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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



PARENT BULLETIN

TERM TWO

Friday 15th December 2023





HEADTEACHER'S COMMUNICATION

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff that contributed to an amazing Year 7 Christmas Fair – there was some real enterprise, creativity and talent on show. As well as raising an incredible amount for the Adventureman charity students had a lot of fun and learned lots.

The students that attended the Gloucestershire Schools Christmas Lectures were entertained and inspired by presentations as varied as the science of sound and how to survive in space!

Well done too to the Sixth form team that participated so brilliantly in the Gloucestershire Business School Challenge, coming second in a highly competitive field.

Our sports teams continue to show a huge commitment to another packed week of fixtures and competitions – their effort and conduct is inspiring!

Our attendance challenge is going well with many students still in the running for the 100% prize for attending every day over the last two weeks of term.

The Celebration Assemblies for each year have started running this week - it is fantastic to see so many students receiving awards for their effort, attendance and outcomes over the last term - congratulations to you all!

Mr M Pauling
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Next week will be week one.

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

Connect with us on Social Media:



Vacancies

Vacancy

[Hub Support Teaching Assistant](#)

[IT/AV Technician](#)

[Cover Supervisor](#)

Closing Date

Sunday 17th December 2023

Sunday 17th December 2023

Sunday 14th January 2024

Our cleaning contractors - PURGO, are looking for evening cleaners. Various contracts and hours available. Monday to Friday only. If you are interested, please email Kevin at kevin.cosham@purgo.com

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

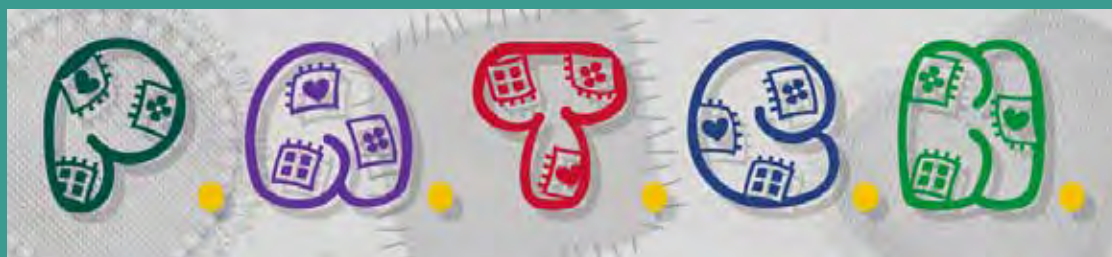
Come as you Like Day takes place on Thursday 21st December 2023. All monies raised will go to a nominated charity (specific charity to be confirmed).

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

Thank you for your support.

Practical GCSE Exams, Summer 2024

The timetable for the Practical GCSE Exams for Summer 2024 can be found on the [Exams website](#) page. Please note there was an omission from the previous timetable which is Creative iMedia R093 10 June PM.



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						
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Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		5	12	19	26		Thu	3	10	17	24	31	Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	
DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY						
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MARCH						APRIL						MAY						
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JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
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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.



73329



72492



61067



52286

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!

1st Prize - Christmas Dinner for Four (ingredients only)

Our amazing 1st Prize includes the Turkey, Pigs in Blankets and Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (which will be purchased on Tuesday evening to ensure freshness).

Can your purchase of a £1 raffle ticket win you a complete meal for four?

GOOD LUCK!





Our other amazing prizes include:

3 Food Hampers full of wonderful goodies.

3 Pamper Hampers to help you relax and unwind

A beautiful Poinsettia with a box of chocolates and a mini bubbly.

Remember:

You've got to be in it to win it!

Don't delay get your tickets today!

Tickets are available on the School Gateway at a cost of £1.

Ticket sales will close on Tuesday 19th December at midnight.

Thank you for your support.

GOOD LUCK!

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!

Lost Property

There is an extensive amount of items held in Lost Property. If your child has lost or mislaid clothing or equipment over the last term they can come to reprographics to see if it is there.

Reprographics is open 8.00am - 8.25am and 11.00am - 11.20am. Any unnamed lost property left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

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

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.





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



Chosen Hil School 100% Attendance Bingo

This will have been a long term, 15 weeks!

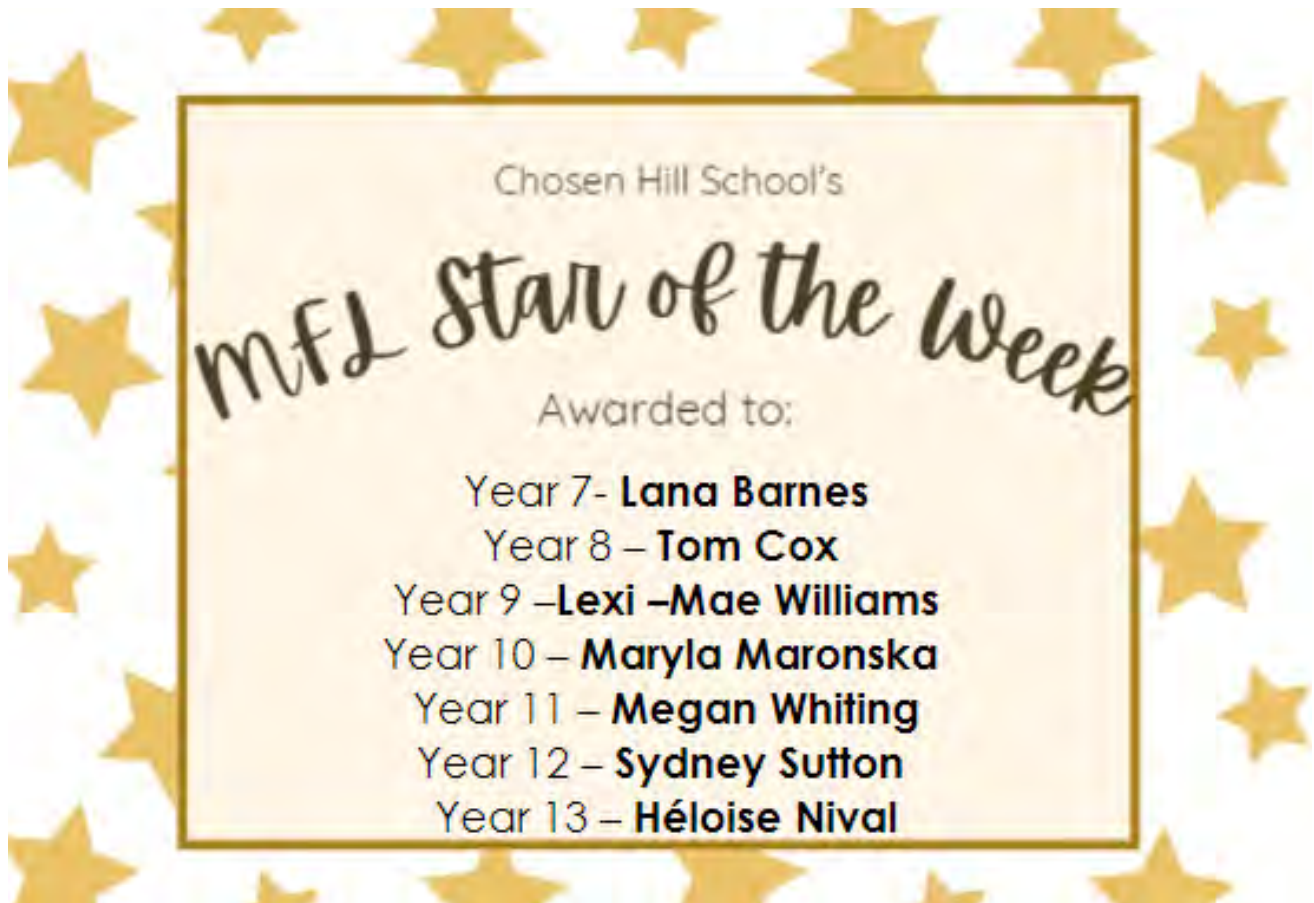
- 241 students have 100% attendance for the autumn term so far.
- 568 students have 96% and above, having only missed 2 days since September - Well Done!
- Can we do better by the end of term?

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!

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:



Thursday 21st December 2023 - Come as you Like Day!

Thursday 21st December is 'Come as you Like Day' 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.



Last Day of Term Arrangements:

Registration, as normal, in LM Rooms

Period 1 Normal lesson

Period 2 Normal lesson but early finish at 10:40am

Break - 10:40am - There will be a reduced offering in the canteen but there will be some hot food available. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals they must collect their food during this break.

11:00am Meet in tutor bases:
Year 7 - Upper School Hall
Years 8 and 9 - Main School Hall
Years 10 and 11 - Sports Hall
Sixth Form - Study Centre

12:10pm Break - Canteen will be closed.

12:30pm Register in tutor bases:
Year 7 - Upper School Hall
Years 8 and 9 - Main School Hall
Years 10 and 11 - Sports Hall
Sixth Form - Study Centre

12:35pm Alternative Christmas Sing-a-long
Years 7, 8, 9 and Sixth Form - Main School Hall
Years 10 and 11 - Sports Hall

12:50pm Students Dismissed

1pm Buses Depart



Merry Christmas!

Science Christmas Lectures

It wouldn't be Christmas without the Science Christmas lectures at the Bacon theatre. The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire hosted the 13th Annual Science lectures showcasing to students the opportunities of Science and engineering careers.

Ruth Perkins treated us to the Science of sound showing how sound is made using some memorable demonstrations including a strange instrument called a "glovophone".



Several students were called on stage to help out. Jennifer Cowdery was asked to see how loud she could scream, Amira Jose-Talbot helped deflate a giant whoopee cushion and Oli Kirby showed off his musicality on stage with his groovy dance moves and his stunning whistling.



The second show saw Dr Daniel Olaiya and Dr Raphael Olaiya from BBC Operation Ouch take us on a journey to the stars as astronauts. How do our bodies behave in space? Does your head actually go bang when you take off your helmet? (No it doesn't!). Ibrahim Alsadi and Larissa Appenteng were called on stage to help say why they should be astronauts.

A huge thank you to the students who behaved exceptionally and were even a part of the show. We are looking forward to the Science lectures next year.





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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.



www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Chosen Hill Sixth Form: Supporting our Community

This week four of our Year 13 girls (Madeline Phillips, Lily Hall, Emily Spuffard and Gabrielle Illesley) visited The Chatty Cafe at Churchdown Community Centre and Innsworth Community Centre to take part in the Christmas Festivities and sing a few carols. It was fabulous to get out into our community and the girls sang beautifully.

We look forward to hearing them again next week at our own carol services.



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Christmas Comes to Chosen Hill School Kitchen

After an exciting morning at the Science Christmas Lectures we returned to school just in time for the unveiling of the Christmas delights on offer by our wonderful kitchen staff. Mrs Gregory expertly cut the ribbon to officially open the Christmas Kitchen and what a mouthwatering selection!



Gloucestershire Business School Challenge 2023 Winners of Joint Second Best Team



Chosen Hill School A-Level Business Students who participated in the competition receiving their award from the University of Gloucestershire Director of Student Admissions, left to right: Andrii Omerod, Theo Stevens, Ethan Duncan and Imogen Murray.

Having successfully beaten off competition from two other teams, in internal Chosen Hill School heats, to represent our school in this prestigious competition, SkyCoverRentals, a group of hard-working and enthusiastic A-Level Business Students returned to the University of Gloucestershire's new state-of-the-art Business School, at their Oxstalls Campus, on Wednesday 13th December 2023. The purpose of their visit was to present their exciting and innovative new business idea, which they have been developing over the last 2 months, as part of the inter-school enterprise competition led by Dr. Robert Whitehouse.

The competition was supported by a range of local Business, including, Hazzlewoods, Gloucester Brewery and the University's own Business Growth Hub. Representatives from each business, including the Managing Director of Hazzlewoods and Gloucester Brewery, formed the judging panel on the day.

The students had to prepare a pitch for what they considered to be a new, sustainable and successful business idea for Gloucestershire. It had to be well-researched, based on real-life data and delivered in a creative and engaging manner. To assist them, Paige Gliddon, from the Universities Media Department, and Liam Bircher, an undergraduate business degree student and former pupil, met with the teams at Chosen Hill School to review their provisional plans ahead of the competition.

As a result of all of their efforts, SkyCoverRentals, a team comprising Andrii Omerod, Theo Stevens, Ethan Duncan, Imogen Murray and Haaris Arain (who supported from behind the scenes) were awarded joint second prize for the best teamwork shown. Sadly, their innovative idea of a sustainable umbrella vending service, whilst liked by the judges, was beaten on the day by a very strong and well-research business idea from Stroud High School for Girls. The standard of work was very and we congratulate the winners along with all the teams on the day for their hard work and excellent presentations.

In the audience of over a hundred A-Level Business/Economics students, from secondary schools from around Gloucestershire, were classmates of the team, all of whom learned a lot from the experience and came away with the idea of setting up a student-led mentoring club to help prepare our current Year 12s for next year's competition.

A massive well done to all our Year 13s who participated in the day, not only were they true ambassadors for the school, but also demonstrated the growth mind-set, determination and creativity needed to be successful.

This opportunity enabled us to continue our close working relationship with Gloucestershire University's Business School - one that helps us provide stretch and challenge to our A-level Business students.

Good Oranges: Feature Film Casting

BOYS AGED 10-12 FOR LEAD ROLE IN A FEATURE FILM (GOOD ORANGES)

GOOD ORANGES is a dark comedy, Directed by Jonatan Etzler. Casting by Fiona Weir Casting.

Please note there are mature themes in the film.

LEAD ROLE - 10 - 12 YEARS OLD
Any appearance.

THIS IS A PAID OPPORTUNITY

NO PREVIOUS ACTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

If you, or someone you know, fits any of the above casting brief please get in touch via Instagram or email with the your Name and a short clip telling us about yourself.

Please feel free to spread the opportunity to mates, siblings, schools or anyone who may be interested!

We look forward to hearing from you.



@goodoranges2024

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FWC

An Evening of Dance Through the Decades

We danced through the decades at this years dance show! We started on the 50s and danced right through to the current day.

Thank you so much to everyone who played their part in the show.

It is building year on year and we have already started planning for the next one!





A small selection of photos from the evening. The remaining unedited photos have been added to the website in the [Latest News](#) section.



Sporting News!

Some great matches this week against Churchdown, Pates and Sir Thomas Rich's School.



Congratulations to Churchdown School on winning the Alex Roberts Cup this week. A afternoon of rugby. The VEO footage of the map can be accessed using the link below:

<https://app.veo.co/matches/20231212-churchdown-12cb101a/>



Football training under a glorious sunset!



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challenges follow us on
[Instagram: chosenhillpe](https://www.instagram.com/chosenhillpe)

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