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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



## PARENT BULLETIN

TERM TWO

Friday 8th December 2023



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## HEADTEACHER'S COMMUNICATION

Last week we had the cold - this week the rain! But this didn't dampen the mood as we celebrated a fun filled Evening of Dance last night. Well done to all involved – you were amazing and a huge thank you to the PE team that organised the event. Many hours have been spent rehearsing and preparing for the show. At the same time Matilda rehearsals are in full swing and it too promises to be another incredible performance (make sure you get a ticket when they are released in the new year!)

It has been great to welcome parents, partners and alumni to the different events and sessions that have been running over the last week we really appreciate the time and value they give the school.

Next week we look forward to the excitement of the Year 7 Christmas Fair – students have been planning and preparing their stalls for the last few weeks and we are hoping they manage to raise lots for the Adventureman charity that has inspired their 'You are awesome' topic.

This week we have launched a big push on attendance for as many students as possible to achieve 100% attendance over the last two weeks of term – thank you in advance for your help with this.

As always please do get in touch with school if there is anything we can do to support your child or address a concern either through your child's Learning Mentor or the main office email. Many thanks

**Mr M Pauling**  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary:

Next week will be week one.

**Monday 11th December:**

- SEN Year 5 Open Afternoon

**Tuesday 12th December:**

- Year 7 Awesome Christmas Fair

### Upcoming Events:

**Monday 18th December:**

- Year 11 Parents' Evening - 4pm to 6:30pm via video link

**Thursday 21st December:**

- Come as you Like Day

School finishes at 12:50 with buses collecting students at 1pm.

Connect with us on Social Media:





## Vacancies

### Vacancy

[Hub Support Teaching Assistant](#)  
[Sixth Form Study](#)  
[Manager IT/AV Technician](#)

### Closing Date

Sunday 10th December 2023  
Monday 11th December 2023  
Sunday 17th December 2023

## 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.

## Come as you Like Day

Come as you Like Day takes place on Thursday 21st December 2023. All monies raised will go to a nominated charity (specific charity to be confirmed).

Please pay via the School Gateway - £1 minimum donation.

Thank you for your support.

## Whole School Student Council Meeting

The next whole school student council meeting will be held in the Library on Monday 11th December 2023 during period 1.



## 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.



SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26		
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JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26		
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Term Time		Holidays		Bank Holiday		INSET Day STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND ⊕ DISAGGREGATED - STAFF DO NOT ATTEND		Open Evening	
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- Term 1: Mon 02 Sept - Fri 25 Oct 2023 40 days  
*Tue 03 Sept - Year 7 & 12 only*  
*Wed 04 Sept - all years return*
- Term 2: Mon 04 Nov - Fri 20 Dec 2024 35 days
- Term 3: Mon 06 Jan - Fri 14 Feb 2025 30 days
- Term 4: Mon 24 Feb - Fri 11 April 2025 35 days
- Term 5: Mon 28 April - Fri 23 Jun 2025 19 days
- Term 6: Mon 02 Jun - Mon 21 Jul 2025 36 days



- Christmas Bank Holidays: 25 December 2024  
26 December 2023
- New Year Bank Holiday: 01 January 2024
- Good Friday: 18 April 2025
- Easter Monday: 21 April 2025
- Early May Bank Holiday: 05 May 2025
- Spring Bank Holiday: 26 May 2025
- Summer Bank Holiday: 25 August 2025

**Total 195 days\***

\*195 days are defined as "School Days". In the school year 2024/2025 students must attend for 190 Days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days are INSET or non-contact days (days students do not attend).



## HOUSE POINTS

House points correct at time of printing.



**72502**



**71417**



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**51482**

TICKETS COST  
£1  
EACH

Prizes include:  
Pamper Packs  
Food Hampers

Tickets are available  
on the School  
Gateway until Tuesday  
19th December 2023

1st Prize  
Christmas Dinner  
for four -  
Turkey and all the  
Trimmings!  
(ingredients only)

You've got to be in it  
to win it!  
Don't delay, get your  
tickets today!

GOOD  
LUCK!

## 'You are Awesome!' Christmas Fair

The Year 7 You Are Awesome Christmas Fair will be taking place on Tuesday 12th December during lesson 1 in the MSH. We will be raising money for the Superhero Foundation (sick children). All Year 7 students will be involved.

Year 8 and Sixth Form will also visit the fair, participate in any activities and to buy products.

Please remember this is a 'CASH ONLY' event.

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## 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](mailto:publicity@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

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## Matilda Design Competition

The art department are running a competition for students, from all years, to get involved with the design of the advertising for our upcoming school play. Advertising could include the programme, posters, social media posts, web banners etc. Any students interested in entering need to see any member of the art department for more information. Competition closes 18th December. All entrants will receive HPs and winners will receive prizes such as Amazon Vouchers, lots of house points and the pride in being involved.

Please do encourage your child to participate. The more entrants we have the more we will have to play with in our show programme and advertising. It's also a great opportunity for those students who shy away from the performance spotlight to have some creative involvement in the show.





## House Bake Off

The House Team were overwhelmed by the fantastic skill shown across each house in our bake off today. We are looking forward to sharing the results of who has made it through to the next round ASAP.

Thank you to everyone who took part, we will announce total money raised on Monday. With thanks - the House Team.







# DESIGN

## COMPETITION



Enter our fantastic **COMPETITION** to  
**DESIGN** this year's  
**SCHOOL SHOW POSTER**

Have your work displayed on the show  
programme & advertising, plus fantastic  
prizes to be won

Including House Points & Amazon Vouchers

**Closes 18th December 2023**

Enter or you'll end up in the chokey

See members of the Art Department  
for more information





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# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL SIXTH FORM



We would like to invite you to our

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Monday 15th January 2024

18:00 to 20:00

*Meet our inspirational teachers, learn about our enriched curriculum and discover what it's like to become a part of the Chosen Hill Family.*



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.



## Chosen Hil School 100% Attendance Bingo

This will have been a long term, 15 weeks!

- 241 students have 100% attendance for the autumn term so far.
- 568 students have 96% and above, having only missed 2 days since September - Well Done!
- Can we do better by the end of term?

From Thursday 7th December to Thursday 21st December, we are launching the Chosen Hill 100% Attendance Bingo.

- All students will start with 100% attendance.
- On 'Come as you Like Day' ALL students still on 100% will come together to play prize bingo.
- All students with winning cards will win some amazing prizes.
- REMEMBER! You have to be in it, to win it!
- This means you can't take a single day off before the last day of term!
- Good luck and we look forward to seeing you in the Bingo Hall!

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## 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! This week's Stars are:





## Gloucestershire Business School Challenge 2023 'In it to win it!' Update



Last Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Paige Glidden, Gloucestershire University Business School, and Liam Bircher, former pupil and undergraduate Business degree student at the University of Gloucester, into our A-Level Business class to help them prepare their presentations for the upcoming Grand Final of the Gloucestershire Business School Challenge, which will take place on 13th December at the universities Oxtall's Campus.

The teams ran through their presentations and Paige and Liam provided constructive feedback on both content and technique, which the teams have taken on board to improve their work ahead of next Wednesday's final.

It was lovely to work in partnership with the university and a former student and something we hope to see a lot more of in the future.

Thanks to Paige and Liam for their time and excellent contribution to the learning of our A-Level Business students, and to our students for their engagement during the session.

They are now strong contenders and we wish them the very best for the upcoming final.

## Nikolaustag



This week, year 7 Germanists spent time in lessons learning about the German and Austrian tradition 'St Nicholas'. On this day, 6th December, it is traditional for children to leave their shoe or boot by the door for St Nicholas to leave chocolate or small gifts.

Our year 7 students were delighted at the end of their lesson to find some chocolate in their shoes as they have been excellent students!









# Free Family Days Out & Activity Camps

Amazing FREE opportunities for families living in  
Tewkesbury who receive free school meals.

For more info: [www.youngglos.org.uk](http://www.youngglos.org.uk)  
To sign up: [HAF@youngglos.org.uk](mailto:HAF@youngglos.org.uk)



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**HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITY  
FUND**



Charity No. 281797

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 December 2023 Winter holiday will be open from midday on Tuesday 28th November 2023, until midday on Tuesday 12 December 2023. Voucher emails will be sent to you from the week commencing 18 December 2023. If you have not received your vouchers by 20 December, please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto: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. 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, you can visit our [Holiday FSM vouchers webpage](#).

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2023 holiday vouchers -you will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact Glos CC with any changes to your circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure Glos CC reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

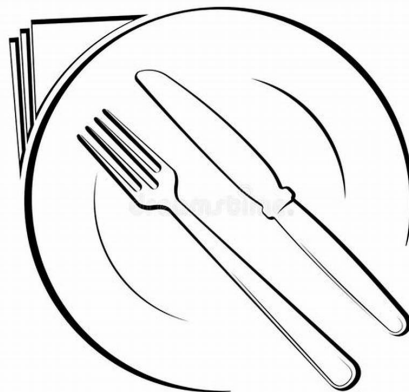
Please note Glos CC check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register. You can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals page](#).

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](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) by the end of the holiday period.

If you wish to update details of an existing application, please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website below:

[FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are currently putting together a list of extra-curricular clubs that students are encouraged to attend. Some such as the '4pm Club' and the sports clubs (details of the sporting clubs are in the 'Sporting News' section) have already started. Once we have a comprehensive list it will be added to the website.

### 4pm Club

In preparation for the Year 11 mock exams we are providing additional support in terms 1 and 2 for our students. This takes place in the form of our '4pm Club' which has run successfully for a number of years. This intervention provides a programme of support run by different departments to focus on exam skills and subject knowledge. It also provides an opportunity to work on coursework in certain subjects. '4pm Club' runs Tuesday to Friday with the expectation that students attend a minimum of two sessions per week.

'4pm Club' re-commenced this week, from 3:05pm to 4pm.

Day	Lunch	Room	After School	Room
Tuesday			Creative iMedia	P1
			Computing	P2
			Business Studies	G20
			Sociology	G22
			German*	L24
			<i>*starting 3rd October</i>	
		Mrs Wright - Private Study	G16	
Wednesday			History	LM3/LM4
			Geography	USH
			Music	Elgar
			Health & Social Care	G23
			Mrs Wright - Private Study	G16
Thursday	Spanish	L21	Art & DT	DART Block
			Photography	DART Block
			Hospitality & Catering	D2
			Mrs Wright - Private Study	G16
Friday	Sociology	L12	French	L20
			GCSE PE	L2
			CNAT PE	L1
			Mrs Wright - Private Study	G16

**Poetry by Heart Club** more details to follow

**KS3 Drama Club** Every Tuesday lunchtime in DS2  
(sign up sheet outside DS2 or email [df@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:df@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk))

**Duke of Edinburgh Awards** - more details to follow

**KS4 & 5 Art and DT Club** every Thursday from 3:15pm to 4pm

**Minecraft Club** every Thursday lunch time - sign up only  
(contact [tc@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:tc@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk))



## Craft Club

We are setting up a craft club and looking to build up our supply of resources! If you have any of the following items you no longer need/use we would be very grateful if you would donate them to our club. Wool, ribbon, embroidery threads, gems/beads, crochet hooks, craft wire, string, cross stitch fabric, kitchen roll tubes, glitter.

All donations go to Mrs Elias or Dr Dinnis in the Science Office.

Craft Club will run every week2 on Thursdays 3:05pm to 4pm in SC16

## CREW - Chosen Hill's Creative Writing Club

Chosen Hill's English Department has an exciting new opportunity for you! We're proud to launch **CREW** - a creative writing club aimed at students in **Year 7, 8 and 9**.

We'll meet once a half term, with the aim to **enter a new Creative writing competition** every session, putting your skills to the test against hundreds of other budding authors! Run by our passionate English staff, you'll have **enthusiastic** and **encouraging** support to create unique and interesting plot lines, polish off drafts, and hone your skills to peak precision.

If you're interested, **please add your name** to the **signup sheet pinned to U1**. If you have any questions, please email [Mr Ackerman](mailto:Mr.Ackerman@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk) through the school's website.

We look forward to welcoming the **next generation of top-class authors!**

## STEM Club

STEM Club is running this year on Wednesday (week 1) in SC23 after school until 4pm. Below is the calendar of events being run. If a student would like to come to STEM Club there is no need to book - just turn up. Any questions, please send and email to Dr Dinnis at [rd@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rd@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).

22/11/23	Egg parachutes
06/12/23	Boats challenge
20/12/23	Hot air balloons
17/01/24	Stick bombs
31/01/24	Spaghetti structures
21/02/24	Match stick rockets
20/03/24	Dissection (eyes and hearts)
17/04/24	Screaming jelly babies
01/05/24	Bridges and towers
15/05/24	Microscopes - it's a small world
05/06/24	Slime
19/06/24	Bottle rockets on the field
03/07/24	Pond dipping and mini beasts

## Science Week Appeal

For Science Week in March the Science department needs some resources to help build rollercoasters. We need as many toilet roll tubes/kitchen roll tubes as possible. Any donations can be brought to the Science office for Dr Dinnis. Many thanks.



## Sporting News!

Well done to all Year 10 boys! Superb performance against Dean Close School in difficult conditions.



Well done to our Year 7 boys who came 3rd at the District Tournament at Tewkesbury School.





# Dance Show 2023: A Sneak Peek

Just a few photos from the fabulous Dance Show!



For all the latest news, photos, videos and TikTok challenges follow us on Instagram: [chosenhillpe](https://www.instagram.com/chosenhillpe)



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