).

If you DO NOT wish your child's photo to be used as indicated please contact publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk to opt out.

Girls Sports Clubs

	Morning	Lunch	After School
Monday			
Tuesday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym		<i>All Years</i> Girls Rounders: School Field
Wednesday		Girls Cricket: Sports Hall	<i>All Years</i> Athletics: School Field 
Thursday	Girls Fitness: Girls Gym	<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	<i>Years 7, 8, 9 & 10</i> Rounders Matches
Friday		<i>All Years</i> Tennis: Tennis Courts	

Sporting Fixtures

Our Year 10 girls won their rounders match v Churchdown School Academy this week! Sadly they did not want a team photograph.

A fantastic effort from all, well done!

